



We are thrilled to share the highlights of an exciting start to the academic year. Our students have been busy engaging in a wide range of activities, from exploring future career paths and gaining work experience, to developing life skills, enjoying creative projects, and keeping active in PE.

This edition celebrates their achievements, showcases memorable trips and events, and gives you a glimpse into the fun, learning, and growth happening every day in our school community. We hope you enjoy reading about all the fantastic things our students have been up to.





Building Futures: Careers and Work Experience Highlights

We have had a busy and positive start to the academic year, with a variety of outings and sessions designed to help students fully engage with learning and future planning.

There has been a strong focus on careers and employability, with students attending the Careers Fair at the Guildhall and the Life Beyond School event at Sixways.

These experiences helped inspire students about their future pathways, gave them insight into the wide range of jobs available, and increased their understanding of the skills and qualifications required.

We have also seen a successful start to our work experience programme, with several students completing placements at Eastnor Castle, Mix Café, Specsavers Warehouse, and the Community Fridge.





PE Highlights: Staying Active and Building Teamwork

In September, PE sessions began with competitive **basketball activities**, giving students the opportunity to let off steam while developing their fitness, coordination, and teamwork skills on the court.

This half term, we have also been fortunate to welcome **Connor from the Worcestershire Cricket Foundation**, who has been delivering weekly cricket sessions. Students have enjoyed learning new cricket skills, building on their teamwork, and staying healthy and active throughout the term.









Promoting Positive Mental Health





On **World Mental Health Day 10th October**, we dedicated the day to learning about positive mental health and wellbeing. Students took part in a range of group activities designed to boost engagement, encourage connection, and promote open discussion. These included games, group discussions, and a creative mug-painting activity.

The day ended on a high note with a **lovely afternoon tea**, organised by **Sis and the catering students**, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and provided a relaxing and positive end to the day

Skillzone Visit: Preparing for Adulthood

A trip to **Skillzone** was organised for all students to support and enhance their learning in **PSHE** and **Preparation for Adulthood** sessions. During the visit, students took part in an interactive life skills village, where they learned essential life skills, developed safety awareness, and built confidence to help them navigate the challenges of adulthood both at home and within the wider community.

Visit Pembleton Motors







Our most recent trip saw manufacturing students visit Pembleton Motors, where they had the opportunity to observe unique design solutions and experience high-quality, handmade craftsmanship first-hand.

PSHE Highlights: Learning for Life







In PSHE this term, we were pleased to welcome a special visitor, **PCSO Peter**, who joined students to discuss important topics including **substance abuse** and **anti-social behaviour**. These sessions encouraged open and informative discussions, helping students to better understand these issues while also building a positive and trusting connection with the Police.

Other PSHE sessions have included a collaborative group project where students created their own **first aid videos**. This activity was both educational and great fun, featuring fake blood and some very creative (and occasionally questionable) acting skills.



Getting Creative for Christmas

Students have been busy creating a variety of **Christmas baubles** using air-dried clay, watercolours, and plenty of glitter.

The Christmas tree now looks beautifully decorated with snowflakes, gingerbread houses, Christmas jumpers, stars, trees, and more. The festivities have truly begun.





Governing Body Update



Welcome to Sarah Crowe, who has joined our governing body. Sarah brings a wealth of experience in business and governance and we are happy to have her as part of our governing body.



We wish all students, parents and carers a great Christmas break. For some though, this can be a hard time with a lot of pressure, and missing normal routines. Please know that there are people who you can speak to if struggling with your mental health or with thoughts around suicide. These include:

Your GP and health services NHS- Now we're talking- 0808 196 9127. Or text SHOUT to 85258 We would like to thank the students for all of their hard work throughout this term, especially as it has been such a long one. Everyone should be super proud of themselves and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Important dates for your diary:

TE Day Monday 5th January 2026

Term commences Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half Term Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2026

Term last day Friday 27th March 2026

