



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



#HYDESVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move into the final phase of the GCSE examinations, our thoughts are very much with our Year 11 pupils. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and focus they have shown, and we look forward to celebrating their journey and achievements at the upcoming Leavers' Lunch.

It's been another action-packed fortnight across the school. Year 5 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Blackwell Adventure, rising to new challenges and making lasting memories.

Year 6 put their agility and determination to the test at Ninja Warrior, where things got healthily competitive between the boys and girls!

Meanwhile, Year 7 have shown great commitment to the Accelerated Reader programme—reading truly is the foundation of all success, and it's wonderful to see their enthusiasm grow.

In the classroom, our maths and art departments have been working together on cross-curricular projects focused on symmetry, showcasing the power of creativity and logic combined.

We're now looking forward to more exciting events next week, including Make a Music Day and Sports Day.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.
Warm regards,

Mrs Samra

Dates

- 16th June - Y6 Sealife Centre
- 16th June Year 11 Leavers Lunch
- 17th June - Y1 - Y3 Sports Day
- 17th and 24th June - Y10 Careers Meetings
- 18th June - Senior School in Action
- 18th June - Y10 Parents Evening
- 19th June - Y4 - Y6 Sports Day
- 20th June - Make Music Day
- 23rd June - Y10 - Y11 Sports Day
- 24th June - Y7 - Y9 Sports Day
- 25th June - EY Sports Day
- 26th June - Year 10 Visit to Sutton College
- 25th - 27th June - Y6 Conover Hall
Residential - KS3 Bushcraft trip

Upcoming
Events!

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

YEAR 2 - YEAR 6

HOLIDAY CLUB

PERFORMING ARTS & SPORTS

£35 A DAY

EARLY BIRD OFFER: £150 FOR THE WEEK

*Lunch not included



14th July -
18th July



8.30am -
3.30pm



25 Broadway North, Walsall
WS1 2QG

BOOKINGS OPEN 31ST MARCH

LIMITED SPACES - DON'T MISS OUT

WEEKLY ROUND UP NURSERY



Our 2-3-year-olds have been enjoying some sunny role play fun with their very own beach café! The children have been busy designing imaginative ice cream creations, choosing their own flavours and toppings, and serving them up to their friends with big smiles. This playful activity has sparked their creativity, supported early communication skills, and encouraged turn-taking and sharing – all while having lots of fun in their pretend seaside setting.

WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP



Year 2 Exploring Around Us

Year 2 have recently been exploring the geographical features of our local area. The children have discussed the difference between human and physical features. They loved exploring the Ordnance Survey maps and finding our location along with other locations such as Sutton Park.



The pupils furthered their understanding about the different symbols they could see on the map and located features such as boating lakes, places of worship and picnic areas. They showed a brilliant awareness of the difference between motorways, dual carriage ways and roads.

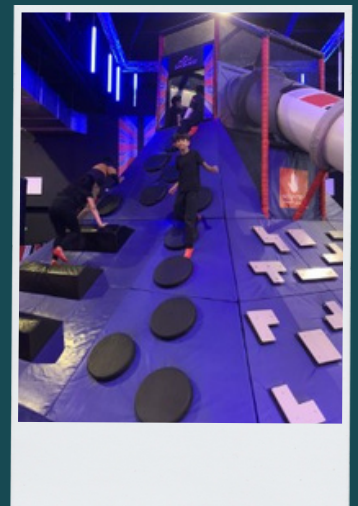
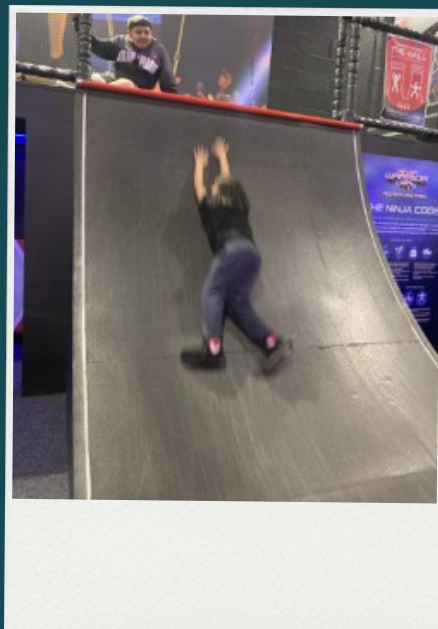
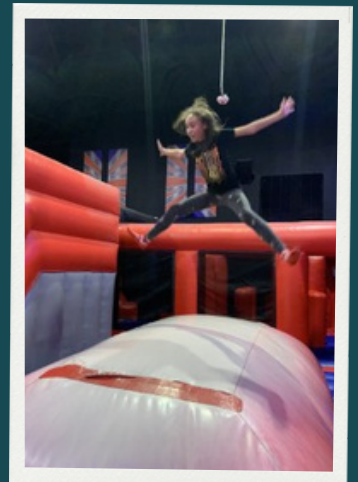
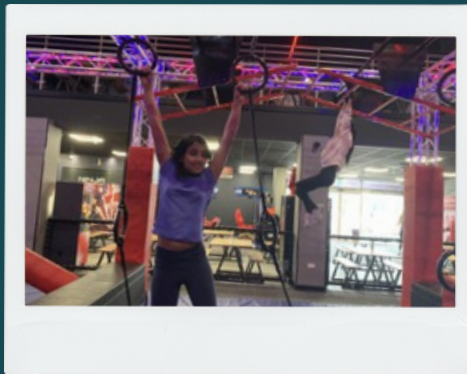
WEEKLY ROUND UP

PREP

NINJA WARRIOR

Year 6 Take on Ninja Warrior UK!

On Friday 6th June, Year 6 pupils put both their minds and bodies to the test during the next phase of the Hydesville Challenge at Ninja Warrior UK. They climbed, balanced, jumped, and swung across a variety of exciting obstacles, sharpening their Ninja skills along the way



While many pupils found themselves dangling and dropping, their determination never wavered, and they pushed through to succeed. The adventure continued with thrilling challenges like Mount Sasuke and the iconic Warped Wall. To finish the day, everyone enjoyed a lively game of tag in the giant inflatable arena.

It was an exhilarating—and exhausting—experience for all involved!

WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

Year 5 Residential – Blackwell Adventure

Earlier this month, Year 5 enjoyed an unforgettable residential trip to Blackwell Adventure. The children embraced a variety of exciting outdoor activities, including caving, zip lining, archery, and rock climbing. It was inspiring to see every pupil challenge themselves, conquer fears, and grow in confidence.

Our Hydesville pupils represented the school beautifully—their exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes were praised by all the staff they encountered. The trip was a fantastic display of teamwork, with pupils encouraging and supporting one another throughout.

A highlight of the trip was the evening campfire, where the group shared laughter, games, songs, and, of course, toasted marshmallows. Everyone returned home with lasting memories, a sense of achievement, and big smiles.

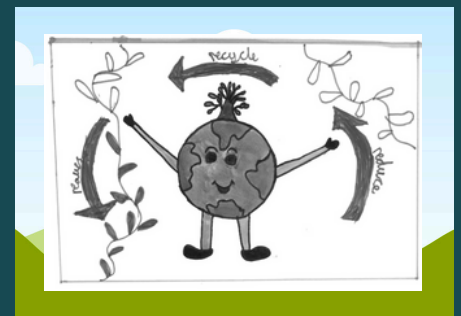
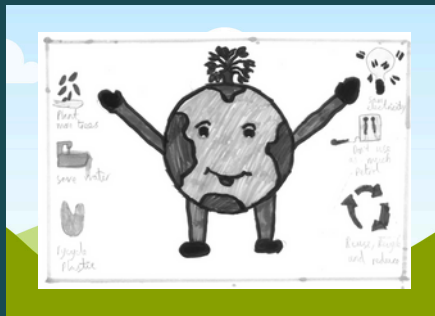
Well done, Year 5—we are incredibly proud of you!



WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

Prep School - World Environment Day

To celebrate World Environment Day, pupils took part in a variety of activities designed to raise awareness about the environment and encourage sustainable living. Children enjoyed hands-on activities including nature walks, litter picks, eco-themed crafts and planting projects. Many classes explored ways to reduce their carbon footprint and made pledges to adopt more eco-friendly habits at home and in school.



Year 4 Eco-projects

Year 4 have started an exciting new science unit on human impact on the environment. To launch their learning, they visited the Arboretum, where they helped the local community by picking up litter. The children then sorted the litter into groups and discussed which types were most harmful to the environment and why. They explored the effects of pollution on wildlife and natural habitats, deepening their understanding of the consequences of human actions. Inspired to make a difference, the pupils created eye-catching posters encouraging visitors to pick up litter, which will soon be displayed in the Arboretum café to help spread their important message.

Following their litter pick and discussions about environmental harm, the children are now conducting a science experiment to explore how different types of litter decompose. They have buried a selection of common waste materials—such as paper, plastic, and food scraps—and will be observing any changes over the next few weeks. By checking on their samples regularly and recording their findings, the children will learn which materials break down naturally and which ones persist in the environment. This hands-on investigation will help them understand the importance of reducing waste and making environmentally friendly choices.



AWARDS



Star of the week



Samaira puts lots of care and focus into everything she does. Her kindness and determination make her a true star!



For working incredibly hard and always being kind and helpful.

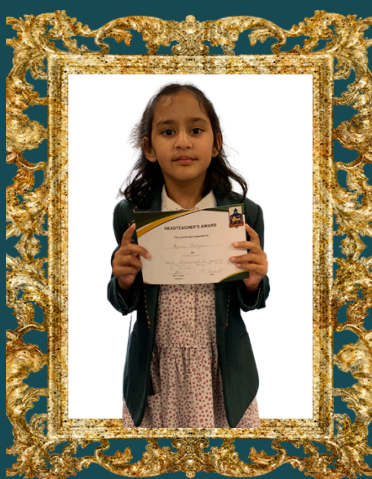


Bella J for saying and writing her own sentences in Literacy lessons.

AWARDS



Headteacher's Commendation



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Headteacher's Commendation



Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS



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HOUSE POINTS



100

Rudhra K
Klaudia P

150

Laidan F
Lerah M
Andrei P
Maheera I

200

Lilianne F
Anaya S
Praveen W

250

Kuvan J
Arvind B

350

Aydin R
Dylan M

450

Bethany H



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

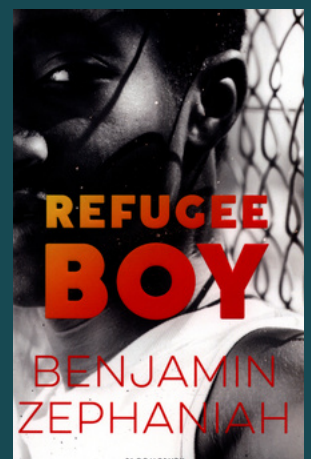
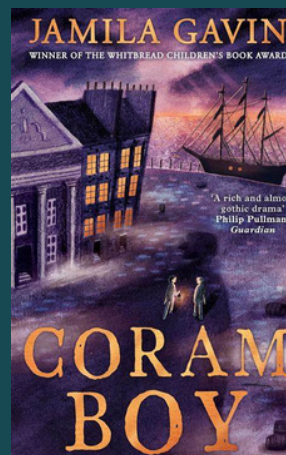
Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to our Year 7 pupils who, so far this year, have read a phenomenal 9,124,419 words in their independent reading! On average, pupils in Year 7 have been reading for 45 minutes per day and this will have an immense positive impact on their academic success.

All pupils in Key Stage 3 follow the Accelerated Reader independent reading programme which encourages pupils to develop the confidence to read independently from a range of both fiction and non-fiction genres. Parents are able to monitor this through their Home Connect log ins and teachers can easily see pupils who may need further encouragement and support to achieve reading fluency and understanding.

Year 8 pupils are going one step further by rising to our challenge of reading 'Nine before Year 9': a carefully curated selection of texts to introduce the complex and mature themes and ideas ready for the step up to Year 9.

Finally, we continue to be proud supporters of the Lit in Colour Pioneer programme, championing texts from diverse authors, including *Coram Boy* by Jamilla Gavin (Year 8) and *Refugee Boy* by Benjamin Zephaniah (Year 9).



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

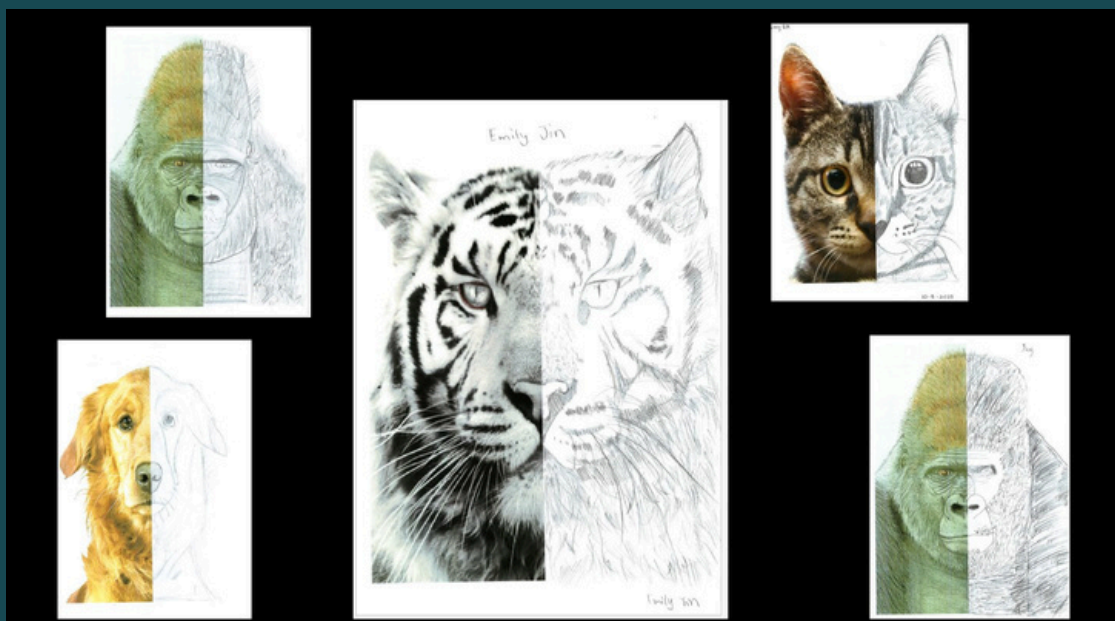
Year 8 Maths Department: Mirror Image Transformations

This term, Year 8 pupils have been exploring the fascinating concept of symmetry through mirror image transformations. The maths department challenged them to complete half-portraits of animals by accurately producing their mirror images using their newly learned skills.

The results were outstanding! Students demonstrated a solid understanding of symmetry as they reflected half-portraits to create full, visually striking animal images. This project not only strengthened their grasp of mathematical transformations but also gave them a wonderful opportunity to showcase their artistic creativity.

A montage of their work reveals a wonderful variety of animals and artistic styles. Each piece highlights the pupils' dedication to precision and the mathematical principles behind symmetry, resulting in beautifully balanced and detailed images.

This project was a fantastic success, combining mathematical learning with creative expression. Congratulations to all the Year 8 artists involved, especially Emily, Karam, Jay, Sufyaan, and Kieran!



WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

Making Waves in Art: Year 8 Dive into the Deep

Year 8 pupils have been developing their artistic skills by exploring the vibrant and detailed work of contemporary artist Giles Ward. Inspired by his focus on marine life, students have produced striking drawings and paintings of fish and crustacea, using bold colour and rich texture to bring their subjects to life. The standard of work has been exceptionally high across the board. A special mention goes to Samuel, whose progress this term has been outstanding — his dedication and improvement have earned him the title of Artist of the Week. More Able & Talented pupils Lucy and Emily have also created particularly impressive pieces, showcasing both technical skill and creative flair. Well done to all of Year 8 on their fantastic achievements!

Images on right by Emily
image below by Lucy

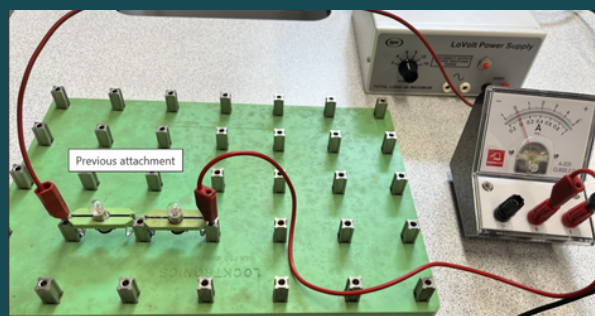


WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

Science News – Year 7 & Year 8

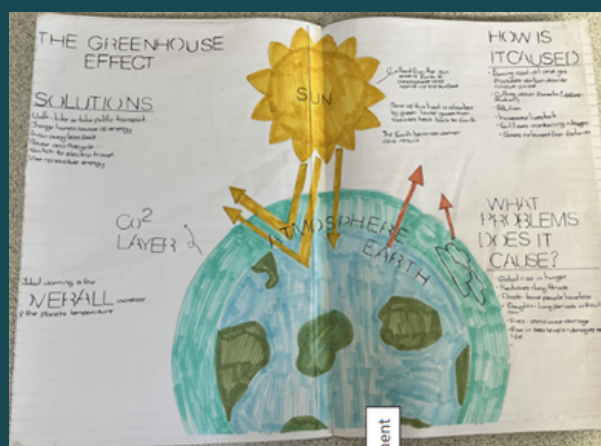
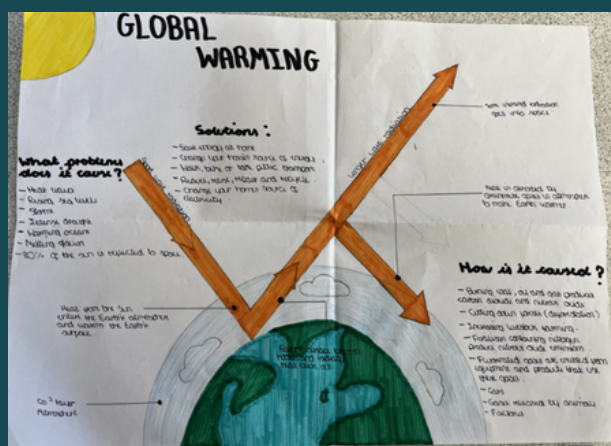
Year 7 – Electricity in the Home

This term, Year 7 pupils have been exploring the topic of Electricity as part of their Physics studies. They've taken a hands-on approach, designing, building, and testing electrical circuits in class. These practical activities help pupils understand how circuits work and give them valuable insight into how electrical systems power the everyday devices we rely on.



Year 8 – Chemistry and Biology

In Chemistry, Year 8 pupils have been investigating important environmental issues including global warming, acid rain, and global dimming. They have produced some fantastic posters outlining the causes, consequences, and potential solutions to reduce the impact of these problems on our planet. In Biology, pupils are diving into Ecology, learning about the biotic (living) and abiotic (non-living) factors that shape ecosystems. We're excited to see how their understanding develops as they continue to explore the natural world.



SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Devinda R for outstanding effort and exceptional revision planning ahead of his end of year maths exam. A true example of dedication and hard work.



Muzammil B for teaching his peers in preparation for the chemistry exam during exam week. He did an amazing job helping them understand key concepts.



Haris T for always being respectful and polite. This has been recognised by all staff.

SENIOR PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK



MUSIC

Jay Cht - for taking the opportunity to sing a solo in class



ART

Samuel G - for outstanding improvement in quality of work



SPORTS

Zara N and Hargun L - for continued commitment in helping prep gymnastics club



SUMMER CALENDAR

Date 2025		Nursery	Prep	Senior
Mon	28-Apr	INSET		
Tues	29-Apr	Back to School		
Wed	30-Apr	Curriculum Plans issued to parents		
Fri	2-May		Curriculum Plans issued to parents Y6 Enterprise Presentations (Hydesville Challenge)	Curriculum Plans issued to parents
Mon	5-May	May Day Bank Holiday Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday Deaf Awareness Week
Tues	6-May			French GCSE speaking exam
Wed	7-May		Y3 Preparation for 11+ Workshop	
Thurs	8-May		Y5 11+ Information Event	
Fri	9-May		Y6 Sponsored Walk (Hydesville Challenge)	GCSE examinations begin
Mon	12-May			
Tues	13-May		Y1 & Y2 Sandwell Valley RSPB TBC	
Wed	14-May		Y2 Maths Workshop	
Thurs	15-May		Y6 Woodlands Adventure (Hydesville Challenge)	
Fri	16-May	Teddy Bear's Picnic (afternoon)		
Mon	19-May	Walk to School Week	Walk to School Week	
Tues	20-May			
Wed	21-May	Nursery Learning Walk 1pm		Y10 examination week Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Thurs	22-May			Y10 examination week
Fri	23-May		Y6 Cannock Chase Walk (Hydesville Challenge)	Y10 examination week Y7 Full Report Issued to Parents
Mon	26-May	Bank Holiday		
Tues	27-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Wed	28-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Thurs	29-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Fri	30-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Mon	2-Jun		Y5 Blackwell Residential	Y7-10 Examination Week
Tues	3-Jun		Y5 Blackwell Residential	Y7-10 Examination Week
Wed	4-Jun		Y5 Blackwell Residential	Y7-10 Examination Week
Thurs	5-Jun		World Environment/Eco Day Y1 GL Tests	Y7-10 Examination Week
Fri	6-Jun		Y6 Ninja Warrior (Hydesville Challenge) Y1 GL Tests	Y7-10 Examination Week
Mon	9-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	
Tues	10-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests Y5 & Y6 Puberty Talk (school nurses)	Y10 1-1 Careers Meetings

SUMMER CALENDAR

Wed	11-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	
Thurs	12-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	Yr9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition
Fri	13-Jun	Preschool Wellbeing workshop (afternoon)	Assessment Week & GL Tests Y5 Blists Hill Trip TBC Reception Trip to Potsy Pamsy	Yr9 Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition
Mon	16-Jun		Y6 Sealife Centre (Hydesville Challenge)	Y10 ESB Assessments
Tues	17-Jun	Nursery Parents Consultations school cloud	Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (a.m.)	Y10 1-1 Careers Meetings
Wed	18-Jun			Y10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.00pm
Thurs	19-Jun		Y3-Y6 Sports Day (am)	
Fri	20-Jun	Beach Party(afternoon) Make Music Day	Make Music Day	Make Music Day
Mon	23-Jun		Reports to Parents	Y10-Y11 Sports Day
Tues	24-Jun			Y7-Y9 Sports Day (pm) Y10 1-1 Careers meeting
Wed	25-Jun	EY Sports Day 2pm Astro	Prep Parents' Evening Y6 Condover Hall Residential Reception Sports Day	KS3 Bushcraft TBC
Thurs	26-Jun	Preschool Trip to National Farm Adventure Park	Y6 Condover Hall Residential	KS3 Bushcraft TBC
Fri	27-Jun		Y6 Condover Hall Residential	KS3 Bushcraft TBC Y9 Written Report issued to Parents
Mon	30-Jun	Assessment & Moderation Week		
Tues	1-Jul			Y10 King Edwards Foundation A-level tasters
Wed	2-Jul	Preschool & R Prize Giving (Morning)	N & R Prize Giving	
Thurs	3-Jul		Prep Prize Giving	
Fri	4-Jul		Times Table Challenge Y3-Y6 Disco	Senior Prize Giving and Y11 Prom
Sun	6-Jul			
Mon	7-Jul		Y6 Leavers Assembly	Y7-10 report cards issued
Tues	8-Jul	Moving up day/settling in morning	Moving Up Day/ Meet the Teacher	Y7 New Starter Induction Day
Wed	9-Jul		Y1-Y4 EOY Trip (TBC) Y5 & Y6 WM Safari Park	
Thurs	10-Jul	End of Term (Normal Finish)		
Fri	11-Jul	Planning and Preparation Day (Inset Day)		