



# HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



## #HYDESVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



#### Dates

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Back to school
- 2-4<sup>th</sup> June - Y5 Blackwell Residential
- 5<sup>th</sup> June - World Environment Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Ninja Warrior
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Y5/Y6 Puberty Talk (School Nurses)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding few weeks at school.

It was a real pleasure to see so many of you at our recent workshops. Your engagement and support mean a great deal to us, and it's always lovely to welcome you into school. I would also like to thank our Year 8 parents who attended the Parents' Evening – it was a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements so far.

Year 6 pupils have thoroughly impressed us with their enthusiasm and determination during the Hydesville Challenge. Their teamwork, creativity, and problem-solving skills were on full display, and we're very proud of their efforts.

Meanwhile, Years 9 and 10 benefited from a fantastic and highly informative session with the police on cyber security. The pupils were engaged throughout and left with a much clearer understanding of how to stay safe online – a vital topic in today's digital world.

A special mention must go to our Year 11 pupils, who have shown maturity and focus throughout the GCSE examination period. Your teachers are extremely proud of your conduct and the dedication you've shown. Keep up the great work – it will all be worth it.

I wish all our pupils and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

*Mrs Samra*

# 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  
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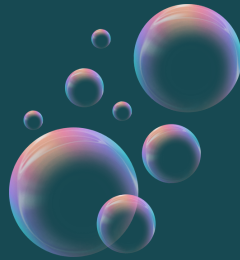
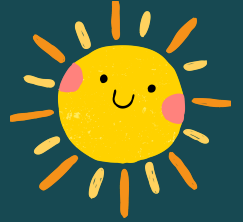
BOOKINGS OPEN 31ST MARCH

LIMITED SPACES - DON'T MISS OUT



# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

*Fun in the sun*



The warm sunshine has provided the perfect backdrop for a wonderful week of outdoor learning and play. The children have thoroughly enjoyed child-initiated activities, making the most of every opportunity to explore and discover in the fresh air.

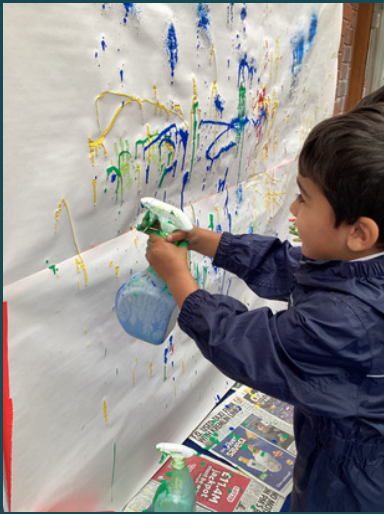
One of the highlights was our “Under the Sea” water tray, filled with a variety of sea creatures that sparked imaginations and inspired storytelling. Some children experimented with pouring water through funnels and jugs, observing how it flowed and predicting what would happen next. Others delighted in creating their own flower perfume, combining water with petals and slices of lemon – a sensory experience that brought smiles all round.

Throughout the week, the air has been filled with laughter, conversation, and curious questions. It has been a joy to witness the children sharing ideas, working together, and embracing the simple pleasures of outdoor play.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## *Child-initiated play*



The children embraced their creativity outdoors, using spray bottles filled with colourful paint to produce vibrant patterns on large sheets of paper. With each spray, their artwork came to life in a flurry of colour, transforming the activity into a joyful, sensory-rich experience.

It was wonderful to see the children experimenting with different techniques, expressing themselves freely, and delighting in the process as much as the end result. Their enthusiasm and imagination truly shone through!

Child-initiated play is a vital aspect of early learning, giving children the freedom to choose what they play with, how they engage, and who they play alongside. By following their own interests and curiosities, children develop creativity, independence, and confidence at their own pace.

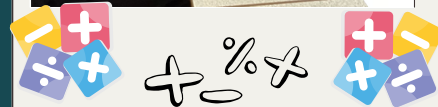
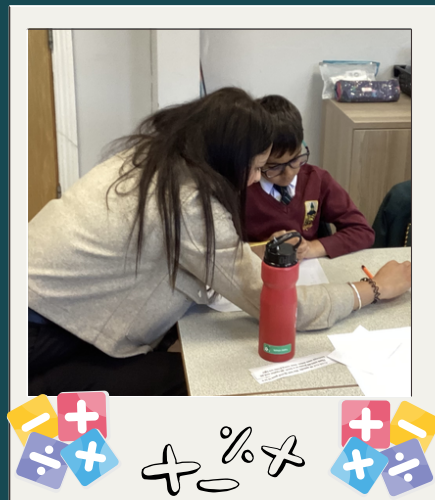
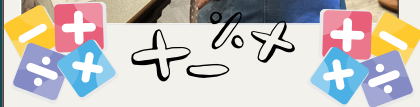
Whether they are building towers with blocks, creating imaginary worlds through role-play, or experimenting with water and sand, children are actively making decisions, solving problems, and expressing themselves freely. This type of play not only supports their cognitive development but also nurtures social and emotional growth in a meaningful and joyful way.





# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## Year 2 Maths Workshop



Year 2 Maths Workshop – A Hands-On Experience for Parents and Pupils

Earlier this week, we welcomed Year 2 parents to a mathematics workshop focused on the four operations. The session provided an overview of the key objectives covered in Year 2, alongside the calculation strategies pupils have been learning in class.

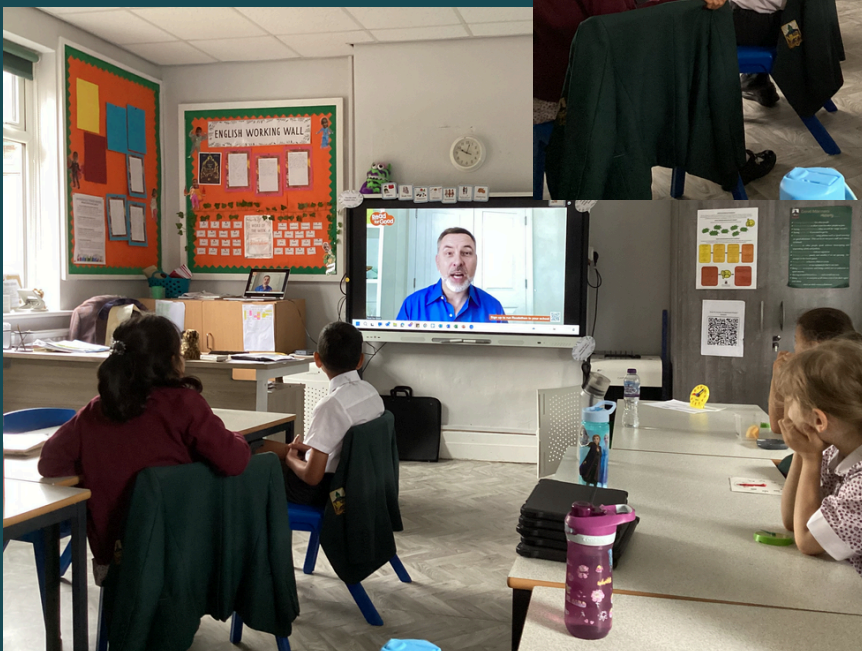
Parents and children worked together on a range of practical activities, offering families a valuable glimpse into how we teach and explore different mathematical approaches. The workshop concluded with an open-ended investigation, encouraging pupils to apply their reasoning skills and demonstrate their mathematical thinking.

It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm as pupils collaborated with their parents. We hope our families found the session both enjoyable and informative.

# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP

## *Year 2's Inspiring Author Encounter with David Walliams*

On Thursday, Year 2 had an exciting opportunity to join a live video link with the beloved author David Walliams. The children were fascinated to learn what inspired him to become a writer, as well as how he dreams up the memorable characters and imaginative plots in his books. He shared lively extracts from some of his most popular stories and revealed that many of his characters are inspired by real people and experiences. The session left Year 2 buzzing with ideas, eager to start creating their own stories using inspiration from their own lives.







# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP HYDESVILLE CHALLENGE – WOODLANDS ADVENTURE

On Thursday 15th May 2025, our Year 6 pupils took part in the next exciting phase of the Hydesville Challenge – a fun-filled and action-packed day at Woodlands Adventure. From start to finish, the day was packed with smiles, laughter, and a real sense of achievement. Pupils threw themselves into a variety of adventurous activities, including archery, first aid, kayaking, and assault courses – each offering opportunities to develop new skills, face challenges, and build confidence.

In first aid, pupils practised key life-saving techniques, learning how to put someone in the recovery position and even how to perform CPR. On the archery range, many discovered their inner sharpshooter, mastering the technique and focus needed to hit the target.

Kayaking proved a wet and wild adventure, with pupils getting thoroughly soaked as they worked hard to stay balanced and steer through the water. The assault course tested their endurance and determination, and the highlight of the day for many was the unforgettable mud run challenge, which saw pupils charging through waist-deep mud with unstoppable enthusiasm!

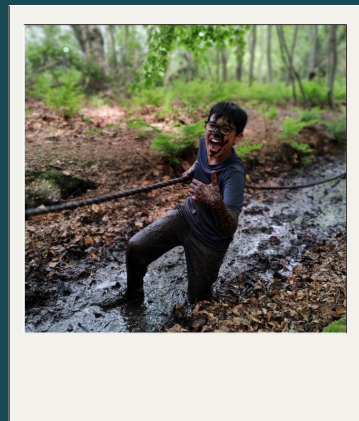
It was a truly memorable day that helped pupils build resilience, teamwork and problem-solving skills – all while having a huge amount of fun.

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents for your help with drop-off and collection arrangements, and for your continued support throughout the Hydesville Challenge journey. We're incredibly proud of Year 6 and look forward to sharing more adventures soon!

Mr Burnham, Mrs Cutler and Mrs Eynon



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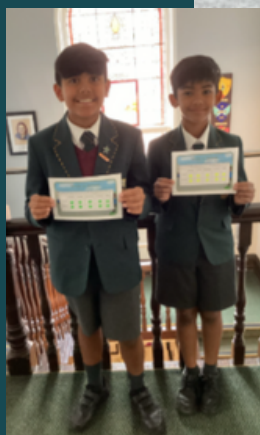




# WEEKLY ROUND UP PREP WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

## Walk to School Week: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

This week, we've been celebrating Walk to School Week, encouraging pupils and families to enjoy the benefits of walking, scooting and cycling each day. Walking to school helps children stay active, improves concentration, and supports a healthier environment by reducing traffic and pollution. It's also a great way to spend quality time together before the school day begins. Thank you to all the families who took part—we've loved seeing so many happy, active children each morning! Let's keep up the momentum and continue making walking, scooting and cycling part of our daily routine. Every step counts towards a healthier lifestyle and a greener planet!





## A young girl with dark hair, wearing a dark blue school uniform with a white collar and a small crest on the left chest, stands centered within a large, five-pointed gold star. The star has a thick, double-lined border. The background is a solid dark teal color.

Ekam for super progress in  
handwriting and pencil control.



# AWARDS



## Headteacher's Commendation



# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations!





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# HOUSE POINTS



100

Aaria H - Y2  
Jayan B - Y2  
Shyla G-J - Y2

300

Navan R - Y2  
Jeevan M - Y3  
Veer Ranu - Y3  
Jaachi M - Y3  
Isla K - Y3  
Dylan M - Y3  
Aydin R - Y3  
Avaani K - Y4  
Idrees K - Y4

150

Avraaj T - Y2  
Sohan S - Y2  
Aliyan Z - Y4  
Kaveer C - Y4  
Jayden B - Y5  
Alisha B - Y5  
Layla H - Y5  
Yunus J - Y5  
Dhiyan M - Y5

200

Chloe Maddocks - Y2  
Rutendo M - Y3  
Muizz I - Y4  
Guneet G - Y5  
Dhian B - Y5  
Arjun K - Y5  
Nadal R - Y5  
Avi K - Y5  
James J - Y5  
Karamveer K - Y5  
Amrit K - Y5  
Eva J - Y5  
Dhian B - Y5

350

Maya P - Y2  
Jorah D - Y3

400

250

Arjun B - Y2  
Yusuf - Y3  
Sneha S - Y4  
Zaydan R - Y4  
Jacob J - Y5  
Briana C - Y5  
Maven N-H - Y5  
Arvind B - Y5

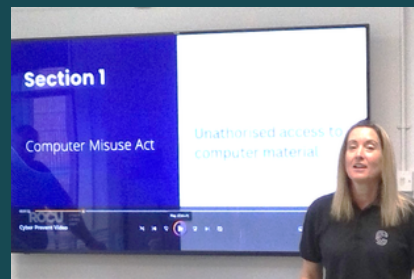
Bethany H - Y3  
Kavi P - Y3





# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## *Cyber Crime Awareness: Police Visit for Years 9 & 10*



This week, pupils in Years 9 and 10 took part in a powerful cyber crime awareness session delivered by three officers from the West Midlands Cyber Crime Unit as part of their PSHE lessons.

Through a thought-provoking three-part interactive workshop, pupils explored how everyday online behaviours—like posting from someone else's account, using a parent's credit card without permission, or even dabbling in hacking—can have serious legal consequences.

The officers shared real-life examples to highlight how easily curiosity or jokes can cross into illegal territory, leaving lasting impacts.

A huge thank you to the West Midlands Police for helping our pupils better understand the importance of acting safely, respectfully, and legally online. A valuable reminder that what we do in the digital world has real-life consequences. 🚔 ♂ 🚫

# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR



## History Department

### *VE Day 80th Anniversary Celebrations*



The start of the summer term was marked by a special national occasion that brought history to life for all pupils. On the 8th of May, we commemorated the 80th anniversary of VE Day, a significant milestone in our nation's history, marking the end of World War II in Europe. This year pupils across Key Stage 3 were invited to collaborate in celebrating this momentous event.

Pupils worked together to create decorations that adorned the school dining room, corridors, and even the History classroom window, bringing the past alive for all to see. These decorations added a real sense of atmosphere to the day.



With thanks to our catering team, a 1940s-themed celebration lunch was enjoyed by all, complete with music from the era playing in the background. The lively tunes helped to get everyone in the mood, while also giving our pupils a small taste of the atmosphere from a bygone era. In addition to the celebrations, KS3 pupils were given the opportunity to learn more about the significance of VE Day in their history lessons. The day served as an important reminder of the sacrifices made during the war and the importance of remembering such events. Pupils reflected on why it remains crucial to continue commemorating VE Day and other moments in history, acknowledging the impact these events had on shaping the world we live in today.

By remembering events like VE Day, we ensure that the sacrifices of those who fought for our freedom are never forgotten, and we continue to learn valuable lessons for the future.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR



## Esha's story, a tribute to VE Day



Some Year 9 pupils took their historical knowledge a step further. Encouraged by Mrs Booth to explore their creativity and understanding of the era, they wrote imaginative pieces inspired by VE Day. One such pupil, Esha, produced an engaging piece of writing that highlights the poignancy of VE Day.

We are pleased to share part of her story with you, and we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we did.



*I remember so much from the war, more than anything though, I remember my husband dying in front of me. Imagine the love of your life dying for your country, his life taken off him. I still get flashbacks of when I saw his body limp on the ground. I had to mollyfy to help the other injured soldiers that fought by his side. I am relieved that years of conflict and hardship were finally coming to an end. But I have no family to celebrate this day with me.*

*When our prime minister Winston Churchill said that the war was over it tugged my heart knowing I will never see him again, but a wash of relief came over me because after years and years I am now safe once again. Up and down the country millions of people are out in the streets and uniting together to celebrate the end of the European conflict with street parties, dancing, singing and hosting dinner parties ubiquitous. But despite the joy and celebration, it is a day of mixed emotions for some like me who are mourning loved ones lost during the war, and for those who remain worried about friends and family.*



# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## *International Public Speaking Finals 2025*


Pupils were inspired by the exceptional talent on display and had the opportunity to engage with speakers from around the world. The experience was both enlightening and motivational, broadening their perspectives through diverse cultures and thought-provoking topics.








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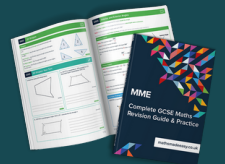
## End-of-Year Exams Are Coming—Let's Get Ready!


-  As we approach the final stretch of the school year, it's time to start preparing for your end-of-year assessments. Whether you're in Year 7 taking your first secondary school exams or in Year 8 aiming to improve on last year's results, this is your opportunity to reflect on your progress and shine.

-  Top Tips for Revision Success
-  Get Organised
- Start by creating a revision timetable. Keep sessions short and focused, and space them out across the coming weeks. This will help you avoid last-minute cramming and keep stress levels low.




-  Use Your Resources
- Make the most of your:
  - Exercise books
  - Online platforms
  - Revision guides
- Teachers may also provide revision checklists and practice questions—make sure you're using them!



-  Practice Makes Progress
- Use flashcards, past paper questions, or quiz yourself. Actively testing your knowledge helps build confidence and deepen understanding.



-  Take Breaks & Look After Yourself
- Balance is key
- Take regular breaks
- Get plenty of sleep
- Stay hydrated



# WEEKLY ROUND UP SENIOR

## ? Ask for Help

If you're unsure about anything, don't hesitate to speak to your teacher, a tutor, or even a classmate. Asking questions is a sign of a committed learner!

## 💬 Extra Tips to Boost Your Learning

### 🔍 Active Learning Strategies

- Teach Someone Else – Explaining topics out loud reinforces your knowledge.
- Mind Maps & Diagrams – Visual aids help link ideas and improve memory.
- Use Mnemonics – Rhymes or acronyms make tricky facts easier to recall.

## 🎯 Study Smart

- Mix up subjects to keep your brain engaged.
- Set specific goals for each session.
- Try the Pomodoro Technique: 25 minutes study, 5-minute break.



## ■ Use Technology Wisely

- Explore apps like Quizlet or BBC Bitesize.
- Watch explainer videos—Corbett Maths is excellent for visual learners.
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## 🧠 Train Your Brain

- Spaced Repetition – Revisit topics regularly to embed them into long-term memory.
- Chunking – Break big topics into smaller parts for easier recall.

## ☀️ Stay Positive

- Celebrate small wins—you're making progress every day.
- Don't fear mistakes—they're powerful learning moments.



## 🌈 Final Thoughts

Exams are not just about grades—they're a chance to show how much you've grown. Believe in yourself, stay focused, and take it step by step.

You've got this!

Mrs Khan  
Head of Year 7 & 8



# SENIOR PUPILS OF THE WEEK



El-roi M has been nominated by Mrs Dhadda for offering to support Year 11 with their prom; showing great initiative



Harleen B has been nominated by Mrs Booth for delivering her GCSE spoken language presentation on Optometry with confidence and enthusiasm. A well prepared and inspiring presentation



Usman H has been nominated by Mrs Khan for always being respectful and polite to pupils and teachers whilst conducting his lunchtime duty

# SENIOR PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK



## MUSIC

Kieran B - Preparing to perform in prize giving



## ART

Year 11 GCSE pupils for completing their GCSE work to such a high standard



## SPORTS

Armaan K - scored 32\* versus Highclare for the U13 cricket team.





# SUMMER CALENDAR

Date 2025		Nursery	Prep	Senior
Mon	28-Apr	<b>INSET</b>		
Tues	29-Apr	<b>Back to School</b>		
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	<b>Bank Holiday</b>		
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)		