HOULTON OCTOBER NEWS 2026

HOULTON SCHOOL



Welcome from the Executive Principal

It is a pleasure to welcome you to this edition of the Houlton School newsletter, as we reflect on an exciting start to the academic year.

There is a real sense of momentum across our school community, with new beginnings, fantastic opportunities and so much to celebrate.

This September marked a significant milestone in our journey, as Houlton officially became an all-through school. We have celebrated the opening of our new primary phase and the arrival of our very first Reception pupils. We have also opened our Sixth Form campus, welcoming our first cohort of students as they begin the next stage of their education. These developments mark the beginning of exciting new chapters for our school and wider community.

Alongside these milestones, there has been plenty more to celebrate.

The launch of our new weekly enrichment programme is giving students opportunities to explore their interests, discover new passions and develop skills beyond the classroom. Our Young High Sheriff competition has also provided a fantastic platform for students to demonstrate their creativity, confidence and leadership.

At the heart of everything we do is the learning and development of our students. It has been wonderful to see so many embracing challenges, grasping opportunities and demonstrating curiosity, resilience and ambition. Their achievements, both in the classroom and beyond, reflect the commitment of our students and the dedication of our staff in helping every individual to flourish.

As Executive Principal, I feel incredibly proud of what we are building together. Thank you to our staff, families and wider community for your continued support.

There is so much to look forward to, and I hope you enjoy celebrating the many achievements and opportunities featured in this newsletter.

Paul Brockwell
Executive Principal



First primary children join Houlton School

Houlton welcomed our first ever cohort of primary pupils at the start of this term.

Nearly 30 excited children walked into the new school building in September, and were greeted by their new Head of School, Becky O'Neill, and the new primary team.

Becky said: "It has been lovely getting to know the children. They are a really delightful group, and they have already started to grasp the opportunities that we are offering them.

"The parents have also been really engaged and supportive. As with any new offer, there are things that we have changed and tweaked now that we actually have children in the building – and that has been a real team effort."

The school is currently operating from part of the site, while the rest of the building is finalised and completed.

Becky added: "Most weeks we see something different or another area finished. It is hugely exciting, and we are already starting to think about the next group of children joining us next September."

Open events are being planned for prospective parents in late November. If you have pre-school children and would like to come along, then please visit: https://shout.com/s/OgFGFNe7

Helen Stevenson, TLET CEO, said: "Welcoming these children was a wonderful and exciting moment for everyone involved. Our vision has always been to create a place where children feel valued, supported and encouraged to become the very best they can be.

"We want Houlton's Primary Offer to be somewhere that children look forward to coming each day, where families feel welcomed and where learning is enriched by kindness, curiosity and a strong sense of community."



Message from our Primary Head of School

What an amazing first half term we have had as we open the doors to our brand-new provision with our very first, founding Reception class! It has been a joy to see the children settle so quickly into their new environment, begin to widen their friendship circles and develop the positive learning behaviours that will form the foundations for their learning journey.

The children have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and creativity. A particular highlight has been working collaboratively to design and build Mr Gumpy's boat, using their wonderful ideas, problem-solving skills and teamwork.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into school life and look forward to all the exciting adventures, discoveries and achievements that lie ahead as we continue to grow together.

Becky O'Neill
Head of School



Message from our Secondary Head of School

What a wonderfully busy and productive half term it has been! We are delighted to share this October half term newsletter with you, and we hope you enjoy reading all about the fantastic hard work, learning, and achievements our students have experienced over the last few weeks.

As the autumn weather sets in and the evenings draw in, please remember that the clocks will go back while we are away on the half term break. We also ask that you take some time to talk with your children about staying safe during Halloween and Bonfire Night so that everyone enjoys a fun and secure time outside of school.

We want to extend a huge thank you for your continued support with our new phone pouches. We have already noticed a real, positive improvement in student engagement and focus during lessons, which has made a wonderful difference in our classrooms. Additionally, our new school timings are working incredibly well and have created a smooth routine for the start and end of the day. As we move into the colder months next term, please ensure your child has a winter coat for their journey, keeping in mind that they must still wear their school blazer underneath it while on site.

There are also some exciting changes happening behind the scenes over the holidays. Our refectory is getting a complete "glow-up" over half term, featuring a brand-new, faster till system and a refreshed menu ready for day one of the new term.

Looking ahead, next half term promises to be just as action-packed. Our Year 11 students will be sitting their next set of mock exams, and as a school community, we will be marking and celebrating Diwali, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, and Christmas, alongside a whole host of festive celebrations. Thank you, as always, for your invaluable partnership, and we wish you all a safe, restful, and enjoyable half term break.

Warm regards,

Lorna Pountney
Head of School – Secondary



Houlton welcomes over 1,000 visitors to Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome more than 1,000 visitors to our Secondary School Open Evening, giving prospective students and their families the opportunity to explore the school and experience life at Houlton.



Our classrooms were filled with interactive activities, allowing visitors to discover different subjects, meet staff and see the learning opportunities available. There were also packed audiences at our Head of School's presentation, sharing more about our school and its community.



A particular highlight of the evening was hearing from our Student Leaders, who spoke confidently about their own experiences and what being part of Houlton means to them.



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, and to all the students and staff who helped make the evening such a success.

New Enrichment Programme inspires

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic success of our brand-new Enrichment Programme here at Houlton School!

Every single Wednesday during Period 5, our students step out of their traditional lessons to dive into an exciting world of personal growth, skill-building, and discovery.

To ensure a broad and balanced experience, our enrichment programme is built around three core strands: Life Skills, Civic Engagement, and Sports & Competition.

Our students have thrown themselves into an incredible variety of activities, showing great enthusiasm across the board. Just a few of the brilliant sessions running this term have included:

Life Skills & Creative Arts: Students have been exploring theatre appreciation, finding mindfulness through yoga, expressing themselves in creative journaling, and tackling advanced problem-solving in the Maths Challenge.

Civic Engagement & Leadership: Future leaders have been building their voices in public speaking, while others have been making a wonderful community impact as reading buddies or on our eco-litter initiative.

Sports & Competition: There have been fast-paced matches in both football and table tennis, while students have also been building their skills, leadership abilities and teamwork through sessions in basketball and the prestigious Sports Leaders accreditation.

Through these sessions, our students are not just having fun—they are learning valuable life skills, building their confidence, gaining independence, and significantly growing their cultural capital.

The best part of this programme is its total inclusivity. By embedding enrichment directly into the school day during Period 5, all pupils can be fully involved. Every child at Houlton now has equal access to a rich, full, and well-rounded school experience.

This is only the beginning of our enrichment journey. We are already looking forward to refining and expanding this programme next term by adding a new range of lunchtime and after-school clubs, giving students even more ways to pursue their passions.

A huge thank you goes out to all of our dedicated staff who have given their time, energy, and expertise to create and lead these brilliant opportunities. Most of all, thank you to our fantastic students for engaging so maturely and making the launch of this programme a resounding success!

> *"It's been wonderful to see our Year 8 students embrace gardening with such enthusiasm. The programme develops practical skills, scientific knowledge and environmental awareness, while encouraging teamwork, responsibility and a sense of pride in caring for our school gardens. I'm excited to see their confidence grow alongside the plants!"*

Mrs V Hunjan
Programme Leader, Garden School X Houlton's Community Gardens Enrichment Programme

Warwickshire Young High Sheriff Competition Launched at Houlton School

We are excited to announce that the prestigious Warwickshire Young High Sheriff Competition has officially been launched at Houlton School.

This unique opportunity has sparked civic engagement across our older year groups, giving our young people a real platform to lead, inspire, and make a tangible difference in our wider community.

The launch kicked off with an inspiring assembly for students in Years 10, 11, and 12. They were introduced to the profound impact of the historic High Sheriff role and challenged to consider how they could use their own voices to promote real change. To enter, students were invited to submit a written or video application detailing how they would approach working on vital youth crime initiatives and community safety projects.

The response from our students was incredible. The depth of maturity, passion, and innovative thinking displayed in their applications showed just how deeply our pupils care about social justice and civic duty.

Following a rigorous review process, the applications have now been officially shortlisted, and the panel of judges is currently evaluating our finalists. The anticipation is building across the school as we get closer to discovering who will take on this monumental responsibility.

The winner will have the incredible honour of representing Warwickshire at numerous high-profile events across the county throughout the year, working alongside civic leaders to champion initiatives that support and protect young people.

The suspense will finally culminate at the official Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 4th November, where the overall winner will be crowned. We are immensely proud of every single student who put themselves forward for this competition, demonstrating the very best of Houlton's values.

Good luck to all of our fantastic finalists!

Connecting Across the Atlantic: Houlton School Forges Historic Links with Houlton, Maine!

We are thrilled to share an incredibly exciting new initiative that has brought a piece of global history right into our classrooms! This term, Houlton School has officially partnered with our sister school, Houlton, Maine in the United States, to develop powerful transatlantic links that connect our pupils with peers across the ocean.

This partnership holds a truly special significance for us. Our school sits on the historic site of the Houlton Rugby Radio Station, the very place that transmitted the world's first-ever transatlantic radio call to Houlton, Maine, nearly a century ago. By connecting our pupils today, we are quite literally keeping that historic radio legacy alive, transforming an incredible piece of local heritage into a modern, living friendship.

The energy in the classrooms has been electric as our Year 7 and Year 10 pupils took part in live video calls with American students of the exact same age.

The sessions were packed with laughter and curiosity as pupils from both sides of the Atlantic engaged in a lively Q&A about UK vs. US culture. They compared everything from school systems to their favourite foods, finding out just how much they have in common—and celebrating the fun differences!

The live calls took some wonderfully creative turns; some classes ended up in a massive cross-continental sing-along, while others hosted a mini fashion show to proudly show off our amazing Houlton School uniform to our American friends, who do not wear uniforms to school!

To ensure our whole community is part of this journey, every pupil across the school has been learning about our historical links to Maine and why global citizenship matters so much today. As a school-wide project, all classes have been writing letters to the students in America, sharing their personal experiences of life in the UK and building real, old-fashioned pen-pal connections.

This is only the beginning of a beautiful friendship. We are immensely proud of how enthusiastically our pupils have embraced this project, and we hope to grow from this and forge even more international connections soon!



Our Sister School – Houlton, Maine, USA

We are delighted to maintain links with our sister school, Houlton in Maine, USA, as we continue to build connections and share the successes of our two school communities.

Each Friday, our sister school shares its Good News Friday update with us, celebrating achievements, activities and positive news from across their schools. We enjoy sharing these updates with our Houlton School families through our weekly parent bulletin, and in return, we share our own school news and newsletters with them.

It is a wonderful way to celebrate what is happening on both sides of the Atlantic and strengthen our links with another Houlton community!

You can find out more about our sister school and explore its latest news on their website

Houlton Maine Website

Students showcase their artistic talents

Our talented students have been celebrating their creativity, with artwork featured in two exhibitions within the local community.

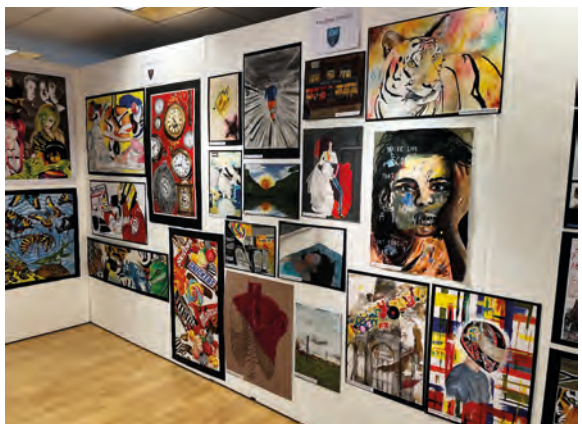




Artwork created by some of last year's Year 11 leavers was proudly displayed at the annual Art of Our Schools Exhibition at Rugby Art Gallery and Museum. Organised in collaboration with Harris Church of England Academy, the exhibition celebrated the artistic achievements of young people from secondary schools across Rugby. Students attended the opening evening on Friday 25th September, where they had the opportunity to see their work on display.







We're also pleased to confirm that more Houlton students will have their artwork exhibited at St Andrew's Church during the October half term, showcasing the creativity and dedication they have put into preparing their pieces.

Both exhibitions provide wonderful opportunities to recognise our students' artistic talents and share their achievements with the wider community.



Young entrepreneurs get creative for teenage market

Year 8 students have been putting their creativity and business skills to the test as part of their enrichment activities, developing their own products and brands for a teenage market stall.

Students have been designing products, sourcing materials and calculating costs, while exploring different craft techniques. Their creations have included handmade greetings cards, bracelets, slime, needlecraft and fidget toys.

They have also been developing their business identities, creating catchy names, memorable taglines and logos using design tools such as Canva. From Squish and Smile and Brilliant Bookmarks to Sparkles and More, Frost and Flame, and Coaster Craft, students have demonstrated plenty of imagination and entrepreneurial thinking.



The project has provided a fantastic opportunity to explore how businesses develop products, build their brands and appeal to customers, while putting practical and creative skills into action.

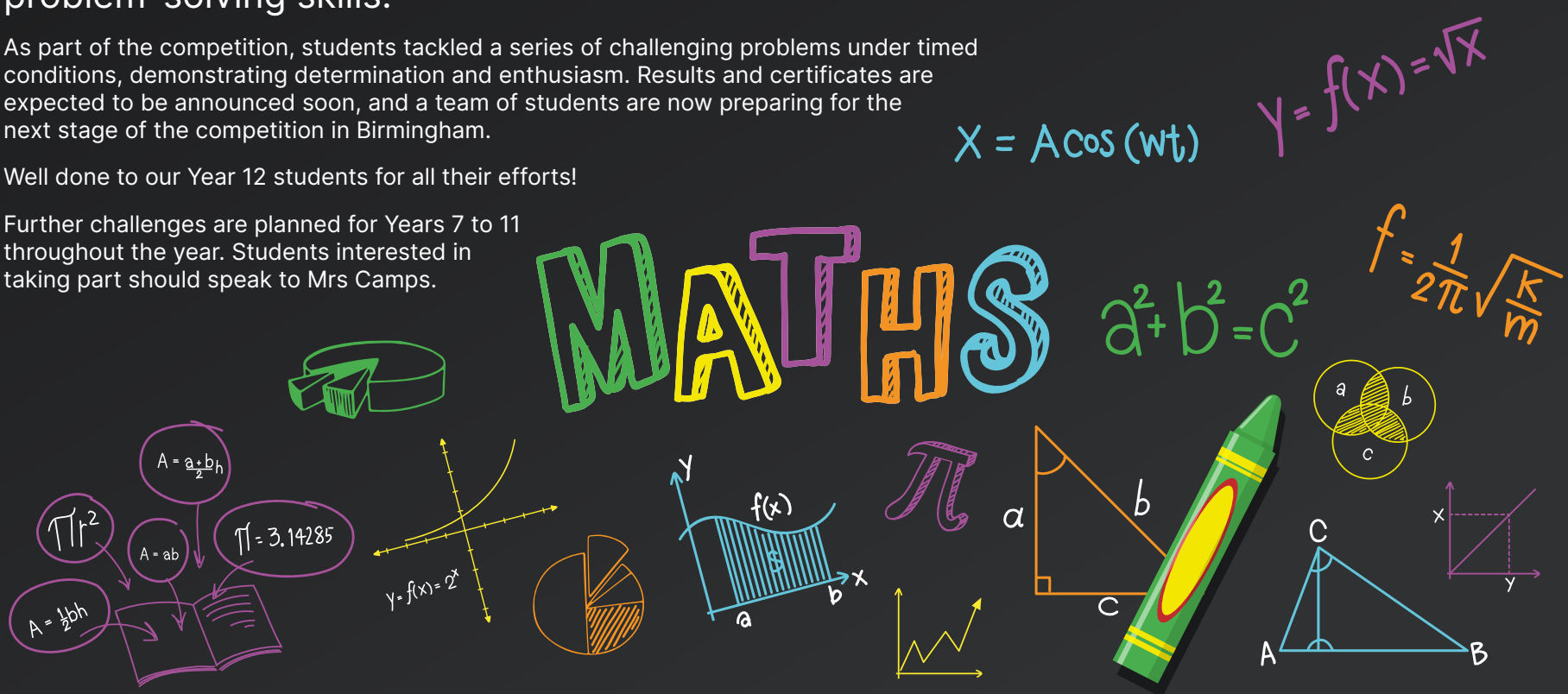
Taking on the UKMT Maths Challenge

Ten Year 12 students recently took part in the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge, a national competition designed to test mathematical reasoning, logic and problem-solving skills.

As part of the competition, students tackled a series of challenging problems under timed conditions, demonstrating determination and enthusiasm. Results and certificates are expected to be announced soon, and a team of students are now preparing for the next stage of the competition in Birmingham.

Well done to our Year 12 students for all their efforts!

Further challenges are planned for Years 7 to 11 throughout the year. Students interested in taking part should speak to Mrs Camps.



Inaugural Culture Day

The whole school community came together for a colourful celebration of diversity during our first annual Culture Day, which recognised the different cultures and traditions that make Houlton so special.

The event featured a wonderful variety of activities and displays, with highlights including live music, fashion showcases, intricate henna art, cultural book displays and food from around the world.

Culture Day was a fantastic opportunity to share traditions, celebrate different backgrounds and bring our community together. A big thank you to all the students, staff and families who helped make the event such a success.







Getting creative in the kitchen

Year 10 students recently welcomed Paul Reddan from Rugby Real Bread for a hands-on baking workshop, exploring traditional baking techniques and developing their practical skills.

During the session, students prepared their own cinnamon swirls and iced cinnamon rolls, putting their baking skills to the test.

They also watched expert demonstrations on shaping and baking traditional pretzels and baguettes, gaining insight into the techniques involved in breadmaking.

The workshop was a brilliant way for students to learn directly from a local baking expert and experience different approaches to preparing baked goods.

A big thank you to Paul for visiting Houlton and sharing his knowledge, skills and passion for baking with our students.

Celebrating sporting success

It has been a fantastic start to the sporting year at Houlton School, with students achieving success in football, swimming, netball and cross-country.

Lexie B has earned a place in the Warwickshire football team following a competitive trial process involving over 400 players. Fellow students Jess and Jazmin have also secured places in their respective Warwickshire teams, while Elliot T has achieved an impressive milestone with selection for the GB Swimming Training Squad.

Houlton's netball teams have completed their fixtures, with a particular highlight being a victory over Ashlawn for the combined Year 8 and Year 10 team. The Year 7 and Year 8/9 football teams have also faced Ashlawn, gaining valuable match experience.

In cross-country, Daisy, Isaac, James, Nia, Jazmin, Eve, Jess, Scarlet and Alice represented Houlton, demonstrating determination and commitment.

Congratulations to all students on their achievements and for representing Houlton with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship.







Learning lifesaving skills

Our Year 7 students recently took part in practical lifesaving training during their PHRSE lessons, supported by resources from the British Heart Foundation.

Students learned essential cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) techniques and gained hands-on experience using an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), developing their understanding of how to respond in a cardiac emergency.

The sessions highlighted the importance of acting quickly when someone experiences a cardiac arrest and gave students valuable knowledge of potentially lifesaving procedures.

Every student received a British Heart Foundation certificate in recognition of their participation.
Well done everyone!



Warwickshire Police Pop-In Sessions starting next term!

We are pleased to confirm that our local Warwickshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team will be hosting regular, informal pop-in sessions right here at Houlton School!

These sessions are a fantastic opportunity for students and staff to stop by for a friendly chat. Students can:

- Ask questions and seek advice on careers
- Share any low-level concerns or community intelligence
- Learn more about local community safety
- Simply drop in to say hello and meet their local officers

Where: Houlton School
When: 11:30 – 13:30 (Drop by during break, lunch, or free periods) on:

- Friday 6th November
- Monday 23rd November
- Wednesday 9th December
- Friday 15th January

No appointment needed—we look forward to seeing our school community engage with these sessions!

Supporting inclusion across our TLET family

Houlton recently hosted a staff training session focused on strengthening support for students with special educational needs (SEN), welcoming colleagues from primary and secondary schools across TLET.

Delivered by Louise from Golden Thread Psychology, the session explored Emotion Coaching and how this approach can help staff better understand and support young people's emotional needs.

The training forms part of the Trust's ongoing partnership with Golden Thread Psychology, which began in September, and its wider commitment to developing more inclusive and supportive learning environments.

Cognition corner: Developing habits of mind

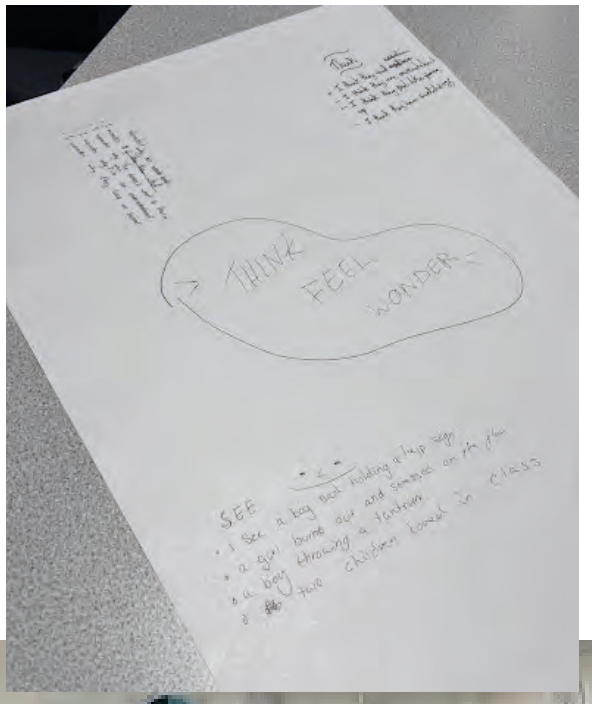
This year, we have introduced a new metacognition initiative to help students become more independent, creative and reflective learners.

Our new 'Habits of Mind' framework focuses on three key areas: Open-Minded Learning, Strategy Planning and Connection Finding. These approaches encourage students to think about how they learn and apply effective strategies both in and beyond the classroom.

This term, students have been exploring Open-Minded Learning through activities such as 'Thinking Outside the Box', challenging them to consider different perspectives, make connections and approach problems creatively.

Staff have also received training to help embed these strategies into everyday teaching, with posters around the school linking the Habits of Mind to Houlton's PRAISE framework.

Families can support this approach at home by encouraging students to reflect on their learning, explore different revision strategies and consider alternative solutions when faced with challenges.





TLET SIXTH FORM UPDATES

News from across our Ashlawn and Houlton Campuses

A NEW CHAPTER FOR TLET SIXTH FORM AS OUR HOULTON CAMPUS OPENS!

We are delighted to celebrate the opening of our brand-new Sixth Form campus based at Houlton School, marking an exciting new chapter for post-16 education across our TLET family.

The new campus forms part of our enhanced TLET Sixth Form provision, which will operate across our Ashlawn and Houlton campuses, providing even more opportunities for young people to pursue their ambitions, discover new interests and prepare for their futures.

With a wide range of courses on offer, students have the chance to explore their passions, develop new skills and gain the qualifications they need to take their next steps, whether that be university, further training or employment.

TLET SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING SUCCESS

We had a fantastic turnout at our two Sixth Form Open Evenings which took place at our Ashlawn and Houlton Campuses.

Visitors had the chance to learn more about the different pathways on offer, meet subject teachers and discover the 37 subjects available across the Sixth Form curriculum.

A particular highlight was hearing from student guest speakers, who shared their personal experiences of Sixth Form life and offered valuable insight into studying at TLET.

Applications for Sixth Form places for September 2027 are now open. Please visit our school websites to find out how to apply, or get in touch with our sixth form team if you have any questions.





Applications are now open for September 2027 entry into our sixth form. Complete the application form by clicking here https://tlet6thform.applicaa.com/year12

SIXTH FORM STUDENTS EXPLORE UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

Sixth Form students made a positive start to the new academic year with a visit from the University of Leicester.



Our Year 12 and Year 13 students attended a session exploring university life, higher education options and the different pathways available after Sixth Form.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to begin thinking about their next steps and the choices ahead as they plan for their futures.

A big thank you to the University of Leicester for helping our students start the year with a focus on their future opportunities.



EXPLORING SCIENCE AND CULTURE IN SWITZERLAND

A group of Sixth Formers recently enjoyed an exciting trip to Switzerland, combining fascinating scientific discoveries with opportunities to explore the sights and culture of Geneva.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to CERN, home to the world's largest particle physics laboratory. Students went behind the scenes to learn about the Large Hadron Collider and the groundbreaking research being carried out to help scientists understand the origins of the universe.

During their time in Geneva, students also visited the famous Jet d'Eau fountain, enjoyed lunch by the waterfront and explored the Red Cross Museum, learning about the organisation's humanitarian work. A visit to the city's botanical gardens, along with bowling and pizza, rounded off a busy itinerary.

It was a fantastic opportunity to bring science to life beyond the classroom, and we're delighted that our students had the chance to experience so much of what Geneva has to offer.

ASHLAWN ALUMNA INSPIRES FUTURE CRIMINOLOGISTS

Our Criminology and Sociology students recently welcomed a former student, Evelyn, back to school to share her journey from A Levels to a career as an Investigator with the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC).



During the session, Evelyn discussed her A Level choices, university experience and studies in Criminology and Sociology, before explaining the career decisions that led to her current role. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions and gain valuable insight into careers in the field.

The visit formed part of our Careers Curriculum, helping students explore different pathways and make informed decisions about their futures.

A big thank you to Evelyn for visiting us and sharing her experiences with the next generation.

YEAR 13 GEOGRAPHERS EXPLORE THE WORLD BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Our Year 13 Geography students have been putting their classroom learning into practice during a fieldwork trip, exploring both human and physical geography.

The trip began with an afternoon of fieldwork in Shrewsbury, followed by a visit to a World Heritage Site before students settled into their accommodation.

On the second day, students focused on pilot studies for their A Level Non-Exam Assessment (NEA), exploring methods of measuring carbon capture in woodland and investigating infiltration rates in different environments. There was also time to take in the stunning scenery and visit a waterfall along the way.

It was a fantastic chance for our students to develop their fieldwork skills, gather valuable experience for their studies and see geography in action beyond the classroom.



EXPLORING APPRENTICESHIPS AND WOMEN IN STEM

We were delighted to welcome Beth Brockwell to our campus to talk about apprenticeships, career changes and the opportunities available after the age of 18.

Her talk highlighted how changing direction can lead to exciting new opportunities, the importance of flexibility when exploring different pathways, and how finding your calling isn't always a straightforward journey.

Her insights into women in STEM were particularly inspiring, encouraging our students to think beyond traditional routes and consider the many ways they can build a fulfilling career. Apprenticeships can offer a fantastic combination of practical experience, learning and professional development, and Beth's talk helped bring these opportunities to life.

A really valuable session that inspired us all to keep an open mind about what the future might hold!

YEAR 13 MOCK INTERVIEWS



Our Year 13 students recently took part in mock interviews, giving them the chance to practise their skills with professionals from a range of industries, including construction, National Grid and GE Vernova.

We received brilliant feedback from our volunteer interviewers, who were particularly impressed by our students' confidence and how many already had a clear idea of their next steps after Sixth Form. It was lovely to hear positive comments about their preparation, enthusiasm and the way they presented themselves.

Students received individual feedback following their interviews, which they will reflect on during form time and use to create action plans as they prepare for their next steps.

A huge well done to Year 13 for representing TLET Sixth Form so positively, and a big thank you to all our volunteer interviewers for giving up their time to support our students.

FRESHERS' FORMAL



Celebrating a Landmark Evening: Ashlawn and Houlton Sixth Forms Come Together for the First-Ever Freshers' Formal

Students from both Ashlawn and Houlton Sixth Form campuses gathered at a vibrant venue in Coventry to mark a major milestone: the first-ever Freshers' Formal event.

Bringing together just over 140 students, the celebration was designed to unite the two sixth form communities for an unforgettable evening of fun, music, and connection. From the moment guests arrived, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation.

The evening featured a fantastic live DJ who kept the dance floor lively all night, and a photographer on hand to capture every memorable moment. Students embraced the opportunity to dress up, relax, and celebrate the start of their sixth-form journey together.

Above all, the Freshers' Formal was a resounding success in building strong bonds and a shared sense of community between Ashlawn and Houlton Sixth Forms.

Here's to the start of a wonderful new tradition and many more collaborative events to come!



Keeping Safe and Well this Half Term

As we finish this half term, we would like to wish all our students and families a restful and enjoyable break. Whether your child is spending time at home, meeting friends or celebrating Halloween, a few conversations about staying safe can help them enjoy their growing independence.

Staying safe online

The half term can mean more time spent gaming, chatting and using social media. Take opportunities to talk about what your child enjoys online and remind them to keep personal information private. If anything makes them feel uncomfortable, upset or pressured, they can block and report it and speak to a trusted adult. Reassure them that asking for help is always the right thing to do.

Support during the school holidays

Families can need support at any time, and you do not have to wait until school reopens to ask for help.

Warwickshire County Council

- **Warwickshire Family Connect:** For advice about a child's safety or wellbeing, or to discuss support for your family, call 01926 414144. An adviser will listen and help identify appropriate next steps. Visit Warwickshire Family Connect.
- **Urgent safeguarding concerns outside office hours:** Contact Warwickshire's Emergency Duty Team on 01926 886922. If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.

ChildLine 0800 1111

- **Support for young people:** Students can contact Childline free on 0800 1111 or speak to a counsellor online at childline.org.uk about anything worrying them.

We look forward to welcoming our students back after the break.

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HAVE FUN. STAY TOGETHER. GET HOME SAFELY.

HALLOWEEN

- Stay with friends and agree a time to be home.
- Keep your phone charged and share your plans with a trusted adult.
- Be visible, cross roads carefully and respect no trick-or-treating signs.
- Keep costumes away from flames; use battery-operated candles.

BONFIRE NIGHT

- Choose an organised display and follow safety barriers.
- Stay back from fires and fireworks. Never return to a lit firework.
- Wear gloves for sparklers; put used ones in cold water.
- Supervise children with sparklers. No sparklers for under-fives.

If something feels unsafe, tell a trusted adult.

In an emergency, call 999.

Firework and costume safety: RoSPA

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