

Weekly Bulletin

Week ending Friday 29 September 2023

School Photographs – Year 7 and 9

The School Photography Company will be coming into school on **Tuesday 3 October** to take individual photos of all children in **Year 7 and Year 9**. Details of how to purchase your child's photo will be sent home with them on the day.

Co-curricular Club Offer

We are really excited and proud to have launched what we feel is a particularly impressive co-curricular club offer for our pupils, many of whom have signed up to multiple clubs across our fortnightly programme. Almost all pupils have been allocated to all of their chosen clubs which we again are really pleased about. We hope that they have been enjoying those they have attended so far.

Unfortunately, we are unable to email home regarding club allocations for all pupils due to the large number of pupils and club combinations. However, form tutors have notified their tutees of their allocations. If a pupil is still unsure then they can check with their form tutors during form time. All form tutors have been issued with a live spreadsheet detailing all club allocations for their form groups and also have access to our club registers. As such, should you have any ongoing queries after speaking to your child regarding co-curricular clubs then please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Due to the popularity of some clubs, in order to afford as many pupils as possible the opportunity of experiencing them, we have had to structure them on a rotation basis. These clubs are as follows:

- **Badminton** – currently running for Year 7. Blocks of badminton will be available to Year 8 and 9 pupils later in the school year.
- **Chess** – Week A = Year 7
– Week B = Years 8 and 9
- **Dodgeball** – Week A = Year 7
– Week B = Years 8 and 9

If a pupil has been successful in gaining a place in Art or Baking they will be notified ahead of their block of this activity. You will also receive this notification. As such, if you have not received an email at this stage then your child's rotation of this activity has not yet started and it will take place later in the year. Again, pupils can check whether they have been successful in gaining a place at these clubs by checking with their form tutor.

Gardening club and chess club are currently postponed until further notice due to staff absence.

All of the above information has been shared with pupils throughout the week but I hope that this gives you some additional insight and clarification.

Ofsted Parent View

Thank you to the **104 out of 540** families who have completed the Parent View survey. Please can we encourage those who haven't yet done so to complete this by following the link below. It takes just a couple of minutes to register on the Ofsted site, then you can complete the quick survey, which also only takes just 5-10 minutes: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/register>

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Next week will be WEEK A