

NEWSLETTER

22ND JULY
2026



Principal's Message

As we reach the end of term, I would like to **thank all of our students, staff and families** for your support - I am especially proud of how everyone has demonstrated our school values everyday through their **respect, ambition** and **determination**. Our recent Ofsted report recognised many of the strengths across our school, but we know that attendance remains our biggest area for improvement. **Good attendance is vital for success**, and improving it will take all of us working together. With the support of the whole community, I am confident we can make a real difference next year. There is so much to celebrate from this term and across the year, and many of these achievements are highlighted throughout this newsletter. I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

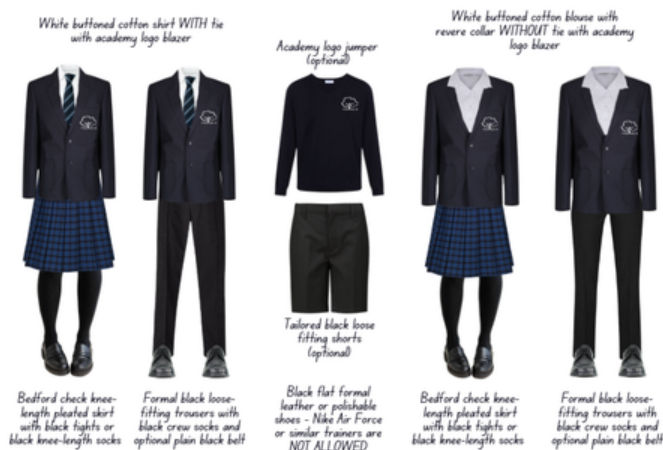
Mrs Barker

Uniform Expectations

As we prepare for the new academic year, students are reminded that tailored, mid-high length shorts are now permitted as part of the school uniform.

Students should also ensure that they wear black, polishable smart shoes in line with the uniform policy. Trainer-style shoes, including Air Force 1-style footwear, are not permitted. **Year 11 must wear blue shirts.** Please be aware that students who arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform will be required to borrow suitable items from the school's uniform cupboard for the day.

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Black Pen Used to complete written notes and practice activities in exercise books as directed by your teacher.

Blue Pen Used for 'The Blue Zone', the independent part of the lesson, that should be the most challenging and puts your new skills and knowledge into practice.

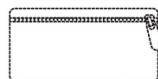
Green Pen Used for editing, reviewing and correcting work to make self-improvements, allowing you to take responsibility for your own learning.

Pencil Used to draw diagrams, sketches and graphics to improve overall presentation of work.

Ruler Used to underline titles, label diagrams, draw graphs and produce work with a high standard of presentation to be proud of.



School Bag
Used for holding all of your equipment, water bottle and snacks or lunch.



Pencil Case
Used for holding all of your stationary items like your CVA 7.

Get ready for the CVA 7

To support excellent learning habits from the start of term, students are expected to arrive each day with the correct equipment. This includes a **blue pen, black pen, green pen, pencil, ruler, pencil case, and a backpack or school bag**. Please note that handbags are not permitted. Being fully prepared helps students make the most of every lesson, demonstrating academic maturity.

Year 6 Transition

This term, the school was delighted to welcome incoming Year 6 students as part of the transition programme. Through a range of activities, students met staff, explored the school, and began forming new friendships. We were all particularly impressed by their singing as a yeargroup! Their enthusiasm, confidence, and excitement for September were wonderful to see, and we all look forward to welcoming them fully into the school community. You can see Mrs Barker speaking about our approach to Transition on Meridian Morning News (ITV) on 22nd July.



Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee once again brought the school community together in a celebration of language, determination, and friendly competition. Students competed fiercely between tutor groups before progressing to yeargroup finals in front of enthusiastic supporters. Congratulations to D K, who emerged victorious after an impressive display of spelling knowledge. The event showcased confidence, resilience, and ambition. We are so proud of all the students who were involved.

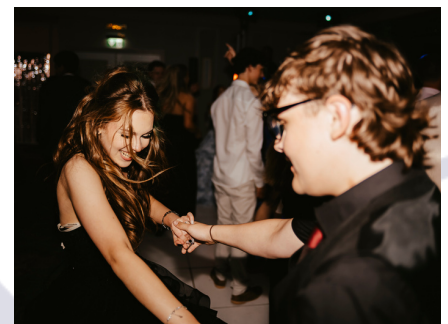


Under One Banner

Two groups of talented students have been working with Arts Council England to create original songs as part of the Under One Banner project. Inspired by their experiences growing up in Paulsgrove, the students explored themes of community, belonging, and celebrating differences. Their powerful message, that while everyone is unique, we are all on the same side, was brought to life through performances that showcased creativity, confidence, and teamwork. We as a school are incredibly proud of their hardwork and talent.

Prom

The Year 11 Prom at the Marriott Hotel was a spectacular celebration of the Class of 2026. Students arrived in style, making impressive entrances and showcasing some truly wonderful outfits. The evening was filled with laughter, music, and memorable moments as students danced the night away with friends and staff. It was a fitting celebration of their hard work, achievements, and success in completion of their secondary school journey.



Year 10 College Taster Days

All Year 10 students recently spent two days visiting local colleges and sixth forms, giving them the opportunity to explore a wide range of potential future courses and careers. From Animal Care and Construction to Creative Arts and Health & Social Care, students gained valuable insight into post-16 education. The experience helped raise aspirations, broaden horizons, and support informed choices as they begin to consider their next steps.





Sports Day

Sports Day was a brilliant showcase of determination, teamwork, and school spirit. Students gave their all in a range of track and field events, supporting one another throughout the day. Congratulations to **Phoenix House**, who were crowned overall champions. Memorable performances and impressive displays of resilience made the event an enjoyable and successful day for everyone involved.

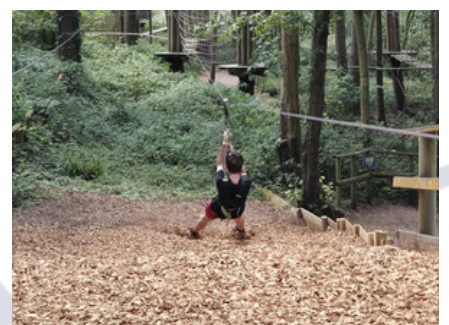
Year 11 Ready Day

Year 11 students took part in a dynamic Ready Day designed to build confidence and prepare them for the year ahead. Highlights included inspiring assemblies, English and Maths lessons with new teachers, and exciting team-building challenges such as Jenga Challenge and Floor is Lava. Students also worked with a West End performer from the original Stomp production, collaborating to create music in perfect sync and demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and determination.



Super Curricular Days

Students enjoyed two exciting Super Curricular Days packed with enrichment opportunities, adventure, and new experiences. Activities included the Dance Company's trip to EuroDisney, visits to Thorpe Park, Marwell Zoo, Portchester Castle, Portsmouth Dockyard, Natural History Museum, Fort Nelson, and Stamshaw Adventure Playground. Other groups enjoyed Go Ape, Fairthorne Manor, and a trip to the cinema and bowling. These experiences encouraged teamwork, independence, curiosity, and resilience while creating lasting memories.



A Final Goodbye

As the academic year comes to a close, the school would like to thank **Mr Ross, Ms Akther, Ms Valera, Mr Baines, Ms Maxwell, and Ms Bone** for their dedication and contribution to the school community. **Ms Nutland** is also retiring from CVA after 27 years of service to education in Paulsgrove (we are lucky that she will still teach Year 11 Food next year!). Each has made a positive impact on students and colleagues alike. We wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours and thank them for their valued service.