

10th December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

The school has had a very successful term. Thank you for all the continuing support you provide for your children in their learning and helping us to ensure they enjoy and achieve.

Last Day of Term / Start of New Term

Friday 19th December is the last day of the Autumn Term. The School will operate its customary compact day and will close at 1pm. The School will reopen to all students on Monday 5th January 2026 at the normal time.

Free School Meals

The government has provided additional funding to local authorities to support students on Free School Meals over the holidays. This will follow the same format as previous vouchers and will be emailed to those parents it concerns.

Year 11 Parents' Evening

A reminder that it is Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 11th December.

Non-Uniform Day

The school will be holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 17th December (also our Christmas meal day), proceeds will go to Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Appeal.

Students wishing to take part and wear non uniform to school must bring £1. There is of course no charge for students attending in full school uniform.

Careers Fair

On Thursday 27th November we held our annual carers fair at the school. 36 companies and education and training providers joined us. These included Reading, Southampton, Royal Holloway, Bath, Oxford Brookes, Bucks, Brunel, Hertfordshire, City and London Met Universities. Reading, Uxbridge and Langley Colleges; Chiltern Training, Activate Learning, Diverse Futures and HRUC Apprenticeships. Employers included Clayton Soke Solicitors, Ministry of Justice, British Army, Cardo Group, Innovate, Mars/Wrigley, TVP, GE Healthcare, Amazon, GE Aerospace, Mace Group, Escape Studios, Murphy Construction, Royal Mail, West Dean and Network Rail.

All of Years 9-13 visited the fair and were exceptionally engaged in the process, taking a real interest in their futures and proving true ambassadors to the school. Not my words, but those of our external visitors. Holding such an event in school is unusual but is so vital to give our students the information and insight they need on making the right decisions for their futures. My thanks to Muna Dirie (Leader of Careers), Inderjit Singh (Assistant Headteacher) and Melissa Porter (Careers Admin Officer) for arranging such a worthwhile experience for our students.

Autumn Term Highlights

It has been a very busy term and for me the real highlight is the sheer number of parents that have attended the school. Our busiest Open Evening the School has ever held and to all of you that attended Progress Day way back in September. It was a real pleasure to host so many of you for our Annual Awards Evening. The school now has the highest number of students in its history and we are now the second largest school in Slough.

Our students have benefited from many additional activities this term, some highlights are:

- We were visited by Nick Burrows, Head of Tesco UK Assets and Investments and Mark Brookes, from the Bank of England who both gave a TED talks to 158 Business and Economics students from Year 10 & 12.
- In November 21 Year 9 girls took part in the Girls Get Set Bronze Industrial Cadets GE Healthcare.

- We were visited by Karen Betts who gave a TED talk to all of Year 12, she spoke about her career as a lawyer, counsel for the British Embassy in Washington, Ambassador to Morocco and Cabinet Advisor and currently Chief Executive of the Food & Drinks Federation.
- Participation in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, four students have secured a bronze award.
- A Year 9 student has won the 'Young Writers Annual Showcase Competition'. This was a national competition with over 2000 entrants.
- A group of Year 9s are representing the school at the SEGRO regional finals.
- We continue to take part in Bar Mock Trials, Bedrock Reading, Spelling Bee and the Brilliant Club and have several projects currently taking place with universities.
- Trips to Charles Dickens Museum, Globe Theatre and Matilda.
- We have competed in Borough Cross Country, Badminton and a Year 7 Multi Sport Festival and a SEND inclusion Festival.
- We have a group of Year 12 Mentors working alongside children at Wexham Court Primary School.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress and success. It not only allows them to fully engage in the learning process but also fosters a sense of routine and responsibility that will benefit them in the long run. At Wexham, an attendance rate of 95% and above is considered acceptable.

What you can do to help:

- Avoid scheduling holidays when school is in session. These are unauthorised absences and will result in a fine. 13 weeks a year is plenty of time for students to go on holiday.
- Build regular routines for bedtime and the morning. Remove mobile phones from students before bedtime or restrict access to Wi-Fi.
- Ensure your child eats a healthy diet.
- Avoid medical appointments when school is in session wherever possible.
- Pay particular attention to the amount of one day single absences your child has, these add up.

We want to ensure that all our students have the best possible educational experience, and this can only be achieved through regular attendance and a commitment to following government guidelines.

If you anticipate any absences due to exceptional circumstances, we kindly request that you contact the school in advance to discuss your situation. We will do our best to work with you to minimise any impact on your child's education.

Emergency Closure

A reminder of our emergency closure procedure.

- The decision to close the school outside of core hours will be taken by 7.30am after an assessment of poor weather conditions or on the advice of Slough Borough Council or the emergency services. We will always aim to contact parents by text message as early as possible; normally this would be by 7.45am, before students leave for school. Messages will also be displayed on the school website.
- Should the school be forced to close during the day, or your child has arrived on school premises in the morning, you will be contacted before we send students home.
- Further text messages and our website will update parents of our situation. For this reason it is always vital that the school has up to date contact details.

Thank you for your continuing support and I wish everyone a happy and restful holiday period.

Yours faithfully



Mr Lawrence Smith
Headteacher

Term and Important Dates 2025 – 2026

	Thursday 11 th November 2025	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
	Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Spring Term	Monday 5 th January 2026	First Day of Term. All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 8 th January 2026	Year 12/13 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Thursday 5 th February 2026	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Thursday 12 th February 2026	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 13 th February 2026	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 23 rd February 2026	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Thursday 26 th March 2026	Year 8 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term. School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm
	Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holiday
Summer Term	Monday 13 th 2026	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Monday 4 th May 2026	School Closed for May Bank Holiday
	Thursday 7 th May 2026	Year 7 Parents' Evening 4-7pm
	Friday 22 nd May 2026	Last day of Half Term – 3.10pm Finish
	Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
	Monday 1 st June 2026	All students attend school at 8.35 for 8.40am start
	Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of Term for students School will operate a compact day finishing at 1pm