

HAD NEWS

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To raise awareness for mental health in support of the charity MIND, our 6th Form students wore blue for the day.



Featuring expert articles written by over 75 education practitioners

UniTasterDays.com

Parents' Guide to University 2025

The key higher education facts for parents and supporters

Produced in collaboration with HELWA

The Parents' Guide to University will help you support the young people in your life to make an informed choice about university. It includes articles to guide them in deciding whether university is right for them, what they should study, and where they should study it.

Contributions have been provided by over 75 university representatives from across the UK, along with expert voices from outside the sector, including Martin Lewis from MoneySavingExpert.com.



Our first Celebration Day of this academic year offered a wide range of engaging and enriching activities. Each term we hold a Celebration Day to recognise and reward the good behaviour of pupils.





It's important for pupils to make a good start every day

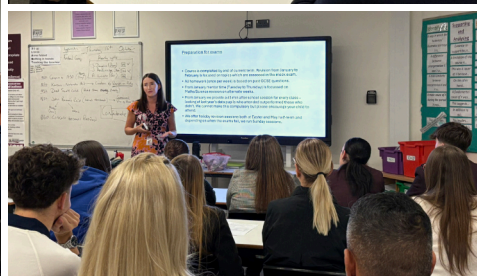
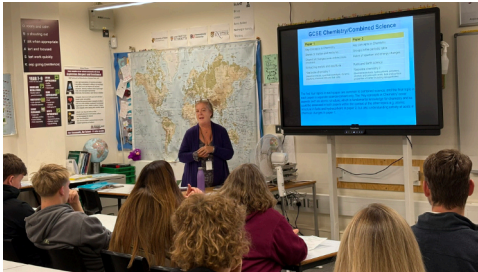
- Arrive on time
- Be ready to learn
- Commit yourself

On Friday, 17th, a group of our year 8 cohort were selected to take part in the Haberdashers Sports Festival. Our students were a credit to our school and had amazing opportunities to take part in several different sports including Judo (led by the British Judo team), Handball, and Gaelic Football, as well as access to fitness testing labs. Well done to all those involved on the day.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Year 13 students headed off to the UK University and Apprenticeship fair last week at Edgbaston Cricket Stadium. The event featured an array of exhibitors including Russell Group, red brick and modern universities, as well as apprenticeships representing top UK companies and local providers. Students could also access vital seminars during the visit which included UCAS personal statements, degree apprenticeships and student finance.



Pupils and parents attended the Information Evening on Thursday 16th October. This flexible event included a series of workshops covering English Maths, Science, exam stress and mental health and information for SEND learners. The Head Boy (Joe Costello) and Head Girl (Keira Moss) led one of the most well-attended workshops sharing their experiences of how to revise for GCSEs. Mrs Ward from the Learning Resource Centre was very busy with lots of Year 11 stocking up on revision books ready for the mock exams on Monday 20th Nov. Thanks to everyone who attended.

SWIMMING 21 MILES - THE LENGTH OF THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TOWARDS CANCER RESEARCH UK AND THE AMAZING WORK THAT THEY DO.

DATE: 1st November - 1st December 2025
CHARITY: Cancer research UK

Hello,
My name is Joe and this November I will take on the challenge of swimming the length (21 miles) of the English channel in support of people I know are battling with cancer and to celebrate those who have battled through it. I really want to raise as much money as I can for a charity very close to my heart so if you could support me in any way it would mean the world to me.

SUPPORTING
If you are able to do so I would be so appreciative of your donation towards this fantastic cause, if you are unable please share this so we can show support for people battling with cancer. Below is the link and QR code to my fundraising page. Thankyou.)



Joe Costello our Head Boy is taking on a challenge. Please support him if you are able

My fundraising page:



Former professional boxer Matt Sen gave a motivational and very popular presentation to Year 9 pupils. Speaking about his own struggle to succeed he gave a fantastic talk, inspiring our young people to take charge of their own lives.



STRUGGLE TO SUCCEED



HABERDASHERS DEPUTATION



A busy schedule included, among other things: a Bible presentation, performances by the Junior Jazz and Showband, a tour of the school led by members of Y7 and Y12, lunch with staff and pupils, a networking session with Y12 and presentations from staff.



Breast Cancer Now's wear it pink day is one of the biggest fundraising events in the UK. Taking place during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, thousands of amazing people wear it pink in their communities, schools or work places for the UK's largest breast cancer charity, Breast Cancer Now.



WEAR IT PINK



Saturday Music College students wore pyjamas for the morning, and raised £62 for Children in Need.

We Need You

Enthusiastic Audience required!
 Saturday 22nd November - 2.00 pm till 3.30 pm
 Junior Jazz, Senior Jazz and Showband run through for NCBF
 Please come along to support and bring the family to see a run through of the programme the bands will be playing at the National Concert Band Festival.
 Free of charge — doors open 2.00 pm
 SMADA will be on hand selling tea and cake



Please support our bands



CHILDREN IN NEED - MEGABAND & SHOWBAND



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

PUT YOUR NAME ON IT

As you can imagine in a busy school environment it is not unusual for pupils to mislay personal items. Reuniting lost property with the owner is made far easier if all items of value are labelled with the pupils name. Lost property is held in reception.



To celebrate Black History month some of our black students in 6th Form presented assemblies to Year 12 and 13. They looked at important black figures from today and the past and how they impacted the modern world. This reminded all of us that great things can be achieved regardless of the challenges we face.



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The Year 10s have been learning about Birmingham in Geography - researching diversity and culture, and learning about the leisure industry too. They have made their own Monopoly boards based on the city and enjoyed understanding more about the different areas within Birmingham.