



### Message from Mrs Stamford

Welcome back! Although, we haven't quite had the smooth start we would have wanted due to the weather having other ideas, thank you very much for your support in ensuring that students have returned to school calmly and ready for the upcoming term.

Thankfully next week looks to be much clearer and therefore we ask that all students return to wearing full school uniform including school footwear of plain black trainers/shoes.

This week we celebrate some fabulous EPQ results from our Year 13 students. The cohort gained 100% A\*-C which is a fabulous achievement.

Congratulations to Miss Farrington's Year 13 students.

Thank you for your support with our non-uniform day at the end of last term. We raised £380 for the Salvation Army which is fantastic and I'm sure will really help this great cause.

Just for information Year 11 and 13 begin their second round of mock exams on 26th January until 13th February.

The actual external examinations then begin in April and run through until the 15 June 2026. Please ensure your child is available during this time so that they don't miss any external exams. These exams can not

be rearranged as they are set by JCQ, not the school.

In addition Mrs Douthwaite will now be sending out a termly Mental Wellbeing newsletter. This will share information about the support in place at school to promote student wellbeing, offer guidance on how you can support your child at home, and highlight useful websites and external agencies that we work closely with to support our students.

Mrs Stamford  
Head of School

### Mrs Bone's Newsflash

Happy New Year! And what a start to 2026 the weather has brought - thank you to all the kind words of support the team and I have received this week, both in person, on the phone and online. It's certainly been an "interesting" week!

The decision to close the school is never an easy one and we are aware that unfortunately whatever decision we make a small number of individuals will take to email or social media and present negative views. Instead, the team and

I continue to encourage parents / carers to talk to us as this helps ensure we can make the best possible decisions with all the information available to us.

From Monday we would hope we are back to "normal" in terms of Uniform Policy and would ask that students return wearing in particular appropriate school shoes.

Finally I would encourage you and your child to look at our extra-curricular club offer for the Spring Term on

the [school website](#). In the Autumn Term over 50% of students attended at least 1 club, it would be amazing to build on this in the spring and try to reach an ambitious target of 75%!

Have a good weekend and let's hope all the snow disappears!

Best wishes  
Mrs Bone  
Executive Headteacher

Lloyds Banking Group have an exclusive virtual Cyber & Cryptography event for students to join. If you have a passion for AI, technology or cyber, then this event is for you!

Lloyds Banking Group is one of the world's biggest financial services companies, with over 30 million digital customers. This makes LBG one of the industry's most prominent players, and they want you to be part of their business via one of their student programmes.

At this event, they will share with you what it's like to work at the bank in their tech divisions, how their teams are driving change on a global scale, and the routes into the bank that are open to you.

You will also get a certificate of completion once the event finishes, which you can use on your LinkedIn profiles and CVs.

Event Details:  
Date: Tuesday, 13th January  
Time: 5pm – 6pm  
For: Year 11, 12 and Year 13  
Location: (Zoom link provided upon registration)