



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support. Your involvement and encouragement make such a difference to our college community, and we are truly grateful.

This term has been filled with fantastic opportunities for our students to shine. Our Year 12s impressed everyone with their commitment and professionalism during work experience placements—what a proud moment for all involved. The Open Mic Night was a brilliant celebration of talent, confidence, and creativity, and it was wonderful to see so many of you at the Parents' Assembly, sharing in the achievements of our young people.

Careers Day provided inspiring insight into future pathways, sparking ambition and curiosity among our students. And of course, World Book Day brought fun and imagination to life through a series of engaging challenges that everyone enjoyed.

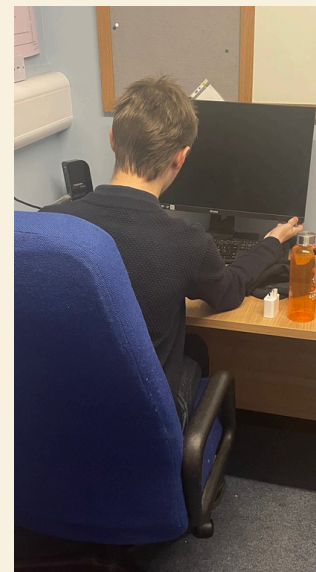
As we head into the Easter break, we wish you a restful and joyful holiday with your families. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for the summer term.

Happy Easter!

L. Walker



Well done to all our Work Experience Students



9 Top Tips to Support Career Aspirations

Career Conversations: Start Early!



Talk About Careers

Start discussing interests and strengths early. This builds confidence and helps your child explore options without pressure.



Encourage Exploration

Support weekend jobs or volunteering. Hands-on experiences help your child discover what they enjoy and develop key skills.



Focus on Skills

Highlight communication, teamwork, and problem-solving rather than specific careers. These skills are valuable in any job.



Be Open to New Paths

Explore options like T Levels, apprenticeships, and careers in digital fields. Resources like 'Talking Futures' can help.



Use Your Network

Connect your child with professionals, mentors, or career talks to give them real-world insights.



Link School to Real Life

Talk about how subjects like Maths and Science apply to careers in construction, healthcare, and technology.



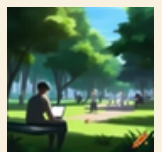
Engage with School Resources

Attend career fairs, workshops, and events. Discuss career-related schoolwork to spark conversations at home.



Consider Lifestyle Choices

Help your child think about how careers align with their preferred lifestyle—city life, travel, or staying local.



Support, Don't Push

Encourage without pressuring. Be a guide, offering advice while allowing your child to make their own choices.



Notices

Uniform

If your child is in **KS4** we expect them to follow our uniform code. We will address this if they are not. Our uniform is:

- A navy blazer (optional) with a Thriftwood badge (badges are also optional and available from our school uniform supplier)
- Black or Grey trousers or knee length skirt (**no tracksuit bottoms or leggings**)
- White shirt or polo top
- Thriftwood tie (optional)
- Burgundy sweatshirt or jumper (optional, no hoodies)
- Sensible black shoes or plain black trainers

In the warmer weather students may wear smart black or grey shorts e.g. Chino style

For **KS5** students as the warmer weather approaches students still need to remain appropriate. No short shorts, short dresses/skirts, no midriffs showing or low cut tops.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please try and make routine medical/dental appointments outside of college hours. If this is not possible your child should still attend as much of the day as possible.

If your child is absent due to an appointment you will be asked to supply evidence of this. If you do not provide evidence their absence will be unauthorised.



**We hope you all have a lovely
Easter break**

Students return to college on Tuesday 22nd April

The last day for leavers will be 20th June