



Academic Curriculum

As we continue on our journey of **Excellence for ALL** we are focusing on how students are **actively** listening, especially during teacher instruction so they can all be successful in their learning.



During teacher instruction



1. Sit up, look at your teacher in silence and listen to them or any materials they play to you.
2. Show that you are *actively listening* by concentrating on the spoken words. Think hard as you listen, and try to form a mental summary of what has been explained to you. Be ready to share your summary if asked.
3. Help others to learn by not speaking to them, or doing anything that might distract them from listening.
4. Answer any questions when asked by your teacher.
5. Begin any learning task straight away.
6. Raise your hand if you have a problem or a question. Wait in silence until your teacher can help you.



Aspire



Respect



Engage

P. Bignell



For anything we learn to do, it is important to practise and to make sure that we have the skills and knowledge to do something for ourselves. This is particularly important in school as students prepare for assessments and also demonstrate to their teachers what they have learnt and what they may need some clarification on.

When we do independent work at school it is important that we set this up correctly so that students are able to concentrate and do their best. I know that they may learn at

home with music on, or a video in the background but research shows that this does not help concentration. In fact, if there is something else happening to distract them, this increases cognitive overload and means the work they are doing is harder because they are trying to think of too much at one time. We will be displaying our learning routines when we are insisting on independent work, asking students to focus in silence on the task in hand so that teachers can see what they have learnt and give them feedback on how to improve.

attendance MATTERS

10 January 2023 Year 11 Attendance = 90.2% (National Year 11=91.4%)

What does this mean?

On average 1 in 10 days missed.

If attendance is 90% over the last 5 years of school, half a school year is missed.

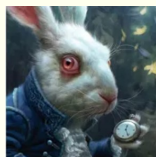
Does this impact on grades?

Data shows that:

Students with 95%+ attendance average means their GCSE grade is **1.1 grade higher for each subject** than students with an attendance average of 80-90%.

What can I do now?

There are about 65 school days until your examinations, make each day count.



All religions try to benefit people, with the same basic message of the need for love and compassion, for justice and honesty, for contentment.

— Dalai Lama —



Holocaust Memorial Day - Friday 27 January 2023

Holocaust Memorial Day falls in the week of 23 January. As a community we are marking this occasion by offering a varied range of activities across all Key Stages to show our respect and consideration for those who were and still are, affected by the Holocaust.

All Key Stage 3 students will be using their Chromebooks to explore a virtual tour of Anne Frank's house to begin to imagine what it was like to live through this period of persecution. In addition, our Year 9 students will be able to see a live testimony from Holocaust survivor Mala Tribich during Period 5 on Friday 27 January 2023.

For Key Stage 4, our Year 10 students will have a Deep Thinking morning on either Monday 23 (North Groups) or Thursday 26 January 2023 (South Groups) on why we remember the Holocaust and whether it makes belief in God illogical.

Finally, our Sixth Formers will have the opportunity to explore the question 'Is it appropriate to use satire when discussing the Holocaust?' through a screening of JoJo Rabbit on Wednesday 25 January 2023.

There are also opportunities in all Year Groups during tutor time and PD to explore the theme 'Ordinary People', selected by the Holocaust Memorial Day Trust for 2023.

This has been a collaborative effort by multiple departments to provide our students with a varied range of activities. If there are any concerns with this content, please contact BEST so we can provide more detailed information and the correct support.

The following articles are available on our website. To read these in full, please visit our [website](#) or click on the links/images below.



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HARRISON
food with thought

Celebrate Chinese New Year

Tuesday 24th January 2023

Come and enjoy our Delicious Chinese New Year food.

- Mini Vegetable Spring Rolls with a Sweet Chilli Dip £1.60
- Chicken Chow Mein served with Prawn Crackers £1.95
- Sweet & Sour Vegetable Noodles served with Prawn Crackers £1.80
- Chinese Butter Biscuit 'Yum' 60p

Please speak to a member of our catering team for allergen or dietary requirements, we are always happy to help...

Please click [here](#) to see what else our canteen has on offer.



Year 7 Boys' team win 1-0 over Bishops Stortford School



Basketball Girls' Team got their season under way in a three way event with Wymondham High School and Sir John Leman High School.

To find out more about the Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs that are running, please click [here](#).

The Faith Club meets on Tuesday lunchtimes in PACE5, and students of all years are welcome to attend. It is a chance to meet together for fellowship, discussion and reflection.



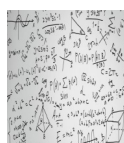
Year 10 Boys' Football Team 4-0 win over Northampton Boys' School.



Maths Wednesday



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Calling ALL Year 11, 12 & 13 students Need to revise Maths? Come to S135 and S136 Wednesday from 3:05 to 4:15



Years 10 and 11 HPV Vaccinations - Thursday 26 January 2023
 Year 10 - Holocaust Deep Thinking Morning - Thursday 26 January 2023
 Music Industry Taster Day and Song Writing Workshop with IE Music (provided by Norfolk Music Hub) for Year 9 and 10 students - Thursday 26 January 2023

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 Textiles Artist - Workshops for Years 9, 10 and 11 - Friday 27 January 2023