



## Weekly Bulletin 19th January 2026

### [Headteacher's Message](#)

As we move further into the term, our focus across TREA continues to be on supporting students with their **Next Steps**. Whether they are choosing options, preparing for assessments, or beginning to think about life beyond school, this is a crucial time for reflection, ambition, and growth. We are committed to helping every young person identify what excites them—those emerging interests and strengths that shape who they are becoming. Through our broad curriculum, students are encouraged to explore widely and discover what truly motivates them.

Equally important is the development of **transferrable skills** that will support students wherever their future takes them. Teamwork, problem-solving, communication, resilience, and respect sit at the heart of everything we do. Whether students are working collaboratively in Forest Schools, leading projects, engaging in practical learning, or contributing to our school community, they are building the skills that employers value and that will guide them

confidently into further education, apprenticeships, or employment. Our message to all students remains clear: aim high, stay curious, and believe in the possibilities ahead.

## Key Dates



28th January 2026 Coffee Afternoon SEN parents

5th February Year 11 Parents' evening

5th February Y9 Higher Horizons

10th February Y11 Geography Field trip

12th February - Last day of half term

13th February - INSET Day (Staff only)

24th March 2026 KS4 APDR Meetings

26th March 2026 KS3 APDR Meetings

## In Other News...



Mr Tate recently made an application to Tesco Stronger Starts for help with funding towards Forest School supplies. We are delighted to say that we have been shortlisted, and we are now open to the public vote until Mid-March in the following Tesco stores:

Cannock Superstore WS12 3YY

Great Wyrley Express WS6 6LA

Hednesford Superstore WS12 1BT

Cannock Express WS11 4AL

Lichfield WS13 8NF

If you use these stores, please pick up the tokens and vote for us. Success will mean a donation of £1500 from Tesco.

Thank you

## Careers Focus - Spring 2026



Year 10 students will be taking part in their work experience placements during the week beginning **Monday 13 July**. This is an exciting opportunity for students to gain first-hand experience of the workplace, develop employability skills and explore potential career pathways.

The work experience program was recently launched to year 10 students with a careers session, providing students with an insight into the benefits of work experience and offering valuable advice on making the most of the opportunity. The session helped students to understand expectations in a professional environment and highlighted how work experience can support future education, college choices and career planning.

Following the launch, students are invited to collect a **work experience placement form** from **Dr Horton or Mr Singh**. All students taking part must ensure that their completed forms are returned as soon as possible so that placements can be approved in good time.

Please note that **all placements must have employers' liability insurance** in place. This is a compulsory requirement to ensure students are fully covered while in the workplace. Schools are unable to approve placements where this insurance cannot be confirmed.

Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss placement ideas with their child and to support them in securing a suitable and meaningful opportunity. Work experience can play a vital role in helping students build confidence, develop new skills and make informed decisions about their next steps.

Alongside this article, a **college information leaflet** is attached to the newsletter. This leaflet provides useful guidance on post-16 pathways and how experiences such as work experience can support college applications and future progression. We encourage families to read this together and use it as a starting point for conversations about future plans. If you have any questions regarding work experience placements, please contact **Dr Horton or Mr Singh**.

Information for year 11 students regarding applications to NSCG is being sent with this bulletin.