



Weekly Bulletin 20th April 2026

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Ofsted Monitoring Visit – Update for Parents

We were visited by Ofsted inspectors last week as part of a routine monitoring visit. I would like to thank all parents and carers who took the time to complete the Ofsted online questionnaire – your feedback is very much appreciated and forms an important part of the inspection process.

During the visit, inspectors noted that school leaders are taking the appropriate actions to address priorities for improvement. They were also clear that the pace of this work now needs to be quicker in order to secure further improvement. We recognise this and are already taking steps to accelerate progress in key areas.

The written outcome letter from the lead inspector will be shared with the school within the next three weeks. I will share this with parents as soon as I am able to do so.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school.

Key Dates



23rd April - Year 8 and Year 9 Loudmouth Theatre in school

23rd April - Year 7 parents evening

1st May - BTEC Animal Care exam for year 11

4th May - Early Spring Bank Holiday

11th May - GCSE exams begin for Year 11

22nd May - Year 11 Leavers Picnic

Year 9 Options



As we enter the final term of Year 9, it is time to look ahead to Key Stage 4. A vital part of this transition is selecting the vocational pathway that best suits your child's interests and future aspirations.

This year, we are offering three high-quality vocational subjects: Sport, iMedia, and Engineering. To ensure we meet the needs of our students, we ask you to submit a "First" and "Second" choice preference via the link attached.

Please note: *Based on student demand, we will be running two of these three courses. Your input is essential in helping us finalise the curriculum offer.*

Action Required:

*Please discuss these options with your child and complete the digital preference form by
Tuesday 5th May 2026.*

*This will enable us to allocate classes with a target to inform students and parent/carers of their
options choices by **Wednesday 20th May 2026.***

Link to Preference Form: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/APxmCpY0Qm>

*If there are any further questions regarding year 9 options, please do not hesitate to get in
contact with the school.*

Many Thanks

Dr Dan Horton, Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum)

TREA - Year 9 Options Preference Form



Year 10 Work Experience



As Year 10 students begin preparing for their work experience placement, we want to take a moment to highlight just how valuable this opportunity is—not only for them, but for their future pathways. For our Year 10 students, work experience will occur during the last week of the summer term - **July 13th -17th.**

For many of us, work experience was a *rite of passage* during our own school days. It was often the first real taste of the working world: discovering new environments, meeting professionals, and realising the expectations that come with employment. These early experiences can spark interests, build confidence, and help young people make more informed choices about their future education and careers.

Today, work experience remains just as important. It helps students to:

- Develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, punctuality, and responsibility.
- Gain insight into a workplace and how organisations operate.
- Explore potential career options, even ruling things *in* or *out* before making post-16 choices.
- Build independence and maturity, learning how to adapt to new routines and expectations.

How Parents/Carers Can Support:

To support your child in securing their placement, please ensure the following steps are completed:

1. **Collect a Work Experience Form:** Forms are available from **Dr Horton** or **Mr Singh**. This form must be completed and returned once your child has confirmed a placement.
2. **Check That the Workplace Is Expecting a Call:** All placements will be contacted by the work experience agency to verify details. Please ensure the employer is aware of this and is happy to confirm the placement when contacted.
3. **Confirm That Appropriate Insurance Is in Place:** The employer must have suitable insurance — most importantly **Employers' Liability Insurance** — to cover the student during their time on site. Without this, the placement cannot go ahead.

Work experience is an invaluable opportunity that helps shape young people's future options and builds their confidence. We appreciate your support in helping our Year 10 students make the most of this exciting milestone.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact either Dr Horton or Mr Singh.