



Student Bulletin - 6th July 2026 - Week A

Poem of the Week

The Darkling Thrush

By Thomas Hardy

I leant upon a coppice gate
When Frost was spectre-grey,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
The weakening eye of day.
The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted nigh
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon earth
Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among
The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
Of joy illimited;
An aged thrush, frail, gaunt, and small,
In blast-beruffled plume,
Had chosen thus to fling his soul
Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings
Of such ecstatic sound
Was written on terrestrial things
Afar or nigh around,
That I could think there trembled through
His happy good-night air
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew
And I was unaware.

Girls Rugby Club - Every Monday After School!

Looking for something new to try? Want to have fun, learn new skills and be part of a great team? Come along to Girls Rugby Club every Monday after school!

- ✓ No experience needed
- ✓ Open to all year groups
- ✓ Friendly and welcoming atmosphere
- ✓ Just turn up and give it a go!

Miss Norton and Miss Goodliff run the club, and even if you didn't come last week, you're still very welcome to join us and see what it's all about.

The more people who come, the more we can do, including games, team challenges and rugby activities!

So, grab your boots, bring your friends, and come and get stuck in!

Everyone is welcome! Miss Goodliff



Gardening Club

Please meet at 3pm outside Mr West's office on a Monday for gardening club. Please bring some trainers or old shoes to change into and a coat if it is cold. See you there! Mr West



**Filigree: ornamental work
of fine wire formed into
delicate lace-like patterns**

Important! KS3 Food Technology Dates.

7D

7th July - Pitta Pizza

7T

6th July - Pasta salad

8D

7th July - Croque part 2 - Construct, bake
& eat

8T

6th July - Croque Monsieur part 1 -
Bechamel sauce

13th July - Croque part 2 - Construct, bake
& eat

9D

14th July - Brownie Bites

9T

9th July - Brownie Bites

Book of the Week

The Lady in the Tower by Marie Louise Jensen
Spring 1540 I am afraid. You are in grave danger. Mother, will you run away with me if I can free you? The servants call it the Lady the isolated part of the castle where Eleanor's mother is imprisoned after a terrible accusation. For four years Eleanor's only comfort has been their secret notes to one another. A chance discovery reveals a plot to murder her mother. Now Eleanor must free her before it is too late. But with danger and betrayal at every turn, she can trust no one. Especially not her father. Eleanor must use all her cunning to survive. For she soon realises that it is not just her mother she needs to save . . . but also herself.



Duke of Edinburgh Award

A team of Bronze and Silver DofE students took part in their training/practice expedition last weekend. They were incredible! Great resilience shown and lot of fun had. Now all set to take on their final and assessed expedition in a few weeks' time. Mrs Noyes



News from the MFL Department

French Trip

We are all set to go and looking forward to the trip. Student meeting will take place on Monday 13th July in G4 at breaktime to check in with all students. **Please make sure that all passports have been handed in to the front office.**



Latin Club

Last session next week - Wednesday 8th July

Year 10 Speaking

A huge congratulations to all the Year 10s doing French GCSE - you absolutely owned your moment. You made my 3 days an absolute delight!



Sports Clubs on Thursdays

Rounders Club 3pm - 4pm

Netball Club 4pm - 5pm

Meet outside PE Department



Astronomy Club - Year 10. Year 11 & 6th Form
Tuesday afterschool 3pm - 4pm in S4 - Open to Year 10, Year 11 & 6th Form. If anyone is interested please ask Mrs Fennell