

Summer Newsletter

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What a great, albeit short, half term! I could not be prouder of the ten girls from years 9 and 10 who made Reach Free history, winning the English Schools Football Association Under 15 PlayStation Small Schools' National Cup! The girls had an incredible run, beating teams from both the state and independent sectors along the way. No team seemed to faze them as they ascended the championship all the way to Hawthorns Stadium, home of West Bromwich Albion. Here they faced Bede's Senior School from East Sussex and triumphed as 2-1 winners, sorry, champions!

It was an incredible day for the girls and the school. Not only did we have a strong following in the stadium, we also had around 500 people watching it on the large screens back at school. A huge well done to Emma, Kaylan, Maggie, Maisie, Tilly, Lauren, Evie, Holly, Ella, and Ellie - you were magnificent. So too, were their coaches, Mr Cook and Mr Gibson. If you want to relive the action from the final, you can watch the highlights reel <a href="https://example.com/here/be/here/by



U15 Girls National Champions

Also this half term, our year 9 pupils have taken part in the annual First Give charity event. Each form class has been working hard to raise awareness and funds for their chosen charity, before presenting to the whole of year 8 and a panel of judges. Congratulations to the pupils from 9 Scout who won the £1,000 prize for their chosen charity, 'Arts for Life' project. They have chosen to spend the money on a pottery kiln to further the work of the charity.

Finally, the annual rite of passage has taken place for our pupils in years 11 and 13. Before the exam season began, we had the obligatory day of shirt signing and celebrations for year 11. Once again, they seem to have trumped previous years with the intricate designs on their shirts and who can showcase the most Sharpie marker on their skin. Year 13 had to wait a little longer, but their farewell event took place today. For many, this is the culmination of seven years at The Reach Free School, dating back to the first day we moved into the new school building! Time flies, but we wish all of our young people sitting exams the very best for the future.

As always, we've managed to cram lots in and next half term looks to be another busy one. For now though, grab a cup of tea and a biscuit and see what we have been up to these last few weeks.

Richard Booth Headteacher



Year 13, thank you for all the memories



Good luck to the 'Class of 2025'

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This term in CCR our year 9 cohort participated in the First Give programme, which offers young people the opportunity to make a real, tangible difference to their local community. After identifying a social issue and raising awareness through social action, one group from each form was selected to compete in the final.

The First Give Final 2025 was an inspiring event showcasing the amazing social action projects our pupils have been working on. The passion and dedication demonstrated by all the participating teams were truly commendable.

After much deliberation the winning team was announced, **9S**, who presented a visually compelling case for **Arts for Life**. Their thoughtful presentation and clear commitment to the charity impressed the judges, and they were awarded the £1,000 grant to support Arts for Life's vital work. We are so pleased to hear that this donation will enable the charity to purchase a pottery kiln to give the young people at Arts for Life sensory-rich, hands-on creative experiences that build fine-motor skills, self-expression, and confidence.

As well as announcing the winner, the judging panel also awarded two commendation certificates. Congratulations to the recipients of these, Ava K for her outstanding presentation skills and passion in raising awareness for The OLLIE Foundation, and to 9J for their thought provoking social action in support of the charity Music For My Mind.

Congratulations to 9S and to all the year 9 pupils who took part in First Give this year. Your efforts to make a positive difference in our community are truly appreciated!



9S' Paint the Teacher' social action in support of Arts for Life



9J presenting for a chance to win



Congratulations Ava!



9 Scout - All smiles with the giant cheque!

Year 11 Leavers' Assembly

On Tuesday 6th May, we celebrated five fantastic years with our wonderful year 11 pupils. The day began with the much-loved shirt signing tradition - pupils and staff shared messages and memories to create lasting keepsakes.

This was followed by a joyful celebration assembly, featuring a trip down memory lane with their Heads of Houses, a fun and light-hearted Alternative Awards ceremony, and the always-popular year 7 photo montage set to the musical backdrop of *These Days*.

It was a heartfelt send-off for a brilliant year group, and we wish them every success in the future!



Much-loved shirt signing!

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Year 10 Mock Interviews

job centre plus A small selection of year 10 pupils recently participated in valuable mock interview sessions designed to equip them with essential skills for their future. These sessions provided a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience a realistic interview

process, receive constructive feedback from professionals, and build their confidence.

A big thank you to the Job Centre Plus volunteers who generously gave their time to conduct the interviews and provide invaluable insights. Pupils reported a greater understanding of interview techniques and areas for personal development. This experience will undoubtedly prove beneficial as they move forward in their academic and professional journeys, especially with Work Experience coming up soon!

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Biology Olympiad



This half term, we saw fantastic effort from over 150 of our year 9 pupils who participated in the UK Biology Challenge! This online quiz, which

drew in over 26,000 pupils worldwide, aims to spark curiosity about the natural world, extending beyond the standard curriculum.

We will share the results when they are released later in the academic year. Fingers crossed!

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Junior Maths Challenge 2025

On Thursday 1st May, 31 pupils from years 7 and 8 took part in the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge - a prestigious national competition that pushes youngsters to apply their mathematical skills to solve complex and thought-provoking problems. The challenge offers a fantastic opportunity for pupils to deepen their love of mathematics and demonstrate their abilities in a competitive setting.

Our pupils performed exceptionally well, earning a total of eight bronze, four silver, and three gold certificates across both year groups. A special congratulations goes to Toby, who achieved the highest score in year 7, and Ben E, who led the way in year 8. Both pupils have qualified for the next round — the Junior Kangaroo — which takes place on 10th June. We're so excited to see how they get on!



In year 7, Victoria, Leo, Riley and Jake all achieved a bronze certificate. Toby achieved a gold certificate and the highest score in his year group



In year 8, Emilia, Rowan, Thomas, Andy and Aidan all achieved a bronze certificate. Ethan, Archie and Jack all achieved a silver certificate. Joshi and Ben achieved a gold certificate, with Ben winning the highest score of the year group

Saving the Earth Is a Filthy Business

Year 8 pupils were transported to the heart of international climate negotiations during an exhilarating visit to SohoPlace in London, where they watched the gripping performance of Kyoto. No longer just spectators, our pupils became delegates at the historic Kyoto Climate Conference on 11th December 1997. With the world's nations deadlocked and time slipping away, the drama unfolded around the challenge of reaching a global agreement to combat climate change. Standing in the way: American oil lobbyist and master strategist, Don Pearlman.

This fast-paced and thought-provoking performance not only offered pupils a powerful insight into the high-stakes world of environmental politics, but also prompted some thoughtful discussions about the role we can all play in tackling climate change — starting in our own communities.



Post-performance excitement



The calm before the climate storm — the stage at SohoPlace set for intense negotiations in Kyoto, where global decisions hang in the balance



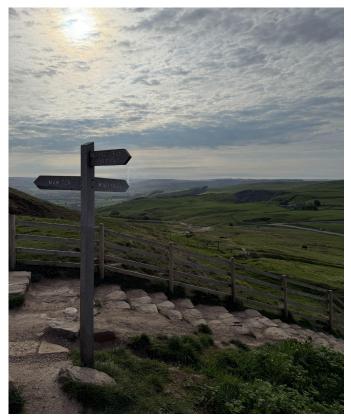
Year 8 delegates ready for action at the Kyoto Climate Conference – representing the future of global change!

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Duke of Edinburgh Gold Practice Expedition

We were, thankfully, again blessed with some spring sunshine in the beautiful Peak District for our practice expedition. Students arrived in their expedition groups having tackled the journey up to the North independently and following some final checks, set out on their three day expedition on 1st May from Edale.

The warm weather made expedition conditions a little challenging - especially given the number of climbs involved on all days! It was great to see all students throwing themselves into the expedition with enthusiasm and in high spirits whilst improving their map reading and camp craft skills with each passing day. It proved to be a steep but effective learning curve for all participants as we prepare for their final assessed expedition in the Yorkshire Dales in July.



Enjoying the fine weather in the beautiful Peak District



Final preparations complete!



Enjoying a well earned rest!



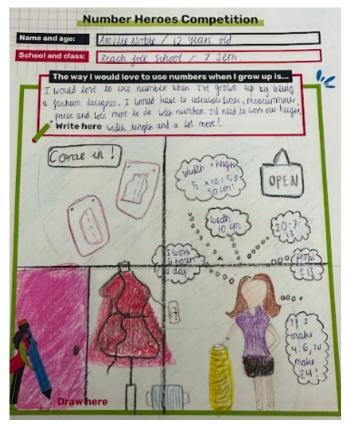
A fine spot for a short break!

National Numeracy Day

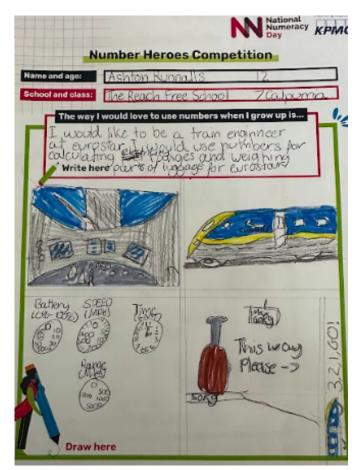
Love it or loathe it, everyone has something to say about maths. However, talking about numbers makes them a little less scary and that is what we did when we celebrated National Numeracy Day on Wednesday 21st May. This is the UK's only day dedicated to celebrating everyday maths and the importance of numbers for both adults and children, inspiring everyone to improve their numeracy in order to open up opportunities.

Everyone started the day by discussing their thoughts and opinions on maths, including the idea of maths anxiety and how best to deal with it. Following on from this pupils took part in three main activities during their lessons; the Number Heroes Competition, Curves of Pursuit (maths art) and the Numeracy Day Rap Competition.

In addition, a national competition took place to ignite pupils' thinking about how they will use maths in their everyday lives as adults. This could be at home or in the workplace. Our year 7 pupils really enjoyed making posters containing their ideas and some great discussions were had around maths in various careers. Here are some of the Number Heroes entries:



Amelie N 7J



Ashton R 7C



Zak H 7C

Year 8 got creative with some maths art, exploring how patterns change when you change the number of points around a shape. Here are some examples of the designs they came up with:



Year 7 maths in the real world posters



Year 8 Curves of Pursuit

We also had pupils writing Numeracy Day Raps, inspired by DJ Digit himself, Mr Phillipps! There were some great raps written and also some excellent performances seen. We have attached our best entries below!

It's numeracy day, let's make it clear Maths in our world, far and near Multiplying, dividing, we're on the grind Numbers and logic, that's how we shine Check the equation, see what we got Maths in our lives, it's what we've shot

From fractions to graphs let's solve the quest
With every problem we do our best
Calculations sharp, we got the skill
From angles to numbers that make a deal
Add them up, subtract them down
Maths is the key, wear it like a crown

By Ava B 10A, Maisie | 10|

We are here to talk to you about maths in everyday, You see it everywhere, it helps in so many ways

From calculating total owed after every shop To budgeting meals, the income don't stop Even when driving, you have to use maths Calculating speed so the car doesn't crash

Baking, gambling, betting on sports Maths is everywhere, helps your balance go up from naught

By Holly, Francesca, Keira, Maggie

As part of our celebration of National Numeracy Day we would like to share <u>resources</u> for you to support and develop your child's confidence with numbers at home. We hope you find these useful and enjoy discussing the importance of numbers over dinner, on a car journey

or walking the dog. Maths is all around! Happy National Numeracy Day!

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Year 12 Preparing for Success Evening

Earlier in the term we hosted a year 12 'Preparing for Success' evening aimed at providing comprehensive guidance for the year 12's transitioning to year 13 and their destinations beyond sixth form. We addressed key strategies for effective preparation for the mock examinations, offering insights designed to support academic achievement during this critical period. A large portion of the session was dedicated to post-18 pathways. We explored the various options available after leaving school, including a balanced discussion on apprenticeships versus university, and presented a practical guide to university finance. Furthermore, we provided advice on how to secure valuable work experience, an increasingly vital component of competitive applications. It was brilliant to see so many families in attendance and we look forward to supporting the year 12's on the next step of their academic journeys at the school.



- ★ WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE?
- * PROVE IT WITH SMALL TASK
- * BE AROUND SIMILAR PEOPLE

As part of the evening, we explored how to create purposeful habits through the power of identity

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Year 13 Leavers Assembly

This week, we held a Leavers' Assembly to celebrate and bid a fond farewell to our incredible year 13 students! It was a privilege to gather and commemorate their remarkable journey at The Reach Free School. The assembly was a fantastic celebration, filled with laughter, reflection, and immense pride in their achievements. From their first steps into our community to becoming the confident, inspiring young adults they are today, each student has contributed so much to the sixth form community. Now, as they embark on their study leave, we wish them the very best for their final examinations. We know they've worked incredibly hard, and we look forward to celebrating their well deserved exam results in August.

Beyond that, we are excited to continue supporting them as they transition to their next destinations, whether that be university, apprenticeships, employment, or other exciting ventures. They leave with our very best wishes and the enduring spirit of The Reach Free School.

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Sports Round Up

Rugby

Year 7 Boys Rugby Tournament

The year 7 rugby squad took part in a tournament at StoneX Stadium, the home of Saracens Rugby Club. It was a thrilling display of competitive rugby. Our team showcased exceptional skill and teamwork throughout the day, once again demonstrating a promising future for sport at our school. The atmosphere of playing at such a prestigious venue undoubtedly added to the excitement.

Individual performances shone brightly, with Ollie E consistently demonstrating powerful ball-carrying abilities, breaking through tackles and gaining valuable ground. Defensively, Jake P was a force to be reckoned with, completing several tackles that halted opposition attacks and turned over possession. The collective effort and supportive spirit of the entire squad was evident in their cohesive play, making it a memorable and valuable experience for all involved.



The year 7 team soaking up the sun

Year 8 Boys Rugby Tournament

Also at StoneX Stadium, year 8 boys competed in their tournament.. The first game ended in a victory against Finchley Catholic School. Some great rugby played by Stefan B and Reegan D. The remaining games ended in defeat for us, but the boys showed some excellent determination to keep playing in the heat against some strong rugby teams from Croxley Danes, William Ellis and Latymer School respectively.

The team really enjoyed themselves and had a great experience playing on a Premiership rugby pitch, relishing the opportunity. We are proud of the xcellent attitude and behaviour from all; the staff running the event commending them on their attitude and

mentality despite some tough opponents throughout the afternoon.



Year 8 Rugby Boys

Year 9 Boys Rugby Tournament

The year 9 rugby team demonstrated tremendous spirit and skill at the recent Rugby Festival. Harry W's impactful carries and committed defensive efforts were notable, while Bobby G's agility in attack and crucial tries kept us in the game. Eryk S's work rate was excellent and he was a commanding presence in the set-piece. It was a positive way to finish the season and we look forward to next year, trying our best against more established rugby schools.



A strong chase to start the game

County League Athletics

It has been a difficult start to the season for the athletics squad. We have completed four track and field fixtures so far competing against strong opposition, marking a season of both challenge and progress.

The initial meet proved a tough opener, with the team facing many previous winners of the shield. Despite the high level of competition, athletes displayed commendable fighting spirit and determination throughout the evening.

The second fixture saw a significant upturn in performance, particularly from the U14 boys and U16 girls squads, who secured numerous podium finishes, indicating a positive trajectory. However, the subsequent two meets showed a more gradual improvement. While progress was evident, further dedication and effort are deemed crucial for the school to secure their standing within the league.

Outstanding performers so far:

Name	Event	Position
Lauren D	Hurdles	1st
Miah M	Long Jump	1st

Name	Event	Position
Miah M	100m	1st
Sahra P	Shot Put	1st
Louie W	Discus	1st
Maisie W	Discus	1st
Jack D	1500m	1st
Reegan D	High Jump	1st
Charle H	300m	2nd
Kyla L	100m	2nd







Ready for change over at leg 4 of the 4x100M relay

School Sports Partnership Year 3 Athletics

Year 3 pupils from four of our local primary schools visited us for an afternoon of racing, jumping and throwing as they competed in the School Sports Partnership athletics event.

Our leaders were on top form as they demonstrated races and what tactics to use when trying to score full points at target throw. It was a lovely afternoon full of cheering and laughter and our congratulations go to Arnett Hills girls' team and St Peters boys for winning their respective events. A big thank you to all of our leaders for hosting such a successful event and also Mr Harrington from the School Sports Partnership for his support.



The final leg of a hard fought relay race



Getting ready for a new vortex world record!



Taking aim at target throw

CNAT Sport Outdoor Adventure BMX

Over thirty of our year 10 Cambridge National Sport pupils visited the Olympic Park, Stratford to explore the

legacy of the London 2012 Olympic Games. The pupils enjoyed a tour of the park, stopping off at some iconic landmarks and viewing many of the remaining facilities open to the public including the Aquatics Centre, London Stadium, Copper Box Arena and the Velodrome.

After the tour was completed, all of the pupils participated in a thrilling BMX racing session on the former Olympic track. The pupils had a fantastic time honing their skills and competing against each other in a timed trial. A brilliant enriching experience was had by all, and we are hoping one day to have our very own Reach Free Olympian.



The iconic Olympic Rings



Group 2 gather at the track side and see how steep the banked corners really are!



George H and Louie D conducting a stadium announcement in the SKY media box. / Group 2 pumping over the jumps and into the berm at high speed on the BMX track

CNAT Sport Outdoor Adventure Orienteering

Nine of the CNAT sport pupils opted to complete a morning of orienteering at Phasels Wood. They enjoyed working in pairs to navigate the 90 acre site collecting an impressive amount of control points. This advanced circuit really put their navigation skills to the test and they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge.

National U15 Girls ESFA Football Final

What a day! It all began with an early start for the girls as they set off from school at 7am and headed up to The Hawthorns, home of West Bromwich Albion F.C for our National Cup final against Bede's Senior School. The girls were in great spirits as DJ, Maisie W, blared out motivational banger after banger on the bus to heighten energy and elevate mindsets.

Arriving in plenty of time, the girls prepared properly for the challenge ahead. They changed into their deceptive pink kits, tied their hair back in their misleading ribbons and looked every bit a team to beat. Nevertheless, the pre-match nerves began to bubble. Mr Gibson channelled that nervous energy and harnessed it to help the girls focus during their warm up in the Academy Dome before they made their way into the stadium. The girls were keen to get out onto the pitch to experience the atmosphere but nothing could have prepared them for the barrage of noise and support received from their army of travelling fans! Coach Cook led one last team talk on the turf and then it was over to the girls to do what they do so well.

Kick off! The girls weathered some early pressure from the experienced Bede's side, but steadily grew into the game gaining more possession and moving the ball around well. Then came the breakthrough: a wonderful team goal. Tilly turned her defender brilliantly before putting in an inch perfect cross for Evie to run onto and smash the ball home.

1-0

The crowd and girls went wild! They continued to keep Bede's at arm's length, limiting them to some long range shots before Bede's managed to bundle the ball home in the second minute of first-half stoppage time. The Reach girls were devastated and the mood was sombre as they returned to the changing rooms for half time.

Time to refocus, lift spirits and remind the girls how good they are and that they had scored once and they absolutely could again.

The second half continued much the same as the first, with our girls not giving an inch, defending as a unit and supporting each other at every turn. Maggie played a captain's game in the middle of the park dragging the girls forward while Lauren, Kaylan and Ella stopped every Bede's attack. Ellie's movement and touch helped alleviate some pressure when she managed to hold the ball up giving everyone a chance to breathe. Emma

then made two incredible goal line clearances - the turning point!

We broke out from the back and Maisie carried the ball into Bede's half before spotting Hollie's run. Maisie played a wonderful crossfield pass taking out the retreating Bede's defenders, allowing Hollie to run on and score with a delightful chipped finish over the advancing keeper.

We'd done it! 2-1.

The cup was now ours to lose but these girls weren't going to let it slip now. They challenged and confronted every ball and Bede's never had another opportunity to draw level.

The final whistle blew. The girls had made history as the first Reach Free team to win a National Cup Competition!

What a match! What a team! What a moment!

Congratulations to every single player on their thoroughly well deserved victory. A legendary team, led by a legendary coach!



An overexcited coach!



The team back at school on Monday afternoon



Scenes from the dressing room!

School Sports Partnership U12/U14 Girls Cricket

We took sixteen girls over to West Herts Cricket Club to play against Croxley Danes and Rickmansworth School in the U12/U14 Girls Cricket Tournament, facilitated by the School Sports Partnership. Our U14 team played excellently in both fielding and batting but unfortunately narrowly missed out to both teams. For our U12 team, this was their introduction to cricket, yet we saw some brilliant bowling from Ellie A and Issy M. The team fell short to Rickmansworth but beat Croxley Danes 98-63! Well done to all who participated.



Getting ready to field

New Faces

After half term, we welcome George Burvill to the school as Deputy Headteacher. Mr Burvill is looking forward to joining The Reach Free School and can't wait to get started. He plans to spend the first half term getting to know the pupils and all the staff at the school. He'll also be attending various events at the school before the Summer break.

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Goodbyes

Mrs Moulson, the school's Finance Assistant, will be leaving the school this half term. She has worked at the school since 2019 and has been an asset to the admin and finance department. We send our best wishes to her as she embarks on a new role at a local school.

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Summer Menu

Our catering provider, The Pantry, is launching a new menu in June. Please click <u>here</u> to view the Summer lunch menu.

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Social Media Update

Instagram is the main avenue for our social media updates now, so please follow us at @reachfreeschool

We are also present on BlueSky (reachfree.bsky.social) and LinkedIn (The Reach Free School) if you need a full social media fix!

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Watersmeet Shows 2024-25

Please click <u>here</u> to view the shows and activities for the Summer season, and beyond taking place at Watersmeet Theatre.



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Park and Stride

Please note that it is not permitted under the school's travel plan to pick up your child from the staff car park. It puts pupils walking out of school in danger at the crossing. If you are picking your child up from school, you must use the Pupil



Drop-Off area. We have seen an increase in cars ignoring this request in recent weeks and will be speaking to drivers after the holiday and closing the staff car park for exit until after drop-off has cleared.

Have you considered dropping off and collecting your child a little further away from the school? Park and Stride schemes aim to reduce congestion around the school gates and provide a route where children can be active, healthier, and happier. The scheme benefits children by making it safer around the school entrance, reducing traffic and helping us to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours on Long Lane and Drayton Ford where pupils should not be dropped off or collected from.

Thames Water has asked that parents, guardians and carers do not collect their children from the service road to Thames Water in Maple Cross. This area is frequently used by large lorries. Please use the Denham Way layby slightly further into Maple Cross.

We also encourage parents and pupils to consider the 10 minute walking zone from Springwell Avenue or further away from the school on the Mill End side and Duran's Cafe/ Chalfont Road on the Maple Cross side of the school. This way, you will avoid the congestion in the immediate vicinity of the school.

Thank you for your continued support with this and the new half term will be a fantastic time to start a new healthy and environmentally friendly routine!

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Cycling and Road Safety

All of our pupils who cycle to and from school must have a suitable helmet, which they must wear. Pupils will not be allowed to ride their bikes off the school site at the end of the day if they are not wearing a helmet.

We would like to encourage safe and sensible cycling to and from school, and pupils should not be riding in large groups on the road or pavement or when leaving the school site at the traffic lights.

As a reminder of other important safety measures for cyclists, we have included a link here to the Highway Code for cyclists. We also have a cycle licence agreement, similar to our home school agreement, which outlines the school's expectations regarding cycling to and from school. Please take time to read through this with your child and get them to complete the short Google form to acknowledge you have read and understood this if you wish for them to be able to cycle to and from school.

Please can you also speak to your children about using their phones and having earphones in when travelling home as this hinders their ability to assess road hazards and listen to traffic, which is a vital part of keeping safe.

We provide an extensive amount of cycle parking onsite where pupils can lock their bikes during the day. We also provide a safe cycling scheme where a member of staff from the school will check your child's bike to ensure it is road safe and that they are riding safely to and from school. We are also able to provide additional information about the Highway Code for cyclists together with Bikeability courses and qualifications.

Pupils found to be breaking the Highway Code could have their permission to ride to and from school revoked. We intend to relaunch our Bikeability programme later this year, but in the meantime, you can access more information about Bikeability courses here and contact details for those running courses near us here.

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Attendance, Punctuality and Illness

As we enter the second half of the summer term, we expect that there is even more chance to see each pupil every day, with the pleasant summer weather reducing the prevalence of coughs and colds. Please note that under the new expectations regarding attendance at school outlined by the government this year, any instance of families to be found taking holidays during term time can result in a penalty notice being issued without prior warning.

You will be contacted daily if your child does not attend school and you have not informed our Attendance Officer of a reason for your child's absence. Please be aware that persistent absences are reported to the local authority and can incur a fixed penalty notice. Early in the new term we will be contacting families where there is the risk of persistent absence - we want to work

with you to avoid this so please engage with these communications to ensure that your child's attendance improves.

If your child is late to school (without a valid reason) they will be expected to make the time up each week on a Thursday after school. Pupils who are late to lessons during the school day automatically lose a Reach Point. If your child is genuinely unwell, please contact the school and inform us through the absence email on: absence@reachfree.co.uk or call the school reception.

We ask that you do not email the main Admin account, Form Tutors or the Pastoral Team informing them of absences, and use the absence email instead.

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Camping at Church Farm Ardeley

Please click <u>here</u> to view a flyer about camping at Church Farm, Ardeley.

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Diary Dates 2025

Here are the important calendar dates for the school.

Summer Term	22 nd April to 18 th July
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May

26th to 30th May: Half Term

June

3rd June:: Year 9 The British Library: Sounds familiar workshop

4th June: Year 10 Elevate Session

6th June: Years 9 and 10 Triple Science trip

to The Royal Observatory

6th June: Year 9 Inspiring Female Role

Models Trip

8th to 13th June: Year 8 Watersports Trip to Costa

Brava

9th to 13th June: Year 10 Work Experience 10th to 13th June: Year 12 Spain Trip to Madrid 16th to 20th June: Year 7 STEM Week - Bottle

Rockets

17th June: Year 10 Art/ English Trip

"Wallace Collection"

20th to 21st June: Year 10 DofE Bronze Assessed 20th June: Year 9 and Year 12 Sky Up

Experience

20th June: Parents' Forum (Online event)
24th to 27th June: Year 12 Mock Examinations
23rd June: Year 11 Sixth Form induction
24th June: Year 8 Options Launch (starting

at 6.00pm)

25th June: Year 11 Prom

26th June: Year 9 and Year 10 Theatre Trip

'Witness for the Prosecution'

30th June to 4th July: Year 7 and Year 8 End of Year

Examinations

30th June to 2nd July: Year 9 York Trip

July

1st to 5th July: Year 12 DofE Gold Assessed

Expedition

3rd July: Years 9, 10 and 12 Girls in Tech

Event

4th July: Stevensons Uniform Sizing Event 7th to 9th July: Years 7, 8 and 9 Progress Tests

8th July: Year 7 Legoland trip 9th July: Year 13 Prom

10th July: Year 6 Secondary Transition Day

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11th and 12th July: Year 8 Camp Out! 14th July: Sports Day 15th July: Arts Expo '25

15th July: Non-Uniform Day and

Attendance Party

16th July: End of Year Awards Ceremony

17th July: Year 12 Zilcho's 17th July: Year 7 to 10 Zilcho's 18th July: Term ends at 12.45pm

GCSE and Vocational Examinations and Dates

June

2nd June: GCSE Italian Listening and Reading 3rd June: GCSE Russian Listening and Reading 4th June: GCSE Maths Paper 2 (calculator)

5th June: GCSE History Thematic & British Depth

Study Paper 1

5th June: GCSE French Writing

6th June: GCSE English Language Paper 2 6th June: GCSE Geography Paper 2 9th June: GCSE Biology Paper 2 9th June: GCSE Italian Writing

10th June: GCSE Spanish Listening and Reading

10th June: GCSE History Period and World Depth Study

Paper 3

11th June: GCSE Maths Paper 3 (calculator)

12th June: GCSE Geography Paper 3
 12th June: GCSE Hospitality and Catering
 12th June: GCSE Further Maths Paper 1

12th June: GCSE Greek Listening and Reading

12th June: GCSE Russian Writing
13th June: GCSE Chemistry Paper 2
16th June: GCSE Physics Paper 2
16th June: GCSE Music Listening
17th June: GCSE Spanish Writing
17th June: GCSE Food and Nutrition
18th June GCSE Further Maths Paper 2

19th June: GCSE Greek Writing

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A-Level and Vocational Examinations and Dates

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6th June: A-Level Further Maths 3C: Further

Mechanics Paper 1

9th June: A-level Physics Paper 2 9th June: A-Level Psychology Paper 3 10th June: A-Level Chemistry Paper 1 10th June: A-Level Politics Paper 3

10th June: A-Level Religious Studies Paper 1
 11th June: A-Level Computer Science Paper 1
 11th June: A-Level English Literature Paper 3

11th June: A-Level Spanish Paper 2 12th June: A-Level History Paper 3 12th June: A-Level Portuguese Paper 3 12th June: A-Level Maths Paper 2 13th June: A-Level Biology Paper 2 13th June: A-Level Sociology Paper 3 16th June: A-Level Chemistry Paper 2 17th June: A-Level Physics Paper 3

17th June: A-Level Religious Studies Paper 2

18th June: A-Level Biology Paper 3

18th June: A-Level Computer Science Paper 2 18th June: A-Level Further Maths 3A: Further Pure

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