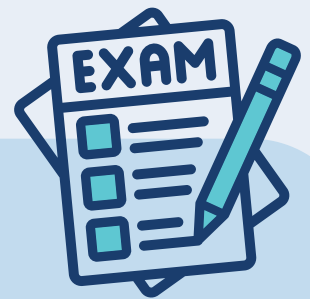


NEWSLETTER

The school is currently in one of the most demanding periods of the academic year as exam season continues. For many year 10 and 11 students, this means completing 10+ exams over a short space of time, which is no small achievement. Despite the pressure, they have continued to conduct themselves positively and with great perseverance. For families and friends supporting students during this time, a little reassurance and encouragement can go a long way.

Students should be extremely proud of everything they have accomplished so far, and we look forward to seeing them rewarded for their dedication when results are released later in the year. Final stretch everyone - after this, the only tests left for students are whether they can wake up before noon in summer! Here's a list of the last few exams...

Dates to Remember



Thursday 21st May - English Language Paper 1 (9am - 10:45am)

Wednesday 3rd June - Maths Paper 2, calculator (9am - 10:30am)

Friday 5th June - English Language Paper 2 - (9am - 10:45am)

Monday 8th June - Biology Paper 2 (9am - 10:45am)

Wednesday 10th June - Maths Paper 3, calculator (9am - 10:30am)

Wednesday 17th June - Presentation Day

Thursday 18th June - Year 11 end of year trip

Friday 26th June - Offsite Inset Day for staff (students off - school closed)

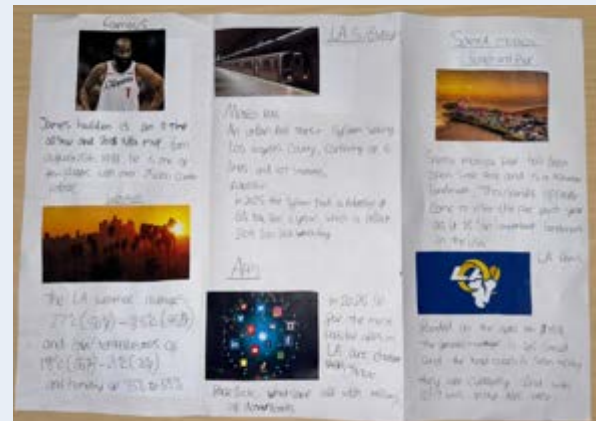
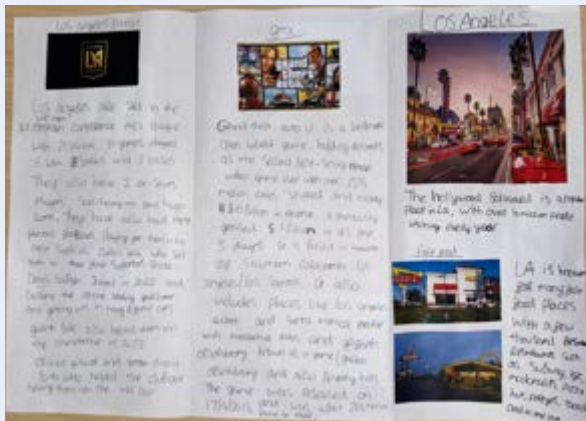
Thursday 16th July - last day of school

Thursday 20th August - GCSE results day - students can collect their results from school between **10:00am - 12:00pm** or, alternatively if students want their results via post **please can you let us know in advance**. Thank you.

Travel Dreams and Holiday Themes



Whilst KS4 have been busy with their exams, KS3 have been dreaming about their ideal destinations. They have created informative travel booklets showcasing holiday destinations from around the world, complete with pictures, fun facts, and interesting information about each location. Here is an example of Jamaica, made by student Star.



Student Frankie's leaflet shows the best of Los Angeles — great effort!

Teamwork on the Water

This week in P.E., students had the exciting opportunity to take part in canoeing. Initially, students start by seal-launching into the river, which can be seen here. To complete the launch safely and successfully, students need to use the correct technique by keeping their weight centred and maintaining balance as the canoe enters the water. There were lots of smiles and laughter along the way as students challenged themselves, encouraged one another, and enjoyed trying something different outside the classroom.

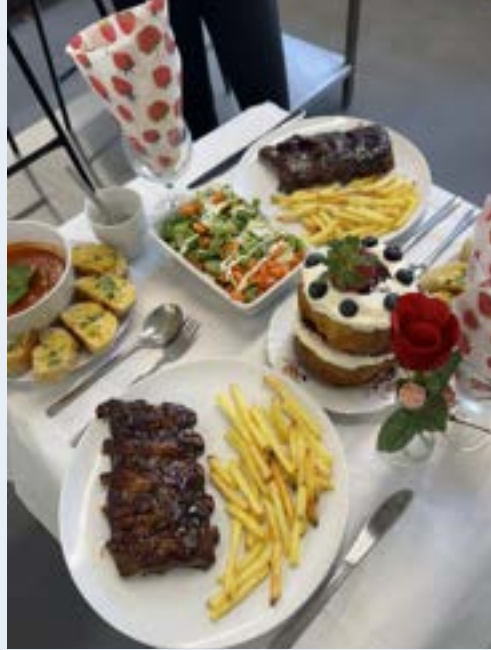


We are delighted to present our KS3 **Headteacher's Award** to student **H.B.** who earned this recognition through fabulous effort in lessons, a consistently positive attitude, and excellent achievement! This award comes with a voucher for you to spend — a well-deserved treat to recognise your hard work.

A Deliciously Successful Food Technology Exam

The heat was on in the Food Technology room, and it's safe to say these students gave Gordon Ramsay a serious run for his money!

This wasn't just a normal classroom exam - it was a fast paced challenge that really tested their skills. Working on their feet, under pressure, and juggling multiple tasks at once, students poured real effort, focus, and care into creating their three course meals for the Food Technology exam. From start to finish, it was clear they weren't just cooking for marks - they were putting real pride into every dish.



The results spoke for themselves. Once the final dishes were plated and their tables set up, staff were full of compliments. The presentation, organisation, and quality of the food truly reflected restaurant level standards. Every student earned the moment to finally sit down and enjoy a bite of their own creations after all that hard work.

Let's talk about Teddy and Lily's desserts - wow! Teddy created a cheesecake topped with handmade chocolate leaves, carefully made to decorate the top... how amazing is that? And Lily made the cutest mini Victoria sponge, perfectly sized and beautifully presented!

What made it even more impressive was everything happening behind the scenes. Students planned their menus, sourced ingredients, carefully prepped each component, and cooked with attention to detail. On top of that, they maintained high standards of hygiene - keeping an eye on food temperatures, managing their workspace, and making sure everything was cleaned and tidied properly afterwards.

They even prepared enough for two portions, meaning there was plenty to take home - a well-deserved reward for such dedication.

Overall, this exam wasn't just about cooking. It was about responsibility, independence, and resilience - and the students rose to the occasion brilliantly. A huge well done to everyone involved.



Here is student Naz, discovering a new found love for mango chutney and the lovely Miss Sands witnessing it all!

Mental Health Awareness Week



On Thursday 14th May, students and staff of KS3 came together to mark Mental Health Awareness Week by wearing **green** and awareness pins to show their support and take part in the week. The colour was chosen to represent mental health awareness, hope, and support. The week was a reminder of the importance of looking after our wellbeing and checking in on those around us.

Throughout the week, a range of activities were carried out to help highlight an important message: people can often appear fine on the outside, while internally they may be experiencing difficult emotions or struggling in silence. These activities encouraged reflection, empathy, and open conversations about mental health.

Through these activities, the school community highlighted the importance of mental wellbeing and reinforced the value of compassion and looking out for one another. The message throughout the week was clear: no one should feel they have to struggle alone.

Across the the timetable



In our Reset lessons, students watched Roman Kemp's documentary *The Fight for Young Lives*, which prompted thoughtful discussions about "masking" emotions. They then designed their own masks to reflect inner and outer feelings and created Mental Health Action Cards - commitments to actions they can take for themselves and for friends and family.



In Sports Education, students watched Joe Marler's documentary *Big Boys Don't Cry*, exploring how he challenges the stigma around mental health in sport and the pressure athletes often feel to hide vulnerability, while in English they wrote poems inspired by this year's theme, Action, reflecting on how small, consistent steps can create meaningful change.

Place2Be



Please click the underlined link above to visit the Place2Be website, which provides practical advice and support for children's wellbeing and behaviour. Each topic includes helpful guidance alongside short videos designed to support parents and carers. Likewise, if any student is struggling or in need of support, there are trusted members of staff in school who are available to listen and help.



Sow, What's Been Happening?

See what I did there? Sow, not so! Forgive the terrible jokes - I'm clearly just overexcited because I'm so proud of our King's Trust students. From weekly garden visits to carefully nurturing their flowers, fruit, and vegetables, they have shown some real dedication.

If I haven't mentioned it before, students will be using the crops they grow as part of the buffet for Presentation Day, and it has been fantastic to watch everything begin to flourish. Our tomatoes have now been moved from indoors, into grow bags in the greenhouse as we slowly (very slowly!) say goodbye to May's morning frosts. Meanwhile, our potatoes are sprouting some lovely leaves, and students have been topping them up with soil as they grow towards the light - phototropism in action (you may want to remember that for your exams... wink wink!). This also helps prevent the potatoes from turning green.

For anyone inspired to try growing their own tomatoes or potatoes at home in the future, take a look at the two underlined links below!



[How to sow tomatoes](#)



***Here are Lily's baby tomatoes,
soon to be perfectly ripe***



[How to plant early potatoes](#)

Community Corner

FREE

Waltham Cross

OUTDOOR CINEMA

Tuesday
26 May 2026
10am-5pm

Queen Eleanor Square

Bring your chairs and blankets

Stalls

Face Painting

Balloon Twister

Pamper Station

11am

Zootropolis 2



1pm

**The SpongeBob Movie –
Search for SquarePants**



3pm

**Wicked: For Good
(Sing-Along)**



FREE

NORTH HERTS PRIDE PICNIC

Bring a Picnic

6th June 12-3
Windmill Hill,
Hitchin

All welcome to celebrate the
LGBTQ+ community and allies.

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AT CEDARS PARK

Sunday
7 June 2026
10am - 5pm

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