

MHS Update – 21st October 2025

World Mental Health Day

Thank you to all the children who attended the session - £80 was raised which will be donated to mental health charities. Due to the success we plan to hold more tea and talk events in the future.

Children in Need Fundraiser

Quick reminder, we will be holding our annual cake sale on Friday 14th November. Donations of cakes would be gratefully received. **Please remember we are a nut free school.** There will also be a 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' on the weeks leading up to the cake sale for 50p a guess. Remember cash only for cakes and the guesses.

Cycling to School

With dark nights upon us, please ensure children who cycle to school have the appropriate lights, visible clothing, helmet and are riding safely. This includes not using their mobile while riding, or wearing earphones. General road lighting around the school is poor, meaning it can be very difficult to see children in dark clothing without lights.

Reward Achievement Points

Following a review of our student reward scheme, achievement points for each level are being amended as below with a phased change across younger year groups. Students have been informed through assemblies this week. Points are awarded across all subjects and extra-curricular activities and many students are demonstrating our core values and working hard towards their badges.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Bronze	250	150	150	150
Silver	450	250	250	250
Gold	750	350	350	350
Excellence	1150	750	500	500
Supreme	1500	1400	1400	1300

Upcoming Events

- **Year 7 Settling in Evening – 4pm to 7pm on Thursday 6th November 2025** Appointments are now available to book via your 'MCAS App > Parents Evening' to meet with your child's tutor. Students are welcome to attend with you. Year 7 reports should be published on Tuesday 4th November on your MCAS app
- Y10 Careers Fair takes place in school on Wednesday 22nd October
- Our first Year 7 SEND coffee morning is on Thursday 23rd October from 9.30 to 11am
- Hawking House Reward Trip to Alton Towers is also on Thursday 23rd October
- Super Learning Day 1 is on Thursday 6th November. All students should be in school uniform except Year 8 who will have First Aid Training. Thank you to all those that have donated so far towards the cost of first aid training, payment options are still open in MCAS. All year groups will be sent a separate email reminder about what's happening on the day.
- Year 11 individual and group photographs are on 7th November 2025



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Please note this Friday 24th October is a staff training day (INSET) meaning students' **last day this half term is Thursday 23rd October, with everyone returning on Monday 3rd November.**

Attendance

Please make sure that your child attends on the first day back after half term. You should not be using the first day back as an extended holiday. In line with statutory guidance from Norfolk County Council, holidays taken by families during term time will be classed as unauthorised absence and a referral to issue a fixed penalty notice processed.

Currently whole school attendance is 93.3%. Well done to year 7 who have 96% attendance.

The Government has a raised focus on attendance, which is being followed by the school, in an attempt to improve future achievement and prospects for young people.

Why Attendance Matters

Every day in school counts! Government research shows a clear link between good attendance, higher grades, and better future opportunities.

Pupils who attend regularly are more likely to achieve good GCSEs and go on to further study or training. Each day missed can mean falling behind in learning that's hard to catch up on later.

Good attendance builds confidence, supports friendships, and sets children up for long-term success. Let's work together to make sure every student is in school, on time, every day they are well enough to attend.

Uniform Reminder

Thank you to all those students who make an effort to abide by the school uniform guidance. However, every year a small number of students return to school after the holidays with false or painted nails, extreme haircuts, piercings, false eyelashes, trainers or general uniform issues. Please ensure that your child returns to school correctly dressed and ready to learn.

Please note we have updated our uniform guidance online to include the addition of **white socks**:

- 'Plain grey, black or white socks or plain grey, black or flesh-coloured tights (no over-knee socks or socks with tassels/bows)'

Bags should be of a practical use for the purposes of school. Every child should have a school bag with them every day including all their required equipment and a refillable water bottle. Sanctions will be issued for missing items.

Skirts should be worn just above the knee and must not be rolled at the waist to shorten the length. Skirts must also not be altered to make them shorter.

Please refer to our website for full guidance on uniform and accessories.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we hope you all have a lovely half term break.



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