

Parent Bulletin, 9th January 2026

Events wc. 12th January 2026

Week 1	
Monday 12 th January	
Tuesday 13 th January	
Wednesday 14 th January	Year 11 Photographs
Thursday 15 th January	Year 11 Catering Exam
Friday 16 th January	Year 11 Catering Exam Vaccinations

Welcome back

Despite the cold snap, we have had a great start back this week. Students have done a great job getting back into lessons after the Christmas break which has been wonderful to witness!

As you will know, we have now made a transition away from Go 4 Schools and Parentmail, which have been replaced by Arbor. We are very happy to hear from you if you have any questions about our new system and have included a few points to note below:

- **Attendance and Detention Emails**

If we have not heard from you and your child is absent, you will receive an email asking you to get in touch. Similarly, if your child has been given a detention, you will receive an email. This replaces our previous text messages.

- **Attendance and Behaviour**

You can monitor your child's attendance and behaviour using the Arbor app. Students' positive points and records of behaviour incidents can both be viewed on the app, while attendance information can also be checked there.

- **Cashless Catering and Trips**

You can top up your child's cashless catering account using Arbor and also sign up for and pay for any available school visits in the app.

- **Assessment and Reporting**

We are now using Arbor to share your child's reports and our first reports for Years 7-10 are due out today. Please find an additional letter attached to this communication giving details about these reports.

Vaccinations

A reminder that the MenACWY/DTP immunisation programme is on Friday 16th January. This is for Year 9 students, but will also try to catch-up any year 10+ students who are outstanding these vaccinations. If you haven't given consent for your child to have the immunisation, please do so by clicking on the link: [Hertfordshire Community Immunisation](#)

More information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/>

Royal Academy of Arts – Young Artists' Summer Show 2026

The Royal Academy of Arts has opened submissions for the 2026 Young Artists' Summer Show. This national exhibition celebrates the creativity of young people aged 4–19 and is free to enter. Students working in any medium are encouraged to submit their artwork for the chance to have it exhibited at the Royal Academy in London.

Submissions must be completed by **3pm on March 4th 2026**. We had 7 creative submissions last year and would love to see even more this year. Students interested in entering should **contact Mrs Pink** to collect a consent form and a copy of the submission guidelines. Further details can be found on the Royal Academy of Arts website - <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Protective top reminder – Art Department

Please could all students in KS3 and those studying GCSE Fine Art bring in a protective top to wear with our aprons. In lessons there may be times where students use media that can be messy such as paint, clay and ink etc. We do not want uniforms to be stained and advise that an old t-shirt or shirt be brought in. Thank you!

Year 11 Photographs

These will take place during the first period on Wednesday 14th January.