



**Believe**

**Respect**

**Determination**

# Newsletter

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*"Everything has to come to an end, sometime"*

L. Frank Baum (The Marvellous Land of Oz)



## A Message from Ms Williams

Dear Parent/Carer

So today we said goodbye (for now) to our incredible **'Class of 2025!'**

Year 11 have been absolutely fantastic throughout the whole examination process and shown **incredible determination** to be their best. In our **leaver's assembly today (photo above)**, we shared many memories and pearls of wisdom as they leave us ready for the next chapter in their lives. And they are ready!

Next stop, **Prom next Wednesday**. Thank you to all the staff who have guided them so expertly, to all the Parents who have supported them so fantastically and to all of you Year 11 for being so **'#awesome at Applemore'**.

Wishing you all the very, very best for the future.



# Work Experience

## Year 10

*"I've woken up each day this week with a great feeling of excitement!"*

*Bradley (10CLN)*

What an amazing week it's been for our year 10s who've been **enjoying working life** at their placements. **Staff have thoroughly enjoyed visiting them** across the week, and the **feedback we have received from both the students and employers has been sensational!**

In next week's edition, we'll be featuring **stories and experiences shared by our students**. The school would like to give a special mention to our **incredible Careers Lead Ms Charrett** for all her tremendous hard work behind the scenes, prior and during this week. It's been our most successful Work Experience Week for many a year!

Meanwhile, feel free to browse through our **photo galleries below** to see some of our students at work!





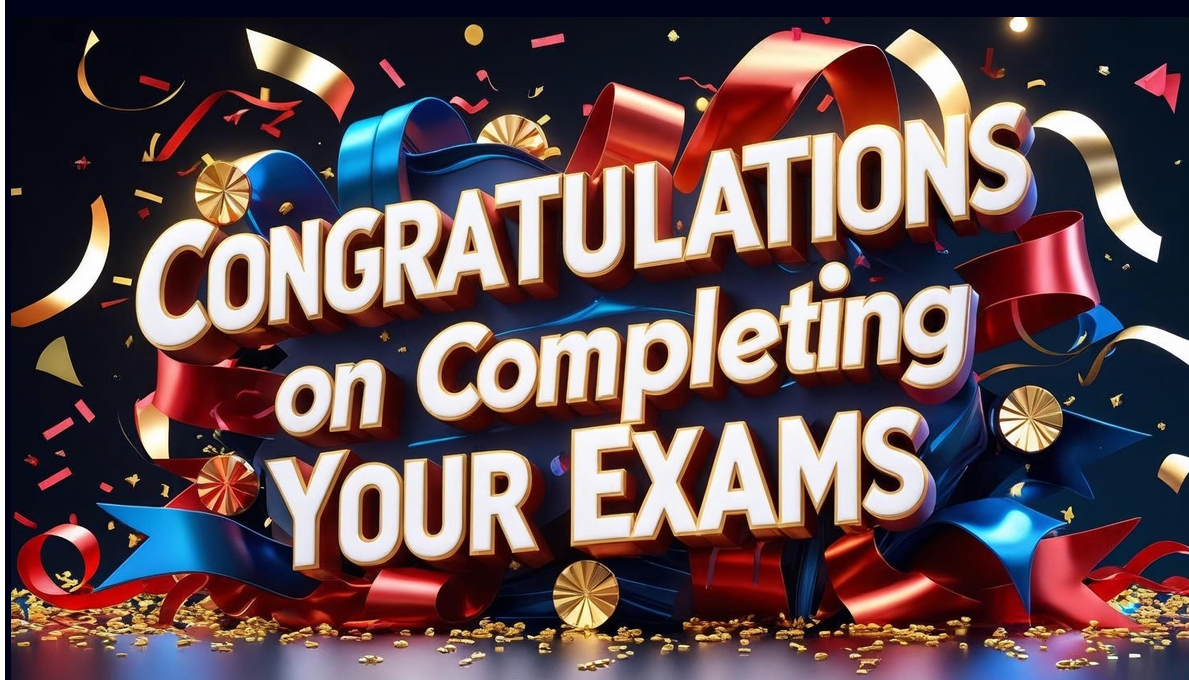


Congratulations!

Year 11

Huge congratulations to our year 11s for **completing their GCSEs** - we look forward to seeing our Class of 2025 at **Prom on Wednesday!**





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*Save the Date*

Wednesday 25th June

Prom 25

*Venue*

Elmers Court



# Marchwood Infants Sports Day

## Year 9 Sports Ambassadors

Yesterday, we helped out at **Marchwood Infants School Sports day!** The children absolutely loved having us, and the **ambassadors were incredible.** Super proud of all the year 9s that stepped up to help as the year 10s were away on work experience!



# Year 9 Mentoring Celebration

## Applemore & Noadswood

On Monday, we had a wonderful celebration at Noadswood to honour our amazing **Year 9 students** who successfully completed their **mentoring program with Year 7 students.**

Working in collaboration with Noadswood School, we provided special mentor training to selected Year 9 students from both schools. These dedicated students were then paired with Year 7 students in their own schools, **embarking on a series of valuable mentoring sessions.**

The celebration was a fantastic event! Both our Year 9 mentors and their Year 7 mentees **received certificates** to acknowledge their hard work and commitment. We were also treated to a **special performance by our very own talented Maddie!**

We are incredibly proud of all the students involved in this program and the positive impact it has had.





## Poetry Slam 2025

### English

Well done to all students who took part in the Poetry Slam workshops led by our fantastic local poet, **Matt West!** The quality of poems was superb, and it was wonderful to hear the **diverse memories, thoughts and ideas unlocked through their writing**. Almost all the poets also courageously performed their work – it can be very challenging to share personal creative work, so we were so proud of those who overcame their reluctance.

It is, of course, a difficult job selecting those who will be invited to represent the school at the **Inter-Schools Final at Mayflower MAST Studios on the evening of 8 July**. See next week's newsletter for the competitors.





## Shortcrust Pastry - Jam Tarts

Food & Nutrition



This week, our **Year 8 students** loved making their **shortcrust pastry** and turning them into delicious **Jam Tarts** - well done everyone!



## Film Music Competition

### Year 8 Music

This year we partnered with **Martin Reed Foundation** to run a film music competition in year 8. **Professional Musician, Pande Shahov**, supported students **creating music for a short film** over last term and then 10 students were selected to be the best of the year and went to **Brockenhurst College** for a tour and in person workshop. Thank you to Mr Poole for leading the trip.





## Open Mornings

Years 4 and 5

We are delighted to announce that we have some advanced **Open Morning's** coming up next month, for prospective **year 4s and 5s**! If you are a parent/carer of a current year 4 or 5 child and would like to see our lovely **community school in action**, please **click the image below** to book your slot.

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OPEN  
MORNINGS

BELIEVE RESPECT DETERMINATION

**OPEN MORNING  
TOURS AVAILABLE**  
for current years 4 - 5  
**Monday 7th July**  
and  
**Thursday 10th July**

TOUR TIMES: 9AM, 9.30AM, 10AM



# Meet The Team

## Miss Noon

Hello! I've just started Applemore as a **Cover Supervisor** last week and it has been so lovely to get to know so many of the staff and students. I have just finished working at a local infant school as a 1:2 support in reception class, so these first few weeks in secondary have definitely been an eye opener (in a good way of course). I am really looking forward to jumping feet first into this role. If you see me around then please make sure to say hi, and check if I'm lost! **Thank you for making me feel so welcome.**

### What you didn't know about Miss Noon:

Before working in education, **I had a career in entertainment.** I worked all over the UK, from the south coast to the highlands of Scotland, performing, singing and being a manager on caravan holiday parks (Haven and Parkdean resorts). **I love the arts** and enjoy going to the theatre. In my spare time you'd find me snuggled on the sofa working on my latest **crochet project**, or going on **days out with my 4 year old son.**





# Art is Everywhere!

## Arty News

This week has been a quiet one, with year 11's gone and year 10's on work experience. However, much has happened. On Monday, we welcomed our **moderation visitors**, who spent the day checking, **marking and moderating GCSE Art and Photography work**.

I have had an art technician this week. **Sophia**, who has been great! Her work experience placement has been in school, working with me, tidying the art room, team teaching, preparing resources and making year 11 tutor keepsakes. These **lovely trinket bowls**, which were made from **discarded old records** which were destined for landfill. It's so good to create art from something which otherwise would have been thrown away. It's a win, win!



## Artist of the Week

### Artist of the Week: Year 7 Artists



This week's Artist of the Week are the Year 7 artists. Last Friday, we had a wonderful time creating ShooGLies and Wooglies, as part of the Arts Day. I can't remember enjoying a day of teaching so much, thanks to the engagement, application and attitude of the year 7 artists. It was fab! Thank you to all of you who took part in the day. Have a lovely week and discover the inner artist in yourself or go search out some art of your own.



# Careers Update

## Brockenhurst College

Here are the key dates for upcoming students just released by Brockenhurst College:

- **26th June = Freshers Day - Marchwood Site (Engineering)**
- **27th June = Freshers Day - Main Campus (Brockenhurst)**
- **21st-29th August = Enrolment**
- **4th or 5th September = Induction Day**
- **8th September = Start Teaching**

## COLLEGE '25 OPEN EVENTS

Richard Taunton  
Sixth Form  
College  
Proud to be part of LLT

Brockenhurst  
College

TOTTEN  
COLLEGE



South  
Hampshire  
College Group

SPARSHOLT  
COLLEGE GROUP

Barton Peveril  
Sixth Form College

City  
COLLEGE  
SOUTHAMPTON

Fareham  
College

EC  
Eastleigh  
College

## Other Notices

**Future Fridays:** Exciting series of industry experts coming to talk to our students in July....

- 04-July = Southampton FC Head Groundsman.
- 11-July = Military

**Apprenticeships:** SETA currently have several live vacancies... check them out [here!](#)

*For more information about our Careers Guidance, click the button below.*

Apple more Careers Guidance

## Coming Soon...

## Hampton Court Palace

We are looking forward to **Tuesday's visit** to the Tudor Festival at Hampton Court Palace with some of our Year 7 and 8 students. **Look out for some great pictures in next week's issue!**





## Applemore's Got Talent 2025

A reminder to all our students to **sign up with Mr Wickens** if you wish to **audition** for this year's Applemore's Got Talent.



**CAN YOU JUGGLE?  
RIDE A HORSE?  
ROCK OUT ON GUITAR?  
DANCE A TANGO?  
DO A BACKFLIP?**

VIDEO OR LIVE AUDITIONS  
PLEASE SIGN UP WITH MR WICKENS



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**Attendance**





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"You can't achieve  
your dreams if you  
don't show up to  
chase them."

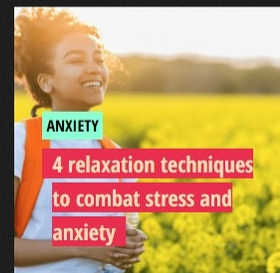
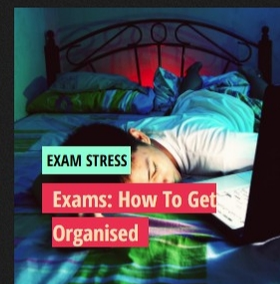
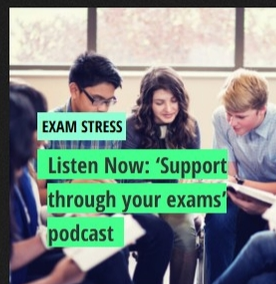


## Mental Health & Wellbeing

### Health for Teens

Health for Teens is a site which provides your people with information about such topics as: **feelings**, **growing up**, **health**, **lifestyle**, **relationships**, and **sexual health**. Click the image below to access the site.





## PAPAYA Parents

Click the **image below** to visit Papaya Parents - a site aimed at **supporting parents** to establish **good tech boundaries** and support **safe internet use**.



## New Banners Look Great!

### Marketing & Promotion

Well don't they look smart! **A big thank you to Mr Mills** for all his hard work in **designing and installing** our new banners earlier today!





## Extra-Curricular Clubs



## #WakeUpWednesday

**YouTube Kids** is designed to be the safer cousin of the regular YouTube app; however, **built-in risks continue to pose concerns**. From **targeted advertising** to **addictive design**, there's more going on behind the scenes than many realise. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks it all down.

Whether it's **inappropriate content slipping past filters** or **tech-savvy kids bypassing parental settings**, YouTube Kids still needs careful oversight. The guide provides clear,



easy-to-follow tips to help adults keep young users protected while still enjoying their favourite videos.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

18 CENSORED

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

## SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

## AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

## DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

### SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

### CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

### Meet Our Expert


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### #WakeUpWednesday

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