

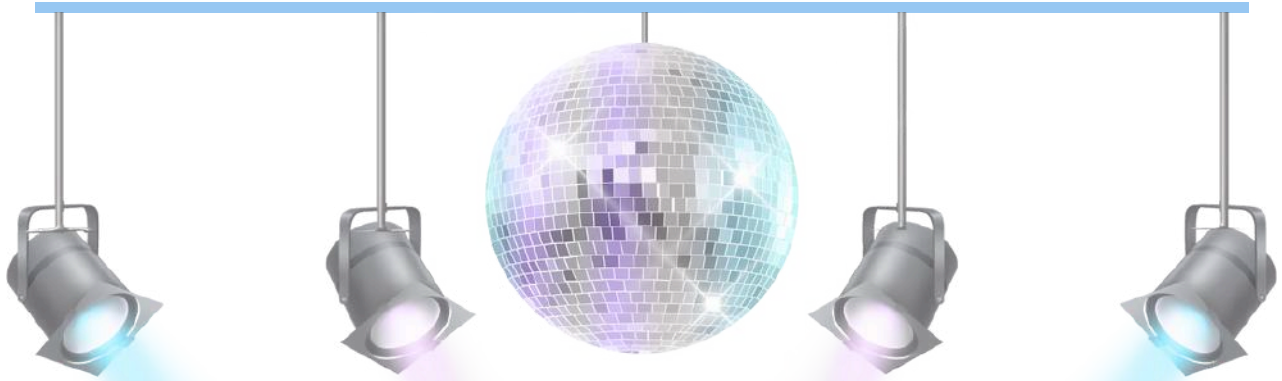
Camp Hill Girls' Chronicle



**KING EDWARD VI
CAMP HILL
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

Educational excellence for our City

End of Spring First Half Term 2025



Teacher Talent Show

To end this year's half term, our teachers put on another fantastic display of their incredible talents, raising money for Cancer Research UK and Amnesty International. Behind the scenes, our teachers worked hard, practicing their flute playing, singing, cheer routines, and dancing. Their performances were met with great jubilation by all the pupils –seeing their hidden talents was a real treat!

The winning talent went to Miss Greene with her performance of Your Song by Elton John. A huge thank you to everyone who donated and to Ms. Woodward for organising such an amazing event!



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BBC Radio WM Carol Service

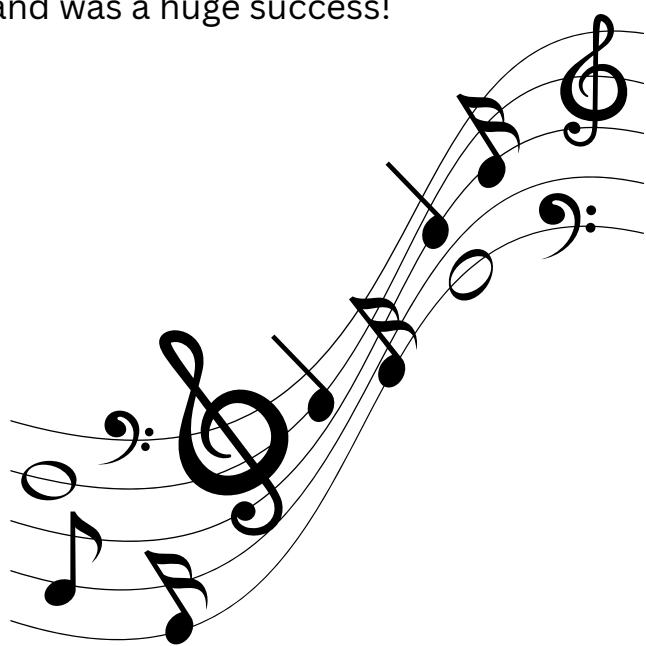
Pauline Baiasu (Year 10S)

On Tuesday, the 17th of December, I took part in a recording for the BBC Radio WM Carol Service, as part of the Schola Philippi of St Philip's cathedral (more commonly known as Birmingham Cathedral).

I arrived at the Cathedral at 10 am (an hour I would call bright and early in the morning) to start rehearsing. We began with a warm-up prior to practicing through all the repertoire, which included pieces, like 'What Sweeter Music' by John Rutter, 'In the Stillness' by Sally Beamish and my personal favourite, 'Venite Gaudete' by Arian Peacock. Afterwards, we rehearsed the carols, which the audience joined in with during the service. We also sang through our surprise item (which I will reveal later). Unfortunately, although we did not record this for the broadcast, we were glad to see members of the audience enjoying it later. After the 2-hour rehearsal, it was time for a little journey to 'Pret a Manger' to pick up lunch, which we ate when we returned back to the cathedral.

At 12.45pm we started getting ready to sing and took our places in the cathedral. Then, Sior Coleman, a BBC WM presenter, welcomed the audience and went through the usual protocol, such as the fire safety procedure. The recording could then begin. Throughout the broadcast, there were readings done by BBC WM presenters, such as Marisha Stevens and Daz Hale. The Town Hall Gospel choir also performed, singing beautifully 'Oh What a Night!' by Richard Smallwood. After we finished the recording, we sang the surprise item, 'White Christmas' (which is actually the Christmas number 1 bestseller). Afterwards, we quickly re-recorded a small moment in one of the readings and finished quite promptly at around 2.30pm.

The service was broadcasted at 6pm on Christmas Eve and 1pm on Christmas Day and was a huge success!



Royal Birmingham Art Society Artist Ed Isaacs visit to the Art department

K. Irving



This term, Ed Isaacs visited the Art department to work with our Year 12 and some Year 11 students. He came to discuss his work, ideas and inspirations, generously showing us his beautiful sketchbooks full of urban landscapes. Students then put what they learnt into practice with their own observed drawings. It was a great opportunity and experience all round.

Many thanks to Ed for his time.



Ex Camp Hill student visit to the Art department

K. Irving (Head of Art)

In January, we were very lucky to welcome Mai Linh Au back to say hello to us. Mai Linh is in her final year of her degree studying Games Design at the University of Hertfordshire.

She has led a number of projects on her course, and is now specialising in designing environments for games. Mai Linh generously shared a presentation of her portfolio of work to our students, as well as answering questions about university life and the transition from A level to doing a degree in a creative subject.

It is always a joy to see past students and keep in touch with their progress and creative journeys.

Thank you to all the students who came along and took advantage of this valuable opportunity.



Reflections on KS3 Rights Club this Half-term

By Aashna Agrawal, 8Y



What is Rights Club?

It is a Key Stage 3 club which runs every Thursday from 1pm in Room 4. The club is led by students in Year 8 and attended by a good number of students from Year 7, 8, and 9.

We discuss a range of different topics (examples have been given below), explore different kinds of media (including advertising images and film clips), and we look at data too (like statistics about the gender pay gap).

What are some of the topics we have covered this half-term?

So far, we have looked at different issues like ...

- Women's rights and issues over time (including the problematic idea of a 'beach body')
- Changes arising from the feminist movement
- The right to vote in the past, present, and future
- If the government should intervene in our autonomy (e.g., by regulating our diets)
- Whether smoking and vaping should be abolished

Why create a "Rights Club"?

I started this club to try and get people excited about rights and learning about the world. Designing, making, and presenting in the club makes me feel really happy to be able to engage with my audience and have fun, interesting conversations.

So, what do the club attendees think?

- Anjali loves the inclusive environment.
- Siya enjoys the discussions and debates.
- Sona likes how the club allows her to express her ideas and opinions, as well as understanding others.
- Dara appreciates how it opens your eyes to the world around you and feels fun to come to.
- Amelia thinks it's a good way to express feelings about rights, involves good discussions, and is generally fun.



The Dance Show!



Save the date: 26th February, 7pm, Camp Hill Girls will present the dance show! We will be rolling out the red carpet and we'd love to see you there. All money will be donated to the British Heart Foundation and refreshments will be provided during the interval. Our dancers have been working extremely hard to put this show together and now, we are in the final stretch. From acro to afrobeats, ballet to bharatanatyam, from contemporary to contortion, and even Irish dancing, this show will be the best one yet! Here is a sneak peak of what's in store:



CAMP HILL GIRLS PRESENTS...

DANCE SHOW

Wednesday 26th February,
2025
7pm

THEME: ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET

£4.50 ADULTS
£3.50 STUDENTS/CHILDREN





AFS Prize Draw

Thank you to the parents and friends of the school who have joined the AFS Prize Draw. The AFS Prize Draw took place on 18th December 2024. Once again, there were two prizes up for grabs. The first prize of £23.40 was won by Susy Roberts (number 78). The second prize of £7.80 was won by India Bellaviti (number 2). The more entries we have, the greater the value of the cash prizes and the more money we raise for AFS funds to support the girls at school! Up to four numbers can be purchased per household so you can boost your chance of winning by entering multiple times. The next Prize Draw will take place at the end of the Spring Term so get your membership forms completed and emailed in as soon as possible to be part of the next draw and have the chance to win cash prizes.

How does it work?

Complete and sign the membership form and set up a standing order for a minimum of £1 a month per number (or £12 annually) or pay by annual cheque. The draw will take place at the end of each term (three times per year). The prize money will be 40% of the membership fee taken that term. The remaining 60% goes to the school to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

Remember, the more participants involved, the more money we can raise and the larger the cash prize, so please encourage your friends and family to sign up too.

Please visit <https://www.kechg.org.uk/our-school/afs> and scroll to the bottom of the page to find the Prize Draw Application Form and the Prize Draw rules.

Any queries, please contact the Prize Draw Officer by email afs@kechg.org.uk



A KEGS Club Charity Sale raising money for Peppers Pet Rescue.

Mahalakshmi Selvaganapathy 9Z



At KEGS club we organised a two-day lunchtime charity sale to raise money for Peppers Pet Rescue. From the moment the event opened, the tables were packed with a variety of handmade items, including marshmallows, sweet treats, crochet earrings, crochet keychains, keyrings and bracelets. The atmosphere was electric as crowds of people flooded in, eager to browse and buy. It was clear that everyone was enthusiastic about supporting the cause, and the demand for our homemade goods was high. Within minutes, the marshmallows and sweets were flying off the table, with many people coming back for seconds. The crochet earrings and keychains, each crafted with care and attention to detail, proved to be incredibly popular too, with customers snapping them up as soon as they were displayed. It was a whirlwind of activity, but it was exciting to see everything sell out so quickly.

As one of the organisers, I had a front-row seat to all the action, and I couldn't have been happier with how smoothly everything went. It was so much fun to participate not just in organising but also in making the homemade/crochet items myself. There was a real sense of pride in knowing that everything on the table had been made with love and effort, and it was incredibly rewarding to see people so excited to buy what we had put together. The event wasn't just about raising money—it was about building a community, and it felt amazing to see how the crowd came together to support the cause. It was hectic, but in the best way possible, and I loved every minute of it. After the end of the sale, we found out that over the 2 days, we raised over £250 which was an incredible achievement and could not have been achieved without the help of our excellent KEGS club members or our wonderful customers who were so eager and enthusiastic to buy our items that were made with care and love.

Previously, we had also done a sale similar to this one for Christmas with baked goodies including brownies, biscuits, crochet jellyfish, bookmarks and keyrings and raised a whopping £260 for the same charity. We hope to have many more varied charity sales for the same enthusiasm and excitement as the previous sales so look out for your notices!

The amazing flavoured marshmallows and lemon meringue tarts were kindly made and donated by Zaynah Jamal.



Psychology competition

Anika Shanbhag 12S

The King Edward VI Foundation Psychology Competition provided students with a unique opportunity to capture a photograph and explain its relevance to psychology. This innovative approach encouraged participants to think creatively about psychological concepts and their real-world applications. Dr. Emily Coyne-Umfreville, Deputy Head of Psychology at Birmingham City University, evaluated the final entries provided by all the King Edward schools and were presented anonymously to avoid bias. I decided to focus my entry on conformity to social trends and why people follow trends. I captured my photo on our school grounds to demonstrate how people conform by wearing the same backpack. I was even lucky enough to win a £50 gift voucher for winning first place!

A massive thank you to our psychology department for organising this competition. Taking part in this competition was truly a great opportunity as it helped broaden my knowledge and think beyond textbook definitions and consider real-world implications of psychology- as well as giving me a chance to develop a deeper appreciation for psychology and its relevance to human behaviour!



TIAAS in School



TIAAS is an important part of our school and plays a key role in helping our young people navigate challenges in their lives and yours.

We'd like to remind you that our [website](#) has a wealth of information, including resources and links for further support.

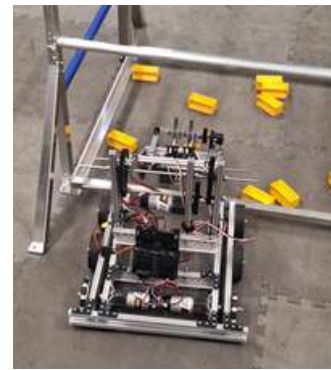
Team Girliebot's Robotics Shenanigans

By Riya Mitra and Vera Liao 12M

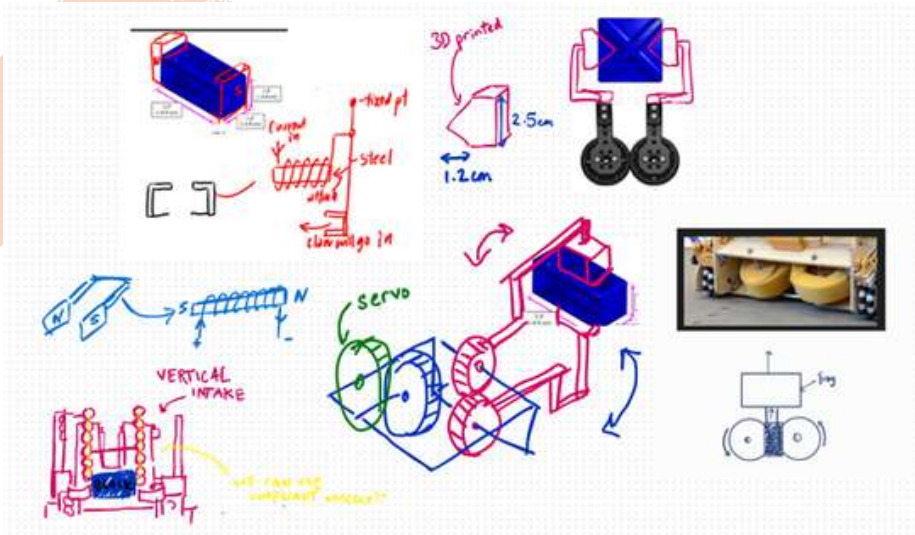
This year, Team Girliebots (a group of girls from Years 10-12 and one Year 8!) are taking part in the First Tech Challenge, a national robotics competition where we are tasked with building and programming a robot from scratch to compete in a game-like obstacle course. Currently, the school already has a KS3 robotics team taking part in the First Lego League, but being budding #womeninSTEM we wanted to challenge ourselves further, so with the help of Mr Bettison we set up the school's first FTC robotics club and got to work!



Being total rookies in the wizarding world of robotics, it's safe to say that we had little clue about what we signed ourselves up for, so we spent the first few weeks wrapping our heads around the rules and devising a game plan. From then on, we embarked on a steep learning curve to build a basic starter bot, which included lots of googling and weekly meetings camped out in the computing block, gym and studio (featuring an occasional audience of curious teachers passing by). There were moments of mis-attaching extrusions, losing pieces and almost losing fingers! However, through our passion and the power of teamwork, we gradually transformed scattered parts into a functional robot that could (sort of) move, grab, and navigate obstacles.



In December, the Year 12 members bussed to Aston Uni and attended our local scrimmage - a practice event where teams from local schools gathered to build and test their robots and get a feel for the competition environment. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet other participants and check out our competition (as well as put the skills of our robots to the test on the actual game field) where we soon discovered some mechanism and programming issues that needed fixing. We also got to chat with Paige, our local FTC leader. After analysing the game challenges and noting down mechanisms used by other teams, we returned to the drawing board energised and inspired, and went about brainstorming new and improved designs for the arm and claw of our robot.



Currently, we are busy assembling and programming in preparation for the West Midlands regional qualifiers in March, where we will compete against around 15 other teams across the county to rack up points and gain a spot in the National Championship. The theme this season is “Into the Deep”, where robots score points by lifting up plastic blocks - “samples” - and dropping them in baskets, clipping blocks onto metal rungs and the final “ascent” in which the robot must wrap its arms around a high metal bar and pull itself up.



This invaluable experience has given us a deeper understanding of engineering, programming and strategic thinking. More importantly, it has shown us the value of collaboration, perseverance, and creative problem-solving in overcoming challenges. As we look ahead to the regional competition, we are proud of how far we have come and excited to see where this journey takes us next. Wish us luck!



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**FIRST
TECH
CHALLENGE**

Conformity to social trends



This photo was taken on school grounds, which displays students showcasing a shared trend of using Nike backpacks. This conformity into certain social trends can be due to the two step process theory proposed by Deutsch and Gerard (1955) who suggested that conformity is due to either 'Normative social influence' or 'Informational social influence'. In the case of this photo, it is evident that the trend in using Nike backpacks is due to 'Normative social influence' because the individuals within the picture have adopted their behaviour and style to conform to the group majority - due to the desire to be liked and the fear of being rejected by the group. It is evident that this trend can reflect the students' attempts to align with the majority and fit in -especially in environments such as school (where social acceptance and approval by peers is more valued). Therefore, the presence of multiple students using the same brand can create a sense of unity and belonging, which can further influence individuals to conform by using the same backpack. Hence, it can be suggested from this image that conformity can influence certain fashion trends (like using the same backpack) as it encourages students to choose brands that align with social norms-which is driven by the desire to fit in.



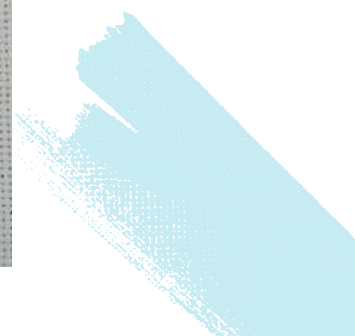
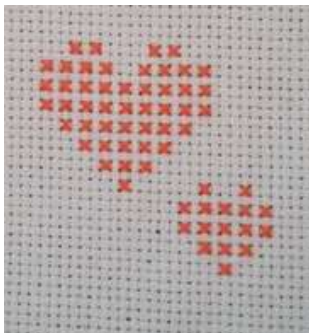
Embroidery Club

Ananya Thatipamula

Some lovely completed items this half term! Well done to all the students who finished a piece recently - you have worked really hard on your stitching.



Do you recognise any of these completed works? We think they are from students who attended Embroidery Club last year - if you spot yours then come and collect it to take it home!



Latin A Level Taster Session

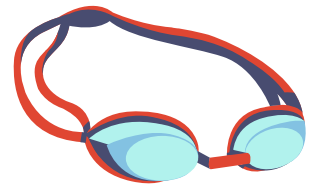
Dr Kerr & Ms Simmons

We thought we would share the play-dough creations from our GCSE Latinists, who looked at part of the epic Roman poem the Aeneid by Virgil as part of their taster session for Latin A Level in January. We analysed a scene in which the Carthaginian queen Dido is shot by a metaphorical arrow by the god of love, Cupid. She falls madly in love with the hero Aeneas, but he has no idea that this has happened. She is compared in a simile to a doe (a female deer) which has been shot by a real arrow by a shepherd. There are disastrous consequences in both the simile and the narrative...

Creating models of the simile and of the narrative allowed students to compare and contrast the finer details in the descriptions, as we could step back and quite literally see the bigger picture! For example, it made us realise that the shepherd in the simile has no idea that he has actually hit the deer and that it is suffering, just like how the hero Aeneas has no idea that Dido is now in love with him and is now suffering.



Spring Term 1 Sports Round Up



Swimming vs EHS

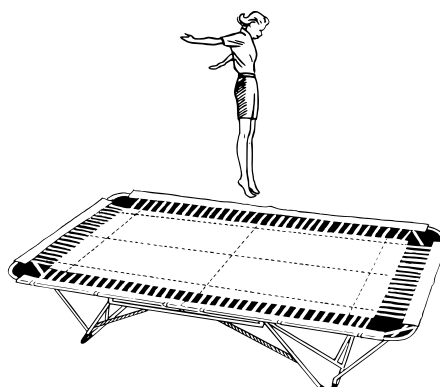
On Tuesday the 21st of January, a team of 17 swimmers competed in a competition against Edgbaston High School. Here, everyone individually swam in one 50m race, as well as two relays in their age group. It was a very exciting and close-fought competition and everyone swimming performed exceptionally well against the EHS swimmers. The competition was extremely close, with our year 9 and 10 team winning against EHS and our year 7s and 8s only losing by a few points. Overall EHS won by only a few points, but the chips and chocolate that we thoroughly enjoyed (and devoured) after all of our hard work completely made up for it! Well done to everyone that competed-you were amazing.



BSGA ZONAL TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION

On Saturday, 26th January 2025, a group of dedicated students competed in the Zonal round of the BSGA Trampolining Competition at Hinckley Leisure Centre. Each performer gave it their all over two routines: a compulsory set routine, followed by a voluntary routine where more difficult skills could be showcased—such as somersaults, to impress the judges. The atmosphere was electric throughout the day, filled with an incredible display of control, athleticism, and pure determination. The day was marked by some outstanding performances and scores, reflecting the hard work put in by all who competed. As a school, we couldn't be happier with the performances given, and everyone who was involved should feel immensely proud of the skill and spirit they brought to the competition!

Therefore, congratulations once again go to: Jess Tucker, Emma Bloxidge, Cara Hanratty, Livia Spencer, Jasmyn Field, Violet Mason, Grace Evans, Maia Spencer, and Alice Chapman. And of course, a huge thank you to everyone who helped out during the day, especially Miss Chapman and Mrs Parker, who cheered us all on and helped to make the competition run so smoothly. Your support made all the difference, and we can't wait to see what next year's competitions have in store!

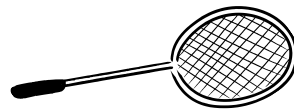
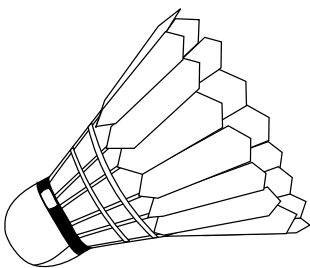


U16 Netball Team

Jaish Soni 10M



After a very successful season of netball, the U16 Netball Team came second in their league, winning 3 of the 4 matches we played. We beat Kings Norton, Swanshurst and Five Ways. However, after a close fought match against EHS, Camp Hill lost 22-14, meaning we were unable to come top of the table. Despite this, we are super proud and happy with the outcome, since our team was newly formed this year with many of us never having played with each other before. Our team has significantly improved since the start of the season and I have thoroughly enjoyed training and competing with all of the girls. My highlight of the season was in the EHS match, when I got sandwiched between the goal defence and goalkeeper and Jess shouted from the other side of the court “Keep going Jaish!”. A big thank you to Ms Keane for coaching us this year, taking us to matches, and always motivating us at training. And finally, well done to the U16 Netball team - Jaish, Isobel, Jess, Adelene, Maia, Nadia, Sukhi, Dhyana and Marriam!



KS4 Badminton

Pratha Mahadevaiah






Our KS4 badminton team had an exciting opportunity to play against 7 other schools in a county tournament, which took place at KEHS. We rode there fashionably, in a bright purple taxi, with our heads held quite high (of course!). We arrived perfectly on time and after a swift (much needed) warm up, we began our escapade. As there were 7 schools, we played in 2 brackets. To no-one’s surprise, we breezed through our first school, winning every match we played! It certainly didn’t stop there. We were in great spirits and as a result, we didn’t lose a single match in our entire bracket! Making it that far already is an incredible achievement for all of us. Well done everyone!

At last, we faced our final opponent: KEHS’ A team. We knew this matchup was coming, so we walked in prepared. After several nervous pep talks, we played matches with all of our might. Alas, it did end in a defeat, even though we tried our hardest. To make matters worse, our taxi home arrived about an hour later than scheduled! When it finally did arrive, it was a very cute pink colour, which made me feel a bit happier.

A huge thank you to Miss Bing for organising our trip and Miss Chapman for taking us there and back (as well as dealing with our mindless conversations in the cold waiting for our taxi). Well done to Anoushka, Jaish and Ananya for playing as well as you did that day! If you would love a chance to play in school tournaments, which could even lead to nationals (as it did last year in badminton), keep an eye out for club opportunities. Get involved!

House Points

	House	Points
	Cartland	7289
	Lichfield	6671
	Meriden	7405

	House	Points
	Priory	7226
	Stratford	7324
	Warwick	7736





Dates for Your Diary

March



**Tuesday
4th**

**Year 13 Psychology Trip - Freud
Museum
KS3 Author Visit
CHG Virtual Instrumental
Progress Evening**



**Wednesday
5th**

**Year 12 Post-18 Day
Year 7 Netball**



**Thursday
6th**

GCSE Options Eveing



**Tuesday
11th**

**Teatime Concert
5-6pm**



**Thursday
13th**

**KS5 Drama
Theatre Trip**



**Tuesday
18th**

**Year 10 Geography Trip -
Carding Mill Valley**



**Wednesday
19th**

**Year 10 Geography Trip -
Carding Mill Valley
Year 7&8 STEM Roadshow**



**Thursday
20th**

**UKMT Intermediate
Maths mpiad
Year 9 Progress Meeting**



**Friday
21st**

KEVI Model UN



**Monday
24th**

Year 12/13 Rome Trip



**Thursday
27th**

**GCSE Art & Graphics
Exams**



**Friday
28th**

**GCSE Art & Graphics
Exams
Chamber Choir Recital**

Dates for Your Diary



April



**Tuesday
1st**

**GCSE Drama
External Moderation Year 12 subject choices deadline**



**Wednesday
2nd**

**Year 10 Latin Trip to Bath
Senior School Musical**



**Thursday
3rd**

**Year 8 Progress Meeting
(online)
Senior School Musical**



**Friday
4th**

Senior School Musical



**Tuesday
8th**

**A Level Art Exam
Year 12 Geography
Bristol Trip**



**Thursday
10th**

Year 13 Student Finance



**Friday
11th**

End of Term