

# Bulletin

2nd March 2026

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## Message from the Principal

Dear families,

### Welcome back to Week 2 of Spring 2.

The lovely weather has given us a wonderful start to the half term, and it has been a pleasure to see all of our students return in such excellent spirits.

We are beginning this half term with a slightly quieter few weeks as our new sequences of learning get underway. If you would like to see what your child is currently studying, please remember that our curriculum information can be found [here](#).

Over the coming weeks, we will also begin the iPad refresh for Years 8–10. Year 7 students already received updated devices when they joined us, and Year 11 will not undergo a refresh due to the short time remaining before they move on to college (we now have just five normal school weeks left before examinations begin!).

To receive a new iPad, students must hand in their current device and charger, so please ensure they continue to bring it to school every day.

Our plan is to refresh Year 10 devices this week, followed by Year 9 next week and Year 8 the week after. Please bear with us—this is a large logistical task alongside normal teaching.

We are also very much looking forward to welcoming Year 9 families to Options Evening this week. This is such an important milestone in their school journey, and we are excited to support them through it.

Best wishes,

**Ms Green**

HABIT OF THE WEEK:

HONEST

ASSEMBLY THEME:

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S  
DAY

## WHAT'S COMING UP...

- **Year 11 Textiles Exams**  
*Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th March*
- **Disney Maths Live!**  
*Monday 2nd March*
- **Year 11 Art Exams**  
*Thursday 5th - Friday 6th March*
- **Coulston Schools Debate Competition**  
*Wednesday 4th March*
- **Civic Mayor and Heartstone Visit**  
*Thursday 5th March*
- **Year 9 GCSE Pathways Evening**  
*Thursday 5th March*
- **Bronze & Silver DofE Student Meeting**  
*Friday 6th March (20mins afterschool)*
- **Year 10 Theatre Visit - Macbeth**  
*Monday 9th March*

## PARENTS' VOICE

**Principals' Drop In**  
Summer Term Date TBC

**Parents' Coffee Morning**  
Summer Term Dates TBC

**Parents' Forum**  
2nd March

**More details and how to  
book will follow in the  
Summer Term**

## Parent Events

**YEAR 7**  
Parents' Evening 24th June

**YEAR 8**  
Parents' Evening 29th April

**YEAR 9**  
Pathways Evening 5th March

**YEAR 10**  
Parents' Evening 1st July

**YEAR 11**  
Parents' Evening 18th March

**ALL YEAR GROUPS**  
Attendance Support 9th March  
Mental Health Information 11th March

# KEY MESSAGES

## YEAR 9

**Y9 GCSE pathways evening** event is happening on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** with a prompt **5pm start**.

If you will be attending please complete the form here: [Y9 Options Evening RSVP - Thursday 5th March 17:00-18:30 – Fill in form](#)

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

## YEAR 11

Year 11 have been fantastic throughout the February mock exam series. Their effort, resilience, and commitment to their studies have been evident, and we hope this will be reflected in the feedback students will receive over the next two weeks.

To allow students a well-deserved break before the final push towards the Summer Exam Series, there will be **no after-school intervention sessions this week**.

## YEAR 10

As part of our ongoing preparation for Work Experience, Year 10 students have been shown how to add their placements to Unifrog. Step-by-step instructions are available on the Year 10 teams page. There is also a range of helpful resources to support students in developing interview skills, approaching employers, and understanding expectations for conduct in the workplace. These can be found on Unifrog. Attendance was a concern last week, so your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually is greatly appreciated as we move into this important phase of the year.

I would also like to kindly request your continued support with Educake homework. Students have shown significant improvement recently, and the effort they put in at home makes a real difference to their learning and confidence in lessons. Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support.

## UKMT

On Wednesday 28th January, 120 year 9, 10 and 11 students completed the UKMT Intermediate Challenge and the following awards were achieved:

### Bronze:

Year 9: Emma D, Caelum M, Prathiksh R, Jasmine R, Ishaani S and Kitty S

Year 10: Phoebe A, Jake A, Ellie A, Tom D, Adam F, Kanishka G, Spencer H, Robert M, Layan M, Ayomi P, Mia R, Isabell R, Danny S, Isla SG, Chloe S, Lily S

Year 11: Timi B, Elizabeth B, Lilyrose H, Jonathan K, Jacob P, Niyathi R, Ethan S and Maya V

### Silver:

Year 9: Charlie E, Leo R, Milo S and Deimante S

Year 10: Jenna A, James A, Zoe D, Jayden F, Patrick S and Eirini T

Year 11: Bethan A, Kitty G and Sebastian L

### Gold:

Year 9: Finn S and Philip R (best in year)

Year 10: Elliot R (best in year)

Year 11: Hannah G, Nick S, Caleb W (best in school)

Finn Swift and Philip Rosenbach have been invited to take part in the next stage, Grey Kangaroo.

Elliot Ralph, Hannah Garwood and Caleb Wilkinson have been invited to take part in their next stage, Pink Kangaroo.

## INDEPENDENCE CHAMPIONS - MATHS

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest XP on Sparx Maths over the last week:

Year 7 – Kelsey Musambi

Year 8 – Gaby Geysler

Year 9 – Caelum Maitland

Well done to 9b/Ma-Passion who achieved the highest average XP over the last week.

Well done to the following who have a high percentage of correct answers and have completed a significant number of questions over the last week:

Year 10 – James Archer.

Year 11 – Lilly Wimble.

Well done!

## INDEPENDENCE CHAMPIONS - ENGLISH

Congratulations to our KS3 champions in Sparx Reader last week:

Year 7: Isabelle Irwin

Year 8: Beau Ramsier

Year 9: Jasmine Rasheed

A huge round of applause for our KS4 champions in Educake.

Year 10: Ellie Archer

Year 11: Jacob Philips



### Panic Feelings: Quick Grounding Strategies

Sudden waves of panic can be frightening, for teens and parents. Simple tools can help the body settle.

#### Why it matters:

Panic feelings can mimic medical symptoms and lead to avoidance of lessons or social situations. Knowing what to do restores a sense of control.

What helps? Try “box breathing” (in 4, hold 4, out 4, hold 4) for a few minutes, or the 5–4–3–2–1 grounding method to engage senses. Keep language calm and factual: “This will pass; let’s breathe together.” If episodes are frequent, speak with school or your GP.

#### Further support:

- ♦ Young Minds – Panic attacks - <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/my-feelings/panic-attacks>
- ♦ Mind: Anxiety & panic - <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/anxiety-and-panic-attacks/self-care>

Antony Johnston is the Place2Be Mental Health Practitioner at Oasis Academy Coulsdon ([place2talk@oasiscoulsdon.org](mailto:place2talk@oasiscoulsdon.org)). Place2Be is a children and young people's mental health charity providing counselling, mental health support, and training in UK schools. Provided that consent has been given, children can drop-in on Wednesdays and Thursdays to speak with Antony.

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## CAREERS UNLOCKED FREE WORKSHOP SERIES



Ever wondered what it takes to break into some of the world's most competitive careers?

Join us for our new Careers Unlocked series, featuring seven online workshop-style sessions led by experienced industry professionals.

**Tuesday**  
10th March    How to Become a Doctor  
How to Become a Lawyer

**Wednesday**  
11th March    How to Become an Engineer  
How to Become an Entrepreneur

**Thursday**  
12th March    How to Become a Psychologist  
How to Become an Investment Banker

**Tuesday**  
17th March    **Parent Webinar:**  
A Parent's Guide to Life After School

**REGISTER  
NOW**



You can also earn a certificate of attendance to use for future applications!



Supporting success  
in **secondary** exams

With Rachel Gill and Nic Allen



**Tuesday, 10th March 2026 – 3:30pm-4:30pm**

This webinar is designed for Educake schools' parents! Learn practical, supportive ways to help your child succeed in their exams. The session will share simple strategies for building confidence, creating effective study habits at home, and reducing stress during revision and exam season. Parents will come away with realistic tools to support both wellbeing and academic success.

The webinar will also include a live Q&A, which gives parents an opportunity to send any questions they might have.

**We know parents are incredibly busy**, if you can't make this exact time, register anyway and we will send the recording direct to your inbox to watch at a time that is more convenient.

**Register for parents webinar [HERE](#)**

## Parent Webinars with GT Scholars



**Help Your Teen Ace Their Exams:**  
*The Proven Tools to Reduce Stress and Improve Results*



**FREE Parent Webinar**  
**January 2026**

Date: Tue 3rd March 2026  
Time: 7:30 - 8:45pm (UK time)

Sign up to join us LIVE or get access to the replay:

[gtscholars.org/parent-webinar](https://gtscholars.org/parent-webinar)





# London Fire Brigade - E-scooters and E-bikes

Chris Davidson, Fire Borough Commander for Croydon

## Lithium Ion Battery Safety

This month Firefighters in your borough are reminding everyone about the dangers of Lithium ion batteries. This is one of the biggest risks emerging for fire services all around the world.

Please keep yourself and family safe by reading out safety tips!  
Lithium Ion Batteries... Where do you find them?

- Mobile phones
- Laptops and tablets.
- Cars & Buses
- Bicycles
- Mobility scooters.
- Vapes and E-cigarettes.

## Fire risks of batteries and chargers explained

How safe is your bedside table? Do you pop your phone on to charge before bed? Maybe you love to watch TV on your laptop or tablet in bed – plugged in to keep the screen bright, of course? Let's take a closer look at how many of us use every day electrical items – and the fire risks many of us leave ourselves open to without realising it. But first let's start at the beginning...

### What is a Lithium battery?

Lithium batteries are the lightweight, rechargeable batteries that power our phones, laptops and cameras. They're found in many electrical devices from mobility scooters to e-cigarettes, and are used safely by millions of people every day. However, there are some things you need to know when it comes to fire safety, chargers and batteries.

### #ChargeSafe:

e-bike and e-scooter safety advice.  
On average there is a fire from a lithium battery in an e-bike or e-scooter every two days in London.

Whilst e-bikes and e-scooters offer a great way round the city, if the batteries become damaged or begin to fail they can start incredibly ferocious fires within seconds.

The majority of fires related to e-bikes and e-scooters have happened in homes. These fires are often caused when charging batteries.

When these batteries are charged in communal areas or escape routes, a fire breaking out can quickly block people's ability to escape.

London Fire Brigade's #ChargeSafe campaign wants to prevent fires in e-bikes and e-scooters.

This page has important and simple safety tips to reduce the risk of fire to protect you and your community.

## Are batteries dangerous?

When used properly, no. But batteries can present a fire risk when over-charged, short-circuited, submerged in water or if they are damaged. It's really important to charge them safely too. Many of these fires are caused by a damaged battery but can include incompatible chargers, modifications to e-bikes, faulty or counterfeit products which are purchased online.

If your device is damaged in any way this could mean the battery is damaged.

For example if your mobile phone has a cracked screen this could also mean the battery is damaged.

- If they overcharge, they can ignite
- If they overheat or become damaged, they can explode.
- If they catch fire, they produce toxic and flammable gasses that can be harmful when inhaled.
- Fire develops quickly, burns aggressively and is very damaging to surrounding area.
- In large enough batteries they can stay alight for days and re-ignite even after submerged in water.

## Charging your e-bike, e-scooter or any device with a Lithium Ion Battery.

There a number of ways you can reduce the risks when charging lithium batteries:

- Only ever use the correct charger for your battery, otherwise you can greatly increase the risk of fire.
- Always buy any replacement chargers from a reputable seller.
- Using the wrong charger could mean that too much power is put into the battery, leading to failure and a dangerous fire.
- Always avoid general 'multi-plug' chargers that fit different models unless specifically approved by the battery manufacturer, as they may not provide the right power for your battery and may greatly increase the risk of fire.

We know people are worried about e-bike and e-scooter fires and the risk they pose to life and property. That's why we've released guidance for those responsible for fire safety in buildings, such as landlords and business owners, on how best to store and charge these vehicles.  
Please scan the QR Code.

## Firefighter safety tips for charging your devices

- Always use the charger that came with your phone, tablet, e-cigarette or mobile device.
- If you need to buy a replacement, always choose a branded, genuine product from a supplier you can trust. There are lots of fakes out there, and it can be difficult to spot the difference.
- Avoid storing, using or charging batteries at very high or low temperatures.
- Protect batteries against being damaged – that's crushed, punctured or immersed in water.
- Don't leave items continuously on charge after the charge cycle is complete – it's best not to leave your phone plugged in overnight for example.
- Never cover chargers or charging devices – that includes using your laptop power lead in bed.
- When you travel, avoid keeping all your items containing lithium ion batteries together, especially on a plane. Check with your flight carrier for additional information or advice.

- Don't overload your sockets – learn more about how much is too much on the fuses and power load page.
- Did you know? Counterfeit electrical chargers can be deadly – many fail to meet UK safety regulations leading to fires and injury. What may seem like a bargain at the market isn't worth the risk when you consider that it could cost a family member's life

### If your battery starts swelling or expanding...

\*\* Stop charging immediately

\*\* Turn off the device

Do not remove the casing or tamper with the equipment

Contact manufacturer or certified technician

## The warning signs your e-bike or e-bike, device battery is a fire hazard

**Heat:** It's normal for batteries to generate some heat when charging or in use. However if your device's battery feels extremely hot to the touch, there's chance it's defective and may start a fire

**Bulging:** A battery bulging or swelling out of shape is a common sign of it failing. If your battery looks swollen, you should stop using it immediately. Similar signs include any type of lump or leaking from the device

**Noise:** Failing lithium batteries have also been reported to make hissing or cracking sounds

**Smell:** If you notice a strong or unusual smell coming from the battery, this could also be a sign of it failing

**Performance:** A failure to fully charge or an excessively longer charge times can be a sign that your battery is failing

**Smoke:** If your battery or device is smoking, a fire has already started and you should get out, raise the alarm and call 999

Lithium ion batteries are here to stay and are generally safe to use but please if your item/battery is damaged you should replace the item or have the item inspected – please scan the QR code for more information.



For advice on how to keep yourself and those around you safe, scan the QR code or visit [london-fire.gov.uk/chargesafe](http://london-fire.gov.uk/chargesafe)

Stay safe and well,  
Chris Davidson  
Fire Borough Commander  
for Croydon



@londonfire f in @LondonFireBrigade



# STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

- Hugo M for helping out a friend in need
- Scarlett G for the happiest vibe and joy on the first day back!
- Darcey S for an amazing amount of hard work and effort over half term to catch up with her Textiles work. Very impressed
- Eliza M Year 9 for a fantastic start to Spanish and being very professional in the way she communicates.
- Year 10 Paired Reading Mentors are doing a fabulous job making the younger students feel at ease.
- Benjamin OA for being the best mix of firmness, patience, and encouragement in Paired Reading. You are doing a wonderful job.
- Jenna A for using both encouragement and bribery to get the best out of her partner in Paired Reading. You are doing a wonderful job
- Malachi R and Leart U for always offering good answers, observations and contributions in geography. Well done.
- Jacob B on fire in mathematics matching equations with the help of the white board.
- Well done Leart U always doing the work and getting it right in mathematics. Well done
- Alicia W was fantastic in maths today - really pushing herself to be involved throughout the whole lesson
- YEAR 11 - Jeddah O and Arjun A: These 2 have MASSIVELY stepped up in History since mock 1 and it is showing in their results. I am SO PROUD of them.
  
- Ava M for doing such a great job demonstrating a practical for the rest of her science class.... And looking like a true scientist in those goggles too!
- Sophie P and Kacie B Y9 for volunteering to read out loud and navigate some difficult vocab in History. Good job both of you
- 9b/Rig History class on 24th Feb - Small class due to absent students but they were so amazing, their thought process and desire to learn really pushed them to achieve great things this lesson. **Team, I am SO SO PROUD OF YOU**
- Stanley, year 10 for speaking to me so passionately about his learning!
- Joanne A for being so polite and reliable in her communications and making quiet, gentle encouragement in Paired Reading.
- Oscar V for being so polite and being proud to show me the work he has been completing in Maths
- Class of 9b aspire, just wow!! Myself and Mrs Richardson are extremely proud of you all. You were all engaged and well behaved.  
Jimmy, Ryley, Aryan, Amiyah, Jack, Skylah, Musa, Ethan, Christopher, Sophie, Aaron, Aviah, Malachi, Jack H S. Keep up the good works guys
- Bonnie C and Skylar WI for some great podcast ideas
  
- Niyah SB yr 8 for showing how brilliant he is at maths - really trying and pushing himself to answer questions in lessons
- Jack C yr 8 showing resilience in maths; answered a question incorrectly in front of the whole class but took it in his stride and persevered throughout
- Miia T for her incredible artistic talents and for creating the amazing drawing above. Your art skills blow me away every time I see them.
- Zara C is so happy about her science exam proud of her.
- Lavin L - after today's coding lesson, Lavin went home and improved his code and turned it into a game, emailing me this afternoon. Amazing effort, dexterity and initiative. The game was great fun to play
- 7BGg-Pas for two fantastic lessons in geography this week, lovely to see them settle into their new class so well and lots of excellent questions have been asked from the class as well as written work in their books
- Jeila C for being so supportive of another student when he didn't understand a key term.
- Annabelle N for running an impromptu pre exam talk.
- Jimmy J, wonderful Assistant coaching, you were a star. We are so proud of you. Keep up the excellent work
- Sofia V, Sienna S and Pixie M for enthusiasm and Miriam G and Lillian Y for participation at Cherry Singers.



# STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

- Joshua H, Sonny H, Stanley & Aiden - AMAZING IN BADMINTON! Engagement was brilliant and lovely to see them enjoying PE.
  - Shaye C great Maths lesson today. Keep up the good work!
  - Zara C Trying to work out the solution to a problem, talking it through with a member of staff. Really positive work.
  - Georgia D for an incredible input in the lesson today, her confidence was superb!
  - Archie K for showing perseverance in completing his catch up exams
  - Jelila C for helping a new student find her way today, and keeping her included despite the language barrier. Thanks Jelila!
  - Roman L excellent Geography and Maths lessons today. Lovely enthusiasm and great contributions. Keep up the great attitude!
  - Robyn J for lending her umbrella to Mr Falvey when it was raining during line up.
  - Frazer D Year 8 for being a superb friend
  - Prince, Y7 for always being so helpful, handing out books at the start of every lesson without being asked. Your consistency and initiative are much appreciated!
  - Teagen C, Pheobe S & Lily T in Y8, for their amazing work ethic in science.
  - Jelila C has shown so much support and encouragement towards a new student. It has been so lovely to see
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- Shailey F Year 9 showing inquisitiveness and enthusiasm in science
  - Haider year 9 for always responding during register with politeness and respect in science
  - Phoebe – Year 7 using her newly learnt textiles skills at home to create a beautiful cushion for her nephew. A thoughtful, independent project that shows creativity and pride in her work.
  - Pete B and Ayla C for working really hard to improve focus and be successful in Science
  - Grace L, Year 8. Broke her finger but still decided to come into school, so not to miss out on her learning. Great example of resilience.
  - Fantastic Maths lesson from Rowan C. He gave a wonderful explanation of how to round up numbers. Keep up the great work!
  - Ayomi P, Zac D, Charlie S, James A - All brilliantly involved in French including writing on the board for me, opening doors - just be kind and gentlemanly! (Y10)
  - Jenna, Jake, Eirini, Joanne, Jonas & Blessing for planning and executing a campaign for better measures for mental health in children and young people
  - Ted B yr 8: In the words of another student in the class "we need more Ted's in this world". He was really supporting the student in maths and really showing how brilliant he is.
  - Layan, Mark C and George D or the highest house points last week for year 10
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- 10a1 History - Have been working hard on their extended writing and did a really good job in peer assessing each other's work using checklists today. Particular shoutout to **Caitlin L** for allowing me to put her work under the visualiser and helping me to model how the conversation and feedback should be done.
  - Ruby H Y11 for securing a wonderful work experience placement in the summer with Manolo Blahnik renowned for his famous shoe designs, a massive well done as I know it took her a lot of courage to ask.
  - Thank you to our year 8s for the henna and year 9s for the messages!
  - Jelila for her focus and calm attitude in RE. Worked superbly
  - Kelsey M and Holly H Year 7 for a courageous speaking in Spanish lesson and allowing me to record it!
  - Conall D has worked exceptionally well in maths this week - really focused and participating in class discussions. Really proud
  - Shout-out to my amazing Year 7 Spanish class! So many inquisitive learners who work hard and bring such a positive attitude every lesson! Keep it up!
  - Malachi R, Leart U and Amelia K (Y9) for their excellent geographical knowledge and contributions in class
  - Jack G and Liam E helping year 7's with their Maths work
  - Jessica S on fire this History lesson. Very proud of her enthusiasm. Keep it up

# STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

- 7aSp2 Spanish for a fantastic lesson today. I could only pick 5 but you are all "fabulosos"
- Jonas WS Yr 10 for supporting students throughout the class, a real superstar
- Jeila for a really strong start to Spring 2
- Charlie C fantastic insight in RE
- Phoebe (yr7) excellent attitude to learning
- Skye H and Hazel D year 10 for conducting a Spanish dialogue in front of the class which made us all think!
- GP and Kiera M year 10 for demonstrating lovely Spanish reading and interpreting skills.
- Sienna S year 8 was showing a lot of logical thinking in Spanish and was drawing conclusions, totally incredible work.
- Jayden B for upping his game in French - engaged, focussed and challenging himself to do his best.
- Beatrice F for being resilient and determined in French
- Mollie L year 8 modelled pronunciation in the Spanish class today and stepped into the teacher's role.
- Ava M for coming to sing with others on Monday and being so complimentary.
- Poppy G and Leora CL for being really helpful
- pencer, Eirini, Jayden F, Ayomi, Sadie, Darcy, Daniel C, Lavin (all year 10s) for their incredible speeches in the Year 7 Family Leader Assembly this morning. It was a privilege to watch.
- Kaylee K for writing an original speech about the importance of dance and having the confidence to perform it as part of her Spoken Language Endorsement.
- Lukas LM, Eve B, Esme S, Hannah G and Josh K for showing drive and pride completing their Food GCSE course work before the submission deadline. Well done, great job done.
- Jayden BDL - excellent extended writing in lesson today. One of my super cinq (Fab 5 but Frenchified)
- Y11: Sofiia Mykhalichenko for her incredible work ethic and resilience! You are "fabulosa"
- Arjun, Connor and Jack for improvement in their Mock Papers
- Charlie E, Jasmine R and Isabella F for fantastic understanding in the end of topic test in science
- Lukas LM, Jamie H, Skyla W, Annabelle N and Scarlett S on making great progress in last mocks in MFL.
- Kristian P for his overall attitude towards learning, he is taking his exams very seriously and has been revising in his free time! Seriously proud of the young man he has turned into, well done Kristian
- Yr 11, Jamiella, Sophie D, Aleks C, Lilly H, Krystle M, Amber C, Alesha and Elsie G all being amazing with their maths



Year	Name
7	Sydney Simmons and Lexi Horton
8	Willow Steventon
9	Leart Uruci
10	Leo Turner
11	Louie Pearce

# Useful Links



## SEND YEAR GROUP LINKS

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's SEN, please reach out to your Year Group Link.

**Year 7** Jane.Williams@oasiscoulsdon.org

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