

Year 10 Newsletter

Issue 2 - February 2026

Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to the latest edition of the Year 10 newsletter!

We can't quite believe it but we are already half way through Year 10 and many of the KS4 courses.

The time has flown by but it has been brilliant to see students make the most of every opportunity to improve their knowledge and understanding of the key content being delivered in lessons. We have also been very impressed with the amount of preparation carried out towards the recent tracking assessments. Students have been embedding how to revise effectively since they started with us in Year 7 and it's great to see the confidence grow in those who have engaged well with these activities. Tracking 2 results will be shared with parents/carers in a couple of weeks.

Anyone who wishes to discuss their child's progress can contact the Year Team. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Miss Lithgow



Achievement Leader

Mrs Ryder



Head of Year

Achievement

Weekly Whole School Rewards:

Week 1: Top 50 A2L – £25 Family Cinema Voucher prize draw. Winner = Louise D

Week 2: Most resilience points – Form breakfast. Winner = 10U

Week 3: Top 5 least lesson grades 3/4 – Chocolate Bars. Winners = Sofia T, Bobby T, Andrew S, Nicole S, Jamie W

Week 4: Most part of a community points – Form Krispy Kremes. Winners = 10A

Well done to all of our Year 10s who have won awards or finished top in the year group for half term 3!

English Half Term 3 Hero – Grace B

January Student of the Month – Sofia T

Our Values Winners of a most academy values points:

Kind – Oliver O

Resilient – Alfie O

Reflective – Freya H

Part of a Community – Amelia M

Top 5 Achievement Points:

1st – Sofia T

2nd – Bobby T

3rd – Andrew S

4th – Ellie C

5th – Isabella P



WINNER

Student of the Month



Attendance Matters

Well done to the students who have 100% attendance so far this academic year!

These students are giving themselves the best chance at succeeding in their lessons by not having any gaps in learning!

Congratulations to the following students who worked hard to improve their attendance last half term:

Grace B | Josh C | Heidi H-M
Connor H | Cayden K | Bobby T
Alfie W | Olivia W

Congratulations to our weekly 100% attendance prize draw winner for half term 3. Ten students are drawn in assembly every week to win a queue jump pass or a free cookie!

Congratulations!

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Reading Spotlight

Reading in R2L – Year 10 students marked the anniversary of Holocaust Memorial Day by taking part in Holocaust related activities during R2L.

They were reminded of the terrible atrocities that occurred to over 11 million people and of the genocides that continue to this day around the world. We feel it is so important for the students to learn about this so they can be apart of never letting it happen again in future generations.

Assessment Focus

Tracking 2 Reports – these will be sent home to parents/carers on the week beginning **Monday 9th March.**

Home Learning Focus

Year 10 Homework Club – takes place every day in EG01. Please contact Miss Lithgow if you would like your child to attend and receive further support.

Parent Support – to support your child’s progress, please encourage them to complete all tracking prep tasks in a timely manner e.g. earlier in the evening before going out with friends or watching TV. It’s really important to have down time so boxing homework off first allows students to really switch off once it’s done.



Parent Tip:

Having a quiet area to work when completing homework is crucial for your child’s focus. Looking after their phones during this time also removes a potential distraction!

Curriculum Spotlight

English: Year 10 have just finished studying A Christmas Carol and they completed their tracking assessment on a GCSE Style question. They have begun their study on the Reading section of English Language Paper 1 whilst continuing to study poems from the Power and Conflict Collection.

Chemistry: During the last half term, our Year 10 students explored the fascinating topic of Bonding & Structure in their Chemistry lessons. This unit challenged students to apply their knowledge of the periodic table to identify and explain how different substances are held together. They investigated the three fundamental types of bonding; ionic, covalent, and metallic and developed a deeper understanding of how these bonds influence the properties of materials.



During the next half term, our students will be studying Quantitative Chemistry in their Chemistry lessons. This is a key area that develops precision, problem-solving, and mathematical fluency within science. This topic will see students exploring how chemists measure and compare substances, beginning with the calculation of relative molecular masses for a wide range of compounds.

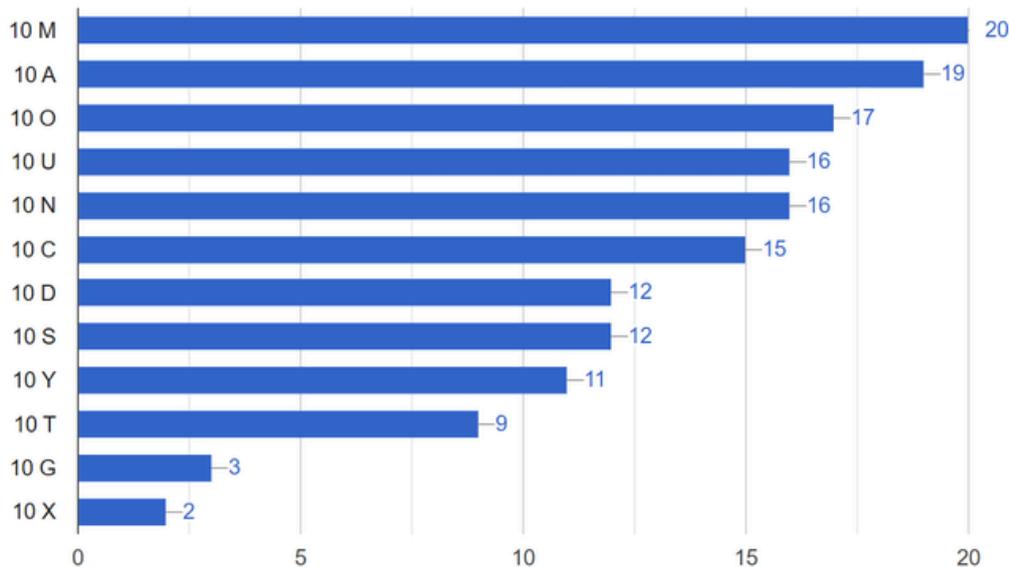
We are excited to see students demonstrate their resilience, reflection and independence in this unit!

Engage in Enrichment

Well done to all those that take part in our range of clubs after school. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to join a club in this new term.

152 students involved
57.6% of the year group
74 Males & 78 Females

Students Attended at least one club by Tutor Group:01/09/2025 - 23/02/2026



Trips and Events

On our final day, students took part in a tour of the Reichstag building, deepening their understanding of modern German democracy, before beginning our journey home.

Throughout the trip, students were fully immersed in Berlin's rich history. The experience has not only broadened their cultural understanding but has also equipped them with invaluable knowledge and context to support their GCSE History studies.



Aspirations

Loud Speaker – as part of their Personal Development curriculum, Year 10 took part in the annual Loud Speaker event where our external speaker Calvin and his team delivered high energy, inspiring and informative sessions throughout the day. Students were excellent and participated in everything on offer including public speaking, interesting debates and even created their own fashion show featuring some stunning catwalk performances!



Berlin Trip – Our recent school trip to Berlin was an unforgettable and enriching experience, offering students a powerful insight into the city's complex and fascinating history.



On our first day, students visited the iconic Berlin Wall, reflecting on its significance during the Cold War. We then travelled to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp memorial, where students engaged thoughtfully with the history of the Holocaust and its lasting impact. Later, we explored the vibrant Alexa mall before taking in breathtaking panoramic views of the city from the Berlin TV Tower viewpoint.

Day two began with a specialist tour focused on the history of the Berlin Wall. Students learned about the remarkable underground tunnels constructed in desperate escape attempts and had the rare opportunity to see the last remaining tunnel. We then enjoyed a guided tour of the impressive Olympiastadion Berlin, rich in both sporting and historical significance. Students then visited key landmarks including the Reichstag Building, the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, and Checkpoint Charlie. We rounded off the day with a well-earned game of bowling, giving everyone a chance to relax and reflect.

ROTARY YOUTH SPEAKS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Linards M, Andrew S and Lucas H who won their heat and are through to the next round of the Rotary Youth Speaks debate event!

Their surprising victory came after only 3 weeks of preparation whilst the other competitors had 6 months! We wish you the best of luck in the next round at the end of February!

