

Issue 1: Friday 3rd October 2025

Key dates and upcoming events

- Thursday 2nd October – Year 7 Meet your Tutor Evening 4-6pm
- Monday 6th October – Progress checks for Years 7 to 9 begin (in lessons)
- Thursday 9th October – Open Evening. **Early closure for students: 1.30pm**
- Friday 10th October – **Late start for students: Report to Tutor at 9.45am**
- Thursday 16th October – Year 11 Parents Evening 4.30-7.00pm

News and updates:

Welcome to our first parent bulletin. We intend to produce one every fortnight providing a one-page, one-stop shop for key school communications. Of course, there will still be times when we need to send messages to you separately. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the bulletin, then please do get in touch.

Open Evening:

Please note that **school will close early at 1.30pm on Thursday 9th October** for Open Evening. Buses will run as normal but at the earlier time.

On **Friday 10th October, school will start at 9.45am for students**, who should report to their Tutor base. Those travelling by school bus will be picked up exactly one hour later than their usual pick-up time, **EXCEPT** for **JOG04** which will have to run at its normal time. Thank you for your understanding around this important event for the school.

Parent Forum:

Our next parent Forum will be Tuesday 21st October 5.30-6.30pm. More details to follow.

Garden and Grow award for students:

Congratulations to our [Garden & Grow team](#) who recently won 'First Prize' in the Annual Hungerford in Bloom Competition, in the School Category.

Illness:

We've seen a rise in illness but encourage parents to support student resilience. [NHS guidance](#) helps determine when a child is too unwell for school.

Reminders:

Uniform: If your child has a nose stud please check the school [Uniform Policy](#) on what is acceptable in school.

[Minibus Code of Conduct](#) – for students using the school minibus for regular transport or the late bus service.

Attendance:

Regular attendance is key to success. Please ensure your child arrives by 8.40am each day. If your child is absent, contact the office on 01488 682400, or by email at jogoffice@excalibur.org.uk.

Attendance last fortnight:

- Whole School: 90.14%
- Year 7: 93.66%
- Year 8: 90.19%
- Year 9: 87.84%
- Year 10: 89.47%
- Year 11: 90.10%

Safeguarding and wellbeing:

Your child's safety is our priority. If you have concerns, contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, [Mr Evans](#). Generative AI is growing in popularity. Although the benefits are clear there are some things we should watch out for. Please find further information on this [link](#).

House points league table:

1 st	Turing	375
2 nd	Attenborough	360
3 rd	Seacole	350

Useful links:

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