

Issue 6: Friday 30th January 2026

Key dates and upcoming events

Wed 4 Feb & Thu 5 Feb – The Addams Family evening performances (7pm)
Tue 10 Feb – Year 10 Geography Urban Trip
Thu 12 Feb – Year 11 Student Progress Meetings (Face to Face)
Fri 13 Feb – End of Term 3 (students finish at 3.10pm)
Mon 23 Feb – Term 4 (all students return)

News and updates:

The Addams Family:

Our students have been working incredibly hard, and we are so excited to invite you to our school production of *The Addams Family*! Join us on **4th & 5th February** for a fun, spooky, and unforgettable show. Come along and support our talented performers — you won't want to miss it! Tickets available via [Ticket Source](#).

Go All In! National Year of Reading:

We know that reading is the key to unlocking children's futures, supporting them across the curriculum and helping them with their wellbeing. Yet the statistics on students' reading habits and 'reading will' are sobering. The government, alongside multiple literacy focused charities, are directly tackling this with their 'Go All In' initiative linked to the National Year of Reading. Parental support during the Secondary phase is key in terms of reading, just as it is in Primary. You will have received your child's reading report in Term 2 with lots of key strategies on how you might support good reading habits. It would also be well worth your while looking at the recently launched 'Go All In' website: [Families | National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In](#)

FACE (Family Advice, Communication, Education):

Here are links to information sessions available from FACE:
[Supporting a Child with ADHD](#)
[February Sessions](#)

Mobile Phones:

Recently, there has been a lot of media attention about mobiles in schools. Our policy remains that phones should be switched off and in bags during the school day.

Reminders:

Uniform – Students need to be suitably prepared for the current weather, which should include a coat for this time of year.

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:

Attendance figures for the last two weeks

Whole School	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
88.88	93.94	89.34	89.09	85.48	86.67

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:



What impact do Mobile phones have on young people and what can we do to help? Please see this guide from [The National College](#).

House points league table:

1 st	Seacole	4,049
2 nd	Turing	3,924
3 rd	Attenborough	3,399

Useful links:

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