

Welcome to our latest newsletter celebrating school life at Greenbank over the Summer Term.

This week we are awarding the final reward badges of the year to pupils. Under the new system which awards five achievement points to pupils who do everything correctly and follow the 'Greenbank Way' more pupils are receiving rewards. Well done to all who receive badges and are excellent ambassadors for Greenbank.

At the end of this week several members of staff will be leaving us. Mrs Thorpe is retiring after twenty years' service at Greenbank in the Mathematics Faculty. Mrs Moorhead, who has been in the RE department for eleven years is taking up a sixth form post at Cardinal Newman College. Miss Avery is taking up a post as Assistant Head of English at a school in Liverpool while Miss O'Neill in the Humanities Faculty is returning to Ireland. Mrs Cushing and Mrs Mitchell are finishing their temporary roles as Teaching Assistants and Miss Tierney from the Front Office will be leaving after completing her apprenticeship. I would like to thank all staff for their exceptional service to our school and wish them luck for the future.

We were delighted to be recently recognised as the top school in Sefton for the second successive year in the 'Good schools guide – 2018.' Last week I welcomed Nick Gibb MP, the Minister of State for School Standards at the Department for Education, to Greenbank to tour our school as you can see in the photograph below. He was incredibly impressed with the enthusiasm and thirst for school shown by pupils and staff alike. I also held a headteacher meeting with Mr Gibb to share our concerns with him about our education system including the funding difficulties all schools in Sefton face under the new funding regime, the increased emphasis on linear examination assessment and the challenges facing some pupils regarding poor mental health and the lack of support services available to them.

Our School Improvement Plan for 2018-19 focuses on three key areas to help pupils flourish and meet or exceed their potential. The three areas we are focussing on is achieving 97% attendance, ensuring pupils are resilient especially when they face adversity and challenging times in their education and developing pupils metacognition and thinking skills.

At the end of the newsletter I have included the 'Student Dress Code' for 2018-19 which includes details of the new PE kit, which I mentioned in my April newsletter. It will be available at our uniform suppliers from the end of July. I am aware that the suppliers have not been selling our current kit to parents since April. The new PE kit is compulsory for our new Year 7 but will have a period of transition over the next year as some pupils may still have relatively new items of our current kit. There are no other uniform changes.

Thank you for emailing me World War I photographs of relatives for our Commemoration performance in November. They have been very interesting to read.

I have included a page detailing important dates over the next term at the end of this newsletter. We hope you find it useful.

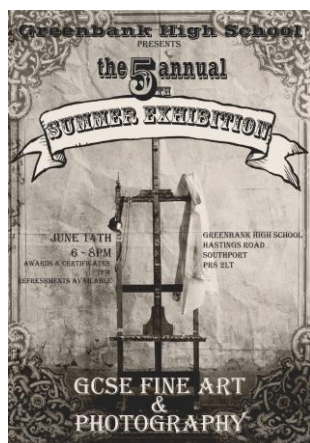
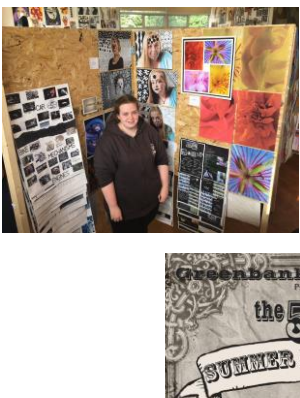
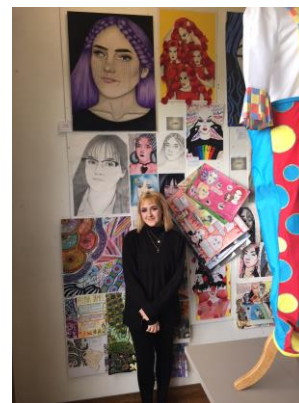
Thank you for supporting your child's education and I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter. Have a relaxing summer break.

Kind regards

Mr Raikes  
Headteacher



**Congratulations to all Year 11 students who exhibited at our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Art and Photography Exhibition**



### Dance Show



On 5<sup>th</sup> July we saw a fantastic display of dance talent from Primary school children to alumni in our summer dance show. Well done to all who performed with such talent and enthusiasm.

### Vienna Calling! – Music Concert



On 10<sup>th</sup> July we held our summer music concert entitled 'Vienna Calling'. The concert was a wonderful display of musical talent either through ensembles, the orchestra or the largest number of soloists we have ever had performing. Congratulations to all musicians in Year 9 who received either a merit or distinction in their recent music theory exams.

### House Winners



Congratulations to the House Champions from each house who received their prizes at the whole school House Assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The overall House Champion was Issy McCarter with an amazing 485 points. The winning house for the first time this year was Hepburn House. There has been a rapid increase in house points awarded under the new system which awards 5 house points to all pupils who are organised and show impeccable behaviour every week.

### **Maths Study Visit**



On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July forty Year 9 pupils travelled to London on Greenbank's first residential maths trip. Our first stop was the British Museum before walking to the West End to enjoy the Lion King. Friday started with a trip to St. Paul's Cathedral and a climb up the 528 steps to reach the top and take in the stunning sights of London. We then travelled to Greenwich to visit the Royal Observatory where we saw the prime meridian and gazed at the stars in the planetarium. After a walk through Greenwich, we then took a boat ride to Westminster and enjoyed more fantastic views on the London Eye. Finally on Saturday we made a stop on the way home to Bletchley Park, which was the central site for British Codebreakers during World War II. We would like to thank all the pupils on this trip for their exemplary behaviour and showing great maturity throughout.

### **CERN (The European Organization for Nuclear Research) Physics Study Visit**



Thirty pupils took part in a Year 10 physics study visit to CERN in Switzerland, the largest physics experiment in the world. A whole day was spent in CERN with lectures detailing from its inception to date. A visit to the United Nations building in Geneva was equally interesting. Pupils were given a guided tour and pupils were able to sit in committee rooms that had been seen on television, where world leaders sit and discuss events that affect us all. The visit will hopefully inspire pupils to either work in politics or physics!

### Boulogne French Study Visit



Boulogne 2018 was an amazing cultural trip to a foreign country. My friends and I had the time of our lives, it was like a holiday, but with school. After we got to France we went for breakfast which gave us a boost for the rest of the day. I absolutely loved going shopping in the little village street and the aquarium which was the coolest and the biggest aquarium I have ever been to. The food was also really nice, especially the bread from the bakery which we learnt how to make, all explained to us in French. This trip was the best trip I have been on in Year 7.

Beth – Year 7

### Year 7 Children's University Graduation



I was delighted to attend the Children's University Graduation at Edge Hill University on 13<sup>th</sup> June. We had an incredible 117 Year 7 students graduating. This recognises their participation in extra-curricular activities both inside and outside school. Thank you very much to all staff that run these activities.

### Year 7 LEPRO



Greenbank was presented with a fundraising plaque by LEPRO on 25<sup>th</sup> June in recognition of £1971.04 that was raised by the year group which will be used to help 78 people who suffer from Leprosy. It is fantastic recognition of the kind and caring nature of so many members of Year 7.

### Headteacher's Breakfast



I was pleased to be accompanied by pupils nominated for a variety of reasons such as outstanding attendance, progress, work as a Young Carer, looking after the school environment and random acts of kindness at the Headteacher's Breakfast on 4<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June. The pupils, who were nominated by the staff, are exceptional role models.

### Year 11 Prom at Formby Hall



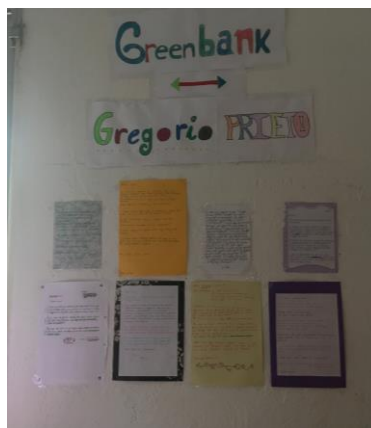
Year 11 celebrated the end of their Greenbank journey at their Prom on 21<sup>st</sup> June at Formby Hall. The sun shone and all attendees looked radiant. This was followed on Friday morning with their Leavers Assembly.

### Greenbank Careers Fair



As part of our Careers Programme we welcomed employers and further and higher education providers into school on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to support pupils to make informed choices as they move towards thinking about their post 16 pathway. Thank you very much to all organisations that made it such a useful afternoon for our pupils.

### Spanish Visit to Madrid



This year sixty pupils in Year 9 and 10 studying Spanish GCSE have been writing pen pal letters to our link school, I.E.S. Gregorio Prieto, the letters have been related to the new GCSE and mainly been on the topics of Self, Family and Friends, School, and Travel and Tourist Transactions.

Pupils involved have written half Spanish/ half English so it served as a reading and writing exercise. They have also been in contact using social media, exchanging songs and local news with their pen pal.

The Spanish department decided to run a trip to Madrid and approached the school to ask if we could visit and at the same time meet the pupils who had been in contact with each other over the course of several months. Forty of the pupils took part. The aim was to actively engage in Spanish for a real purpose outside of the classroom, to observe the similarities and differences in the respective school days and to meet their pen pal.

The day in the school was a huge success. The Spanish pen pals met their partner and showed them around the school. The group divided in two and one group first went to the kitchens where they translated a Spanish recipe for magdalenas (muffins) and then in groups made them. The other half did a getting to know you session in the gym playing games and break the ice type activities which involved them trying to converse in Spanish.

Then the groups switched activities. The final activity was a dance lesson led by an older pupil to teach merengue. All pupils were engaged and really happy to meet their pen pal. The day was brought to a close with a lunch that had been prepared by pupils at the Spanish school who were studying a catering course. The farewells were quite emotional even after one day and all agreed that it was worth the 2 hour drive from Madrid. It was in fact the highlight of the trip.

The follow up is to arrange an exchange as pupils have now met their pen pal and have a better understanding of what it is like to visit a foreign school.

### PGL Shropshire



In May, fifty intrepid and adventure loving students from Years 7 to 9 hopped on a coach for the PGL Centre in Shropshire. This promised to be a weekend of fun-filled frolics, complete with daring tunnel trailing, crafty canoeing and crazy climbing. And we were not disappointed. We stayed in the Mansion House which used to be both an asylum and a school for naughty boys, and many a scary story was shared about the history and things that went bump in the night!

Not to be put off, our girls threw themselves into every activity. Amongst other things: they canoed down the river (although some of them seemed to spend more time in the water than in the boat – good job the weather was nice); they braved the High Ropes course; they developed their team-work skills climbing Jacob's Ladder; they attacked each other with pointy swords (all in a controlled environment and wearing protective gear of course!) and they threw themselves off logs and zipped down wires. This was coupled with evening activities and a lot of good food. All in all, it proved to be a thrilling three days and we look forward to returning next year.

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**



The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at Greenbank is in full swing this term. Every year more and more pupils are embracing and gaining the skills required to pass this award. 133 signed up for the Bronze Award and we have 59 pupils continuing onto their Silver Award. As usual the weather has been one of the biggest challenges whilst out on expedition. We have morning frost to consistent rain to blistering heat on a Silver navigation day. Not matter what the weather is like the pupils take it all in their stride and finish with either tears of sadness or tears of relief because they have completed their expedition section. We would like to say a big thank you for all the support from parents and to all the staff that volunteer to help make it possible for 192 students to take on the challenge and experience of the D of E award.

### **Year 9 Rock and River**



Year 9 had a fantastic enrichment day at Rock and River Outdoor Pursuits Centre. It was well attended with 140 students visiting. Activities which were experienced included raft building, archery, high ropes, vines and climbing. All the girls were exceptionally good and got a huge amount out of the day developing their teamwork and leadership skills as well as learning new activities. This was echoed by the girls, feedback received was all positive, "the day was jam-packed with fun activities and helped to build teamwork skills. It was a really enjoyable day." "My day was really fun and exciting, very different to activities I usually do. Great experience and I hope to do something like this again.

### Goodison Park Workshop



On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, twenty pupils from Year 7 & 8 attended a celebration workshop at Everton Football Club. Throughout the year the pupils have taken part in a programme called 'Tackling the Blues' which involved weekly sessions of practical and classroom sessions designed to support positive mental health and wellbeing. It has been delivered by sports students from Edge Hill University and Everton in the Community staff. Sessions focused on developing a positive mindset as well as working on confidence, teamwork and leadership skills. On the visit to Goodison Park, pupils took part in practical fun team games at the Everton Community Hub, followed by a quiz and tour of the stadium.

### Science and Engineering Challenge



Congratulations to the Year 8 pupils who took part in the Science and Engineering Challenge at Liverpool John Moores University. Pupils were programming robots to dance, make noises and avoid obstacles. This challenge took a lot of trial and error and self-teaching where team work was crucial. There was also a challenge focussed on mechanical engineering. Pupils built a motor powered car that was raced against the others, problems to overcome were how to increase the torque and reduce the speed of the wheels. The pupils all got fully involved and made Mrs Fox very proud!

### Salters Chemistry Festival



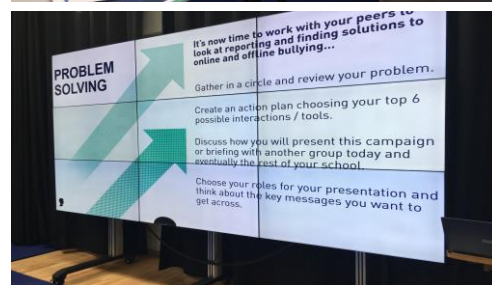
Well done to the Year 8 pupils who recently attended the Salters Chemistry Festival.

### **#shoutdownhate campaign**

Filming with the world famous Saatchi & Saatchi for the Anne Frank Trust was an amazing and unforgettable experience. Freya and I travelled to Liverpool as Anne Frank Ambassadors with Mrs Hunter where met the amazing film crew, and then walked around Liverpool Docks finding a good place to start filming the video. The video is about the rise in hate crime according to recent figures, it highlights the need to stop hate, and that everyone can help. The video aims to get young people on board, standing up for what we believe in and what is right. We want everyone to get involved: make your own videos, inspiring and explaining to other people why we should shout down hate together. 'Shout it , post it and challenge your friends to do it to. The more people that hear you the better '. Please watch and share our video via this link <https://vimeo.com/266473985>

Caitlin Halden

### **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors**



Thirteen students travelled to Upton recently to receive Anti-Bullying Ambassador training. With four other high schools, we were taught by two members of The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign. We learnt things from noticing the different forms of bullying to having the knowledge and skills in order to raise awareness of bullying in our school and how we can overcome it. As the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, we are planning to first raise awareness of what bullying is and to notify ourselves of the most common type of bullying in schools. This will hopefully be done on an online survey and will give us a better idea on what we can do to eradicate bullying altogether in our school. Other ideas such as: cake sales and assemblies are still under discussion of ways we can get bullying to be noticed and decreased. We, as the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors of Greenbank are going to do as much as we possibly can to overcome bullying in our community.

Tosin – Year 9 Anti-Bullying Ambassador Leader

### **Mental Health Ambassadors**



Four Year 8 Pupils had the opportunity in May to take part in a Mental Health Ambassador Training session with PiXL. The girls were given the opportunity to learn more about mental wellbeing both in terms of the issues effecting mental health and how to support those suffering with mental health illnesses. It was a most informative and interesting day. At Greenbank, we are keen to support students with their mental well-being and the Ambassadors will be instigating various initiatives in school over the coming year to help support this. As they were told on the course, everyone has mental health and it is important to look after it.

### **MEM (Mathematical Education on Merseyside) Challenge Competitions**

MEM has been running **Challenge** and **Senior Challenge** take-home competitions in school holidays since the late 1970s. Together, these competitions attract about 2,000 entries annually, with Challenge aimed at Years 7 and 8, and Senior Challenge aimed at Years 9 and 10.

Both competitions consist of about 8 questions usually centred on a particular theme, with illustrations provided by Theo Chaddock and Will Ashworth. The theme for 2018 was **Food and Drink**. The best entrants were invited, along with family or friends, to prize-giving evenings at the University of Liverpool on 2nd May (Senior Challenge) and 9th May (Challenge). Well done to all pupils who entered the competition and congratulations to the following pupils for their successful entries:

Bethany Richman	Certificate of Merit (Senior Challenge)
Mia Hartley	Consolation Prize (Senior Challenge)
Eleanor Morrison	Certificate of Merit (Challenge)
Erin Day	Certificate of Merit (Challenge)
Lily Ashleigh-Reynolds	Consolation Prize (Challenge)
Isabelle Blake	Consolation Prize (Challenge)
Annabelle Richman	Consolation Prize (Challenge)



### **UKMT (United Kingdom Maths Trust) Intermediate Challenge**

The UKMT Intermediate Challenge is aimed at pupils in Year 11 or below. The Maths Challenge question papers are taken in school and are returned to the UKMT for marking. The Intermediate Challenge takes an hour and contains 25 multiple choice questions. Of these, the first 15 are more accessible whilst the final 10 will provide more food for thought. Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates are awarded to 40% of participants nationally. The most successful participants at each level are invited to enter follow-on-rounds; Kangeroos (multiple choice questions) or Olympiads requiring full written answers.

Well done to all pupils who entered the competition and congratulations to the following pupils who achieved Silver and Bronze awards:

Silver Awards:	Natascha Moor, Amy Fraser, Katie Edward, Margo Holostova, Amelia Harvey, Sophie Hepple and Bethany Richman
Bronze Awards:	Abi Norton, Kerrie Grisedale, Mia Hartley, Kate Forster, Emily Cottrell, Katie Sunderland, Georgia Gough, Chloe Mitcham, Ana Waite, Charlotte Crawford, Abigail Cox, Humayra Haque, Isobel Cutts, Hope McCaffery and Tosin Fabunmi

## Spanish Club – 'Club Cultura'



### **Tapas**

Several of the Spanish club attendees had requested the return of tapas. The girls loved tasting tortilla española, very spicy olives and tasty chorizo. A delicious Friday lunchtime!



### **Football**

Galácticos vs Reds! Who will win? In advance of the UEFA Champions League, Spanish club watched the highlights of Real Madrid vs Bayern Munich. Spanish club nearly went into extra time as we debated who would win in Kiev.

### **Las Fallas de San José**

The "Club Cultura" girls learnt about Valencia's bonfire festival, Las Fallas de San José. The girls celebrated this incredible festival in which amazing sculptures are set alight in honour of the patron saint of carpenters.



### **El Mariachi**

Mexican folk music filled the corridors! The girls discovered the music and traditional instruments of el mariachi. Lots of fun was had trying on sombreros as the girls created their own unique mariachi style.



### ***Pan Tumaca***

It was a very productive Spanish Club as the girls followed instructions, in Spanish, to make Pan Tumaca a delicious Catalan appetiser.

### ***Antoni Gaudí***

The girls learnt about the beautiful city of Barcelona through the incredible and inspirational architecture of Antoni Gaudí.

### **Living History**



On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July the History Squad visited school again. On the first day Year 8 pupils were taught about the causes and events of the First World War as well as stories of individual soldiers experiences. It was an interactive session which allowed pupil to handle artefacts from the First World War which include a soldier's kit. On the second day Year 7 pupils were taught about medieval weapons. They learnt the history of how weaponry and medical treatment changed in this era as well as seeing a live medieval archery display on the school field. As always pupils in both 7 and 8 thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On 10<sup>th</sup> July a group of nineteen Year 10 MAGT students visited Runshaw College for an advanced skills day to help prepare them to achieve the higher grades in GCSE History next year. The session focused on the difficult source and interpretation analysis skills that are required by Paper 1 and Paper 3. Pupils were also asked to consider similar skills on A-Level tasks, allowing them to develop their source analysis ability. Pupils found this very beneficial and we hope to run the session on an annual basis.

### **Sports Leaders**



We recently hosted Farnborough Road Infants and Junior Sports Day with all the events being run by our wonderful Sports Leaders. Mr Antell, Headteacher wrote, "A huge thank you to all your students and staff who have helped make our sports day a great success. You should be very proud of your wonderful school community who always make us very welcome!" The leaders support many of our local primary school sports days.

### Athletics



Congratulations to our athletics team who were recently runners up at the Sefton championships. Well done to Year 10 who won their year group. There were several individual champions who are photographed above.

### Rounders



Greenbank competed at the annual Southport and Formby rounders tournament with representatives from each year group. The tournament was hosted by Stanley High School and had over 40 teams competing. The standard was extremely high on what was a very hot afternoon. There were some fantastic individual performances with playing keeping a cool head in some fairly tight matches. In particular the Year 9 who were pushed to a draw in one match winning on batters out. Well done to all that competed, Year 7 came 4th and Years 8, 9 and 10 all won their respective age groups. Well played to all as there was some excellent sportsmanship also on display.

## Tennis



The Tennis Team had a very successful day in the Schools Southport and Formby Tournament. All girls played very well, they played in a fair manner and showed good sportsmanship to the other teams. The Year 7 and 10 doubles teams were very strong in their division, with both gaining first place. The Year 8's had some very close matches and overall they were runners up in their age category. The Year 9's had some close games, which could have gone either way and they came third overall.

## Congratulations



Congratulation to Issie Manley- Williams who received the British Tennis Award for Young Volunteer of the Year at The Northern Tennis Tournament in Manchester. Issie was also invited to attend a workshop for Judy Murray's She Rallies initiative which was set up to encourage more women and girls to be involved in tennis. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July she held her 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary School Girls Tennis Tournament at Hillside Lawn Tennis Club, with over 40 primary key stage 2 girls taking part. The afternoon was a great success and a nail biting final was held between Trinity St Peters A and C teams with Trinity A team taking the Trophy. The Tournament was a huge success and Issie ran the event starting with her welcome through to the awarding of the winners medals.



Congratulations to Chloe Purcell who recently performed at The Liverpool Empire and won several medals at the dance competition.

## **Student Dress Code 2018-19**

Following the Student Dress Code is an important part of a student's education and lifelong learning. It provides a sense of belonging and encourages pride both in being a member of Greenbank High School and in their appearance. All students must follow this dress code.

### **For School**

- Compulsory grey blazer with green trim and green school badge.
- Dark green 'A' line or pleated skirt or pinafore dress of a modest length.
- Dark green tailored trousers.
- Green and white striped blouse with a flat collar.
- Plain grey or green knee-length socks. If tights are worn they must be grey or black.
- Shoes must be all black. Any logos must be covered or removed.
- Optional Dark green V-necked pullover/cardigan with school logo.
- A plain dark coat or jacket.
- Hair bands, bobbles (which are needed to tie hair back in practical subjects) or head scarves should be black or green.

### **For Physical Education**

- White sports shirt with green trim, Greenbank badge and initials.
- Black skorts or shorts with green and white trim (for all activities).
- Black with green and white trim hooded sweatshirt with Greenbank badge.
- Black track pants (optional to be used during the winter).
- Trainers.
- $\frac{3}{4}$  length white sports socks.
- We recommend shin pads and a gum shield for hockey.
- No jewellery should be worn on PE days in the interest of health and safety.

**All articles of clothing must be named with sewn-in labels or permanent marker.**

**Kit should be kept in a large drawstring bag, also named.** Other open type bags are inadequate and may lead to kit being lost. Only this bag should be taken to PE lessons.



### **Suppliers**

Items of school uniform can be obtained from the following suppliers:

Whittakers	Southport	01704 533394
Zips & Snips	Southport	01704 231188

### **Equipment for Learning**

All students must have the following equipment to be successful learners.

Student Planner (available on 4 <sup>th</sup> September)	Pencil case
Two black or blue pens	A green pen for Improvement Time
Pencil	Ruler
Eraser	Sharpener
Calculator & geometry set	Ear/headphones for Computing

### **Make-up and hair**

- Make-up is not worn.
- Hair should be neat and extreme styles and colours are not allowed.
- Nail varnish is not permitted.
- Nails should be short.
- Aerosols should not be used in school.

## **Jewellery**

- A watch and inexpensive signet ring may be worn in school.
- A single plain stud for pierced ears may be worn in each ear lobe but other jewellery is strictly forbidden.
- No responsibility will be taken for loss of jewellery.

## **Dates for your diary – Autumn Term 2018**

20 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends at 12.30pm for Summer Holidays
4 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 7 start school at 8.30am. Years 8-11 start school at 11.00am
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Open Evening 6pm – 8.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 7 and 9 School Photographs
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 8 HPV1 Vaccination
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 11 Mock Interviews
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Enrichment Day One
2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 7 Tour of their new school and meet their Personal Tutor
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Years 8-11 Awards Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day. Pupils are not in school
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October	HALF TERM
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Term resumes
7 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trips
8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 11 Year Group Photograph
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> November	World War I Commemorative Drama Performance
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Leavers' Awards Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 11 Tutor Group and Friendship Photographs
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Lille Study - Years 9 and 10
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Christmas Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Winter Concert
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Term ends at 1.15pm
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Term starts for all

## **Year 7 looking after the Greenbank Garden**

