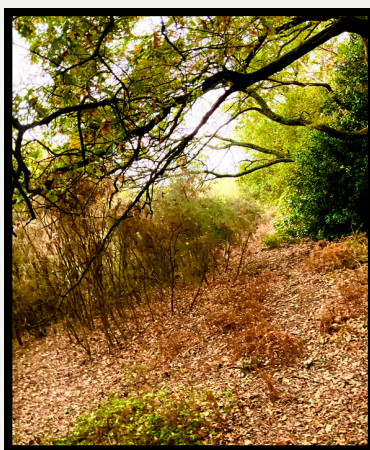




# Key Stage 5 Newsletter

It's been a great start to the new year. Our Year 12 students have settled in well after moving up to KS5 and taking on new challenges, while our Year 13s have made a positive start to their final year. It's been wonderful to see so many students engaged in a wide range of activities—both in and outside the classroom.

Our photography students recently visited Galleywood Common, where they applied the compositional skills they've been learning this half term. They captured a fantastic range of photographs, which some students have started editing.



Foundation Grow Pathway students in Parks and Packham have recently visited Circles Farm for work experience, gaining practical skills and experience in a working environment. Park students have also volunteered with Essex Dementia Care, supporting the Broomfield Social Group and helping to run activities in the community hall. In November, both classes will be volunteering with Chelmsford Council to plant trees and take part in litter-picking sessions, helping to care for the local environment throughout the year.



KS5 Core students have continued their community learning by visiting a range of places to develop important life and independence skills. They have been working towards AQA Unit Awards, which include visiting IKEA to look at furniture needed to furnish a room, using public transport such as the bus, and taking part in community activities like bowling.

# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND JEANS FOR GENES FUNDRAISING

We were pleased to welcome parents and carers to our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was another great success, and we're proud to share that we raised £260 for Macmillan Cancer Support. In addition, our Non-Uniform Day for Jeans for Genes raised £80 to support children and families affected by genetic conditions. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and support!



**THE WASHCLUB** Students from Parks have been doing a brilliant job producing and selling their own soaps and wax melts, and this year Packham students have joined them and are learning how to make and sell the products too. The two groups will take turns running a stall at Chelmsford Market once a month.

If you'd like to support their fantastic work, you can find their products [here](#) including their recently made Christmas stock.

<https://thewashclub.co.uk/collections/thriftwood>

**Careers Information** Please find some useful Careers Links that you as parents/carers can use to investigate a number of Careers Paths at home with your child. Studies suggest that parents are the single biggest influence on career choices for young adults with 20% of 18-24 year olds saying they chose their career paths due to parental support.



[www.mypathcareersuk.com](http://www.mypathcareersuk.com)



[www.myworldofwork.co.uk/search-jobs-profiles/](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/search-jobs-profiles/)

## College ENRICH Code

E- Enterprise

N- Nurture

R- Respect

I- Integrity

C- Compassion

H- Honesty

## IMPORTANT DATES

Inset Day- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Children In Need £1 donation- 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Inset Day - 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Christmas Buffet- 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Last Day of Term - 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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