

# Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> November 2025



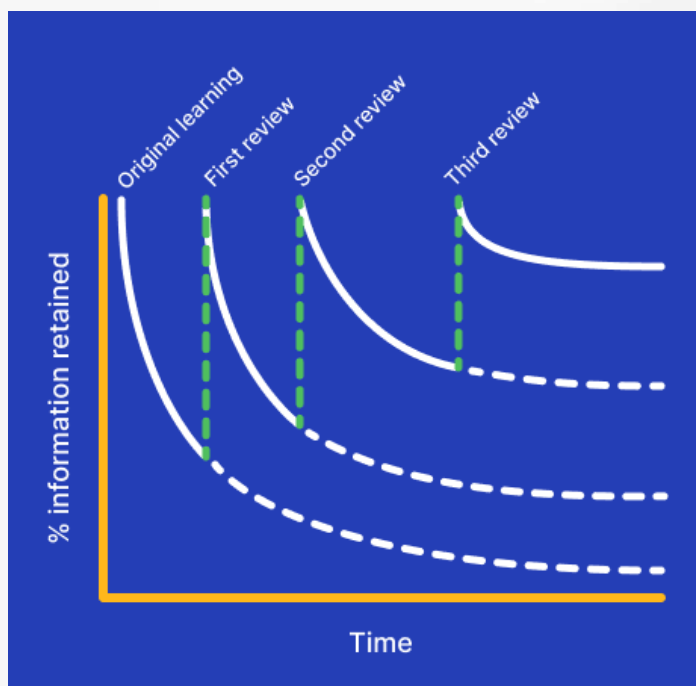
# Testwood School

## Dear Testwood families,

This week our Year 11 students have started their first set of mock exams. There will be a further set in January. We believe that this gives our students the best chance of reaching their potential when the real exams come around in early summer for three reasons.



1. The rehearsal of revising, in lessons, in revision classes after school, and at home is really important. We know that the more often a topic is studied the more knowledge and understanding is retained in long-term memory, and the more easily it is retrieved in an exam situation as this image shows.



2. Similarly, the rehearsal of sitting real exam papers in the same place and under the same conditions as they will be sat in the summer, will aid performance by reducing the cognitive load that these aspects bring, and thereby freeing up capacity to focus on the exam.
3. Finally, mock exams are an opportunity to get feedback on performance and act upon it. Nobody is expecting students to get full marks at this stage but the experience is very useful in identifying clearly where students are confident and where they are not. Teachers can then focus future revision sessions and lessons in these areas and students can focus future revision in these areas too.

'Feedback is the breakfast of champions'

# GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

Thursday 20th November 2025

## Congratulations to the Amazing Class of 2025

We were delighted to welcome so many families and students back to school for our GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening on Thursday this week. The event was a great success, and it was truly heart-warming to see so many of last year's Year 11 students return to celebrate their achievements.

The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the hard work and determination shown by the Class of 2025 throughout their secondary school journey. They were an exceptional year group, demonstrating resilience, dedication and a genuine sense of community. Seeing them back together and sharing their next steps with us was inspiring.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents, carers and staff who supported these students along the way and who joined us for the evening. Your encouragement has been invaluable in helping them to reach this important milestone.



## School Uniform/Footware for ATP/Jewellery

The school uniform rules can be found [here](#). If there are any issues please contact your child's tutor. Please note that thanks to Testwood parents and families we have a supply of pre-loved uniform available.

## Sustainability

As part of our role in helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions we include the Young Climate Warriors weekly 'carbon-busting, sustainable living challenges in this newsletter for you and your children to discuss and try.



[Young Climate Warriors | Weekly Challenge | Challenge Completed button](#)

## Medical Appointments and School Attendance

We understand that from time to time students will need to attend medical appointments such as the doctor, dentist, or hospital. However, we kindly remind families that these appointments should not require a full day of absence, unless this has been specifically advised by a medical professional (for example, for a procedure or extended assessment).

Where appointments are scheduled within the school day, students are expected to attend school before and/or after the appointment. For example, if an appointment is at 10:30am and is relatively local, students should attend school for the first part of the morning and return once the appointment has finished.

To support accurate attendance recording, we ask that all medical appointments are evidenced. This can be provided via a screenshot, email confirmation, or any other method that is convenient for parents and carers.

We appreciate your support in ensuring that medical appointments cause minimal disruption to your child's school day. If you have any questions or need guidance around attendance, please contact the school office

## Sports News

Y9 Netball v Ringwood. Loss. Players of the Match were Lia and Isla

U16 Netball v Ringwood. Loss. Player of the Match was India

U14 Basketball v Noadswood. Loss. Player of the Match Brody

### Dodgeball House Matches winners

Year 7 Girls - Bedivere

Year 10 Girls - Lancelot

Year 7 Boys - Bedivere

Year 10 Boys - Bedivere

Year 8 Girls - Excalibur

Year 11 Girls - Lancelot

Year 8 Boys - Bedivere

Year 11 Boys - Lancelot

Year 9 Girls - Excalibur

Year 9 Boys - Lancelot



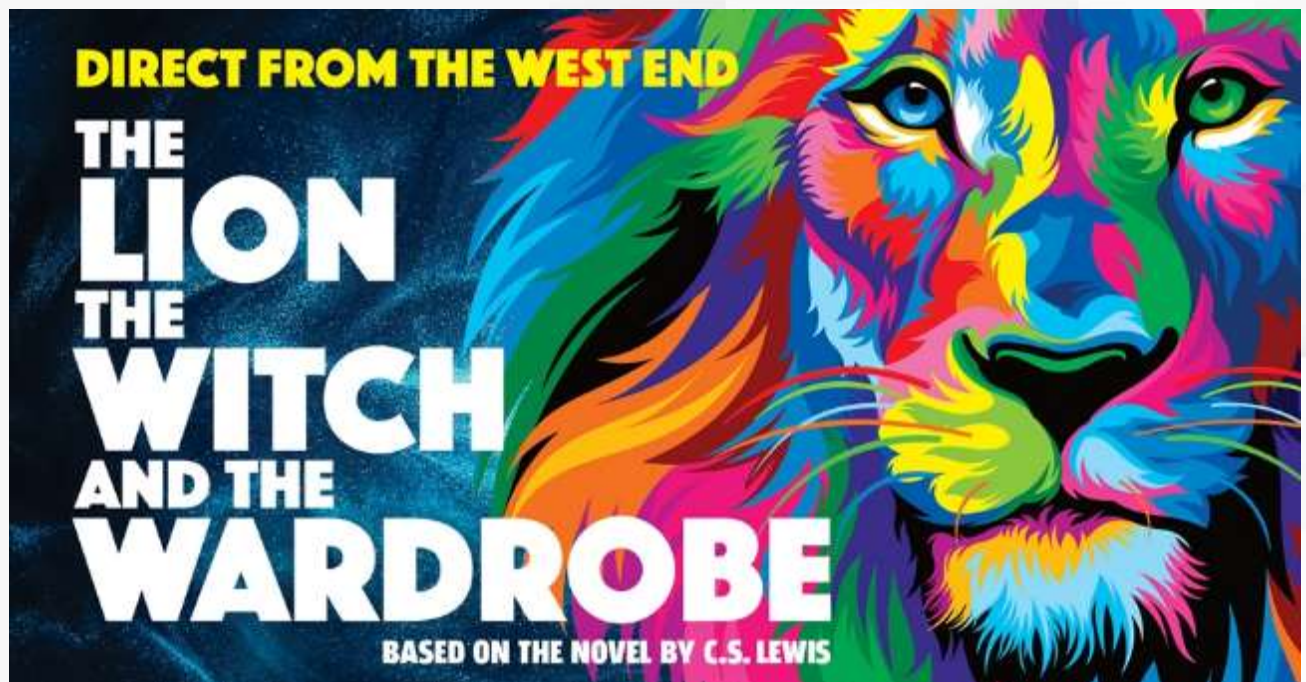
We are incredibly proud of Max Little, who has recently represented England at Under-17 level.

Max travelled to Dubai with the squad and played in two international fixtures, showcasing his talent, dedication, and hard work.

This is an outstanding achievement, and the whole school community congratulates Max on reaching such an exciting milestone in his sporting journey.



*Max receiving his international cap.*



This week we had the pleasure of taking a number of Y8 students to see 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' at the Mayflower Theatre. We had a wonderful afternoon and all thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

## Maths Stars of the week



Year 11:	Abi P - 11B1
Year 10	Olivia B - 9L2
Year 9:	Elsi-Mai T - 9G1
Year 8:	Hannah W - 8B1
Year 7:	Eliza K - 7G1

## Key events over the next few weeks (and INSET days)

27th November	Performing Arts Winter Showcase Evening
11th December	Year 10 progress Evening (16.30-19.30)
19th December	Last Day of Term. 1pm finish for students.
5th January	INSET Day. School Closed for students
6th January	Spring term begins for all students.

## Community Events & Resources



**Back to Basics** is a community campaign based on the 5 ways of wellbeing to help support families to manage their wellbeing within the home creating empowerment and resilience thus having a reduction on referrals and waiting times for specialist services.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/back-to-basics>





## NEW FOREST WINTER HAF SCHEMES (2/2)



### New Milton Town Council

Ashley Youth Hub (BH25 5FN)

### Premier Education

Ashley Junior School (BH25 5FN)  
New Milton Scout Hut (BH25 5PH)



### St Barbe Museum and Gallery

Lymington Community Association (SO41 9BQ)

### Superstar Sports

Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School (SO41 8GY)



### The Reptile Academy

Unit 7 Manor Farm Business Centre (BH21 5HT)



Please keep an eye on the FISH website as it will be regularly updated with available HAF schemes: <https://fish.hants.gov.uk>



## NEW FOREST WINTER HAF SCHEMES (1/2)



### 360 Degree Sports Coaching

New Forest Academy (SO45 2PA)

### Active For All

Hythe Primary School (SO45 6BL)



### AFC Bournemouth

Ringwood Community Hub (BH24 3BX)

### Educamps

Forres Sandie Manor School (SP6 1DS)



### Globe Fit

Pennington Infant School (SO41 8HX)  
Poulner Junior School (BH24 3LA)

### JC Sports Development

Breamore Primary School (SP6 2EF)  
Highcliffe School (BH23 4QD)  
Testwood School (SO40 3ZW)



## Free holiday activities & meals for eligible children this winter!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy fun activities and healthy meals for free this Christmas through Hampshire's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Spaces are limited - book now!  
Scan the QR code below to check if you're eligible, find local HAF schemes, and book your child(ren)'s place



Have a great weekend.

Mr Webber  
Headteacher