



Week beginning	26 th January 2026	Week	A	B	Menu Week 1
Personal Development theme (extended form is Tuesday)	7	Boys & puberty	10	Modern day slavery	
	8	Gender equality	11	Core subject study sessions	
	9	Dealing with grief	6 th Form	Y12 - Consent around the world Y13 – Pregnancy, motherhood and employment	
Theme of assemblies	Various year group specific topics.		Year Leader Assemblies	House Assemblies	
Career of the week: VFX Artist	Here is our career of the week! Our hope is that you will watch this short clip with your child and discuss it together. JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #113 - VFX ARTIST				

News and messages from Mr McArthur

Good afternoon everyone and happy Friday!

I'm adding a new section this week – Thunks!

What is a Thunk and does it link to our teaching of Ethics? In ethics and philosophy, a Thunk is a beguiling, open-ended question designed to stop you in your tracks and encourage deep thinking about everyday life. Thunks link closely to ethical thinking, because they invite reflection on consequences, intentions, and the impact of our choices. They're also a great tool for family discussions and debates, as they encourage everyone to share ideas, challenge assumptions, and explore different perspectives together. By thinking through Thunks, families can practice reflection, reasoning, and intentional decision-making in a fun and engaging way. Have a look at this week's Thunk and have a family conversation of the opportunity arises.

New lunchtime club alert – three Year 10 students, Lily-Mae, Leah and Imogen, have set up a new lunchtime club which will run Tuesday lunchtimes in ML3 (thank you to Mrs Wilford for supervising). It is a Crochet Club and open to all so encourage your child to pop along if they are interested.

That's all for this week,

have a great weekend,



Ian McArthur - Headteacher.

'Thunk' of the week:

Does using social media help teenagers become more connected, or more alone?

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Noice:
Ms Woodberry	Parents of Y12 & Y10	Appointments are now available to book for the Year 12 Parents' Evening on Thursday 29 th January 4.30 - 6.30pm and the Year 10 Parents' Evening on Thursday 5 th February 4.30 - 7pm. Appointments can be booked through the MCAS app. If you are not able to access the app or experience any problems booking appointments, please email j.woodberry@phs.jtmat.co.uk or call the school office and we'll be happy to help.
Mrs Ireland	All parents	If you have a career that you would like to share with our students, please email me to come in and do a lunchtime talk. We would like to restart our 'lunch with a...' careers talks as they proved very popular last year. k.ireland@phs.jtmat.co.uk
Mrs McArthur	Parents/Carers	Staffordshire Council have launched a new campaign to raise awareness about attendance. There's lots of support for parents on their new website: https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education-welfare/Im-here/Im-Here-Secondary-attendance-campaign.aspx As always, if you have any worries about your child's attendance, please get in touch with an email to attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk . We are here to support you.
Miss Gordon	Year 11	French GCSE revision for Year 11 students after school on Thursdays at 3pm until 3:45pm
Mrs Gadsby	Blackheart Manor cast	Students who have been cast in the school production of 'Blackheart Manor' rehearsals are EVERY Thursday night in the school hall from 3-4.30pm.
Mr Peach	Year 11 & 12	We are running our bi-annual trip to New York City and Washington DC in February 2027 Any current Yr11s or Yr12s who are interested in the trip should collect a letter from Mr Peach which gives details of the trip If Yr11s who sign up for the trip and then don't stay at our 6th Form are still welcome to take advantage of this trip of a lifetime.
Mr LLoyd	Year 11	A reminder to ALL Year 11 students. Every Wednesday afterschool in MA4 there is "CoolMaths" Club to support with your mathematics revision. You can collect general revision sheets and exam papers or work on something specific if you prefer. Higher and Foundation students are welcome.
Miss Dalby	KS3	All students need a reading book for silent reading during English lessons. This is also part of their school equipment and should be in their bag. Students can visit the library to check out a book if they don't have one.
Miss Lawson	Year 10 & 11	Physics drop in on Tuesday lunch time in ML2 - topic is Space, for triple science students only
Mrs Farrimond	11	Chemistry drop-in sessions run Monday Lunch time in SC1 with Mrs Farrimond. This is for combined and separate chemistry students.
Miss Wilford	Year 11	GCSE MFL Speaking exams this week and next. Miss Gordon's group Friday 23rd. Miss Wilford's group Tuesday 27 th Mr Kay's group Weds 28 th Miss Aldana's group Friday 30 th
Miss Dalby	All	Grammar Police: Apostrophe Hunt see poster below
Miss Lawson	Year 10 & 11	Past paper club in SC3 on Tuesday this week.
Miss Mills	Year 7, 8 & 9	Dance club for starts next Thursday in the sports hall 3:00-4:00, bring Pe kit or any comfortable sports wear.

Mr Jackson	All	Clubs next week: Tuesday- Badminton Wednesday- Table tennis and volleyball
Dr Banks	All	Home Learning Club After School GS3 Monday 3pm-4pm Tuesday 3pm-4pm and Lunch Times GS3 Tuesday 1.20-2pm Thursday 1.20-2pm Friday 1.20-2pm
Reminders and key dates		29 th January – Year 12 Parents' Evening 5 th February – Year 10 Parents' Evening 10 th February – Safer Internet Day 12 th February – Group photos – 6 th form; Year 11; Prefects Week beginning 16 th February – Half Term 23 rd February – back to school @ 8.27am

Click the link to see what clubs are on next week:

<https://www.poulet.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/26.-Student-Leadership-and-Extra-Curricular-@-Poulet-High-School-2025-26.pdf>



Latest Extra-Curricular opportunities at our school:



Grammar Police: Apostrophe Hunt



Can you spot the mistakes around the local community?

We are recruiting Grammar Police Officers to hunt down incorrect apostrophe usage in real life!



Your Mission

Look out for apostrophe errors on:

- Shop signs
- Menus
- Adverts
- Posters
- Vehicles
- Anywhere in the local community

For example:

Pizza's available

(should be Pizzas available – plural, not possessive)



How to Enter

- Take a clear photo of the mistake
- Make sure you can explain what's wrong
- Send it to: c.dalby@phs.jmat.co.uk

Include:

Your name

Tutor group

Where you found the mistake

