



Friday 10th January 2025

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Parent consultations
3:40pm—6:00pm

Tuesday 11th February
Thursday 13th
February

**Last day of term 3 and
TAG day:** Friday 14th
February

First day of term 4:
Monday 24th February

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Welcome back!

Welcome back to school for the start of term 3! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful break and are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

This term's value

Our value for this term is **integrity**, which is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. In assembly we have discussed the meaning of the value and how it can be applied to everyday life, to give pupils examples of how they can demonstrate it. We have also discussed the importance of knowing your own personal values and living by them as best as you can. Integrity is important because it promotes personal and collective well-being and is linked to increased self-esteem, life satisfaction and good mental health. This article has some useful tips on how to discuss and promote integrity at home: [6 Ways to Teach Your Child Integrity - Sue Atkins The Parenting Coach](#)



How to Stay Protected Against AI Scams - TechRadar

The next spam call you receive may not be a real person. Scammers are increasingly using voice-enabled AI models to automate their fraudulent schemes. The human ear was not designed to tell the difference. The tricking of individuals by imitating real human callers, has become a new and highly effective methodology enabled by AI advances. Tech Radar magazine has recently published an article on how to tackle this new front in the war against scams. If interested, please follow the link below:

<https://www.techradar.com/computing/artificial-intelligence/ai-voice-clone-scams>

TTRS Titans

Congratulations to all pupils who met their target on TTRS last term and were in the draw for the prize. Amithran in Year 3, Arjan in Year 4, Harper in Year 5 and Beatrice in Year 6 were the lucky recipients of the prize, which is a £10 voucher of their choice.

All pupils who meet the target of 300 minutes between now and Easter will receive a certificate and be in with a chance of winning the prize when it is drawn.

Lateness

We have noticed an increasing number of pupils arriving late for school recently. The school day starts and the register taken at 8:50am each day. Any pupils arriving after this time will therefore be marked as late, and after registers close at 9:00am it will be counted as unauthorised absence for the morning session.

High levels of lateness have a direct negative impact upon educational attainment, whereas pupils who have a high regard for punctuality improve their life chances and develop positive attitudes that will benefit them in their adult lives. If you bring your child/ren to school, please ensure they are dropped off before 8:50am to allow them time to get to class before the register is taken. If your child/ren travel to school on their own, please ensure they understand the importance of being in class on time.



Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



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| 3H: Cassie | 3L: Lilly-Mae | 3M: Niamh | 3P: Emmett |
| 4H: Esha | 4B: Lily | 4T: Ekam | 4O'K: Otis |
| 5H: Karolina | 5K: Bronwen | 5C: Riley | 5R: Tyrese |
| 6K: Dorcas | 6L: Lucie | 6Ma: Spencer | 6Mo: Madison |