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EWD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



13th June 2025

A message from Leadership

As we near the end of this academic year, we are preparing for our final Home Partnership Day of the Year. This will be held on Thursday 3rd July. We would love to see as many parents/carers/families here as possible, so please make appointments with your child's tutor as soon as possible.

This is also our last week of exams. A huge well done to all of the Year 11s on their resilience with exams and on their successes over their time with us in school. This is the time of year when we reflect on the journey that our Y11 leavers have taken with us and more than a few tears are usually shed! Good luck Year 11s and best wishes on your next adventures!

Diary Dates

- 3rd July: Home-School Partnership Day
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Attendance

This week, our top three attending tutor groups were:

McManus	93.75%
Bryan	85.71%
Wood	83.33%



Reminders

Students need cash or a bank card for shopping in the community - NOT their phone.

Medication must be sent into school in the box with prescription label, via taxi escort.



Important Messages



Points are mentioned frequently in our newsletters as well as daily with our students.

However, if a student displays one of our RICH-T values they can be eligible for a **Golden Ticket**.



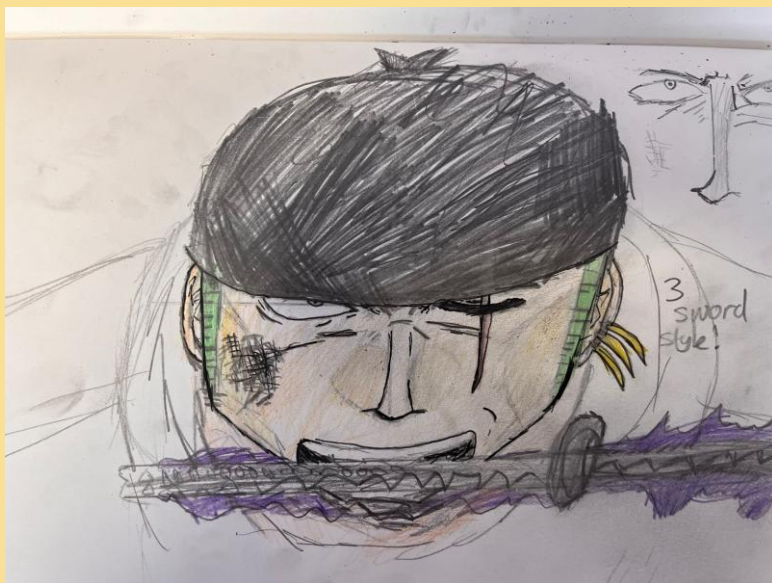
RESPECT will be our big focus over the next couple of weeks until the holidays; respect for ourselves, respect for each other and respect for the school.

What's been happening this week in Key Stage 3



Bryan

This week, Bryan class have enjoyed making spicy corn dogs! The boys loved eating them for their lunch. Yum yum!!



Creative Spotlight – Zoro Comes to Life!

This impressive drawing by a talented student in McManus class showcases not only a love for anime but also the creative skills developed during Art lessons with Miss White. Sketched in his art book, the artwork captures the fierce energy of Zoro from *One Piece* using shading, proportion, and detail techniques learned at school. A brilliant blend of passion and practice - well done!

McManus

What's been happening this week in Key Stage 4



Jackman



Jackman class have recently taken part in the 30 days wild challenge. This encourages students to look at how they can encourage wildlife to thrive near them and help look after their habitats.



As the final exams have taken place this week, most of McHale students are now on study leave from school. This has been a stressful time for both students and staff and we are proud of the effort they have put in. McHale are now looking forward to their leavers day next Thursday 19th June 2025. See you all next week!



McHale

Student Report



Wood

I have been working this week starting to do construction with Alan. I have been in the construction shed next to my classroom doing bricklaying.

It's been fun and I have really enjoyed learning and showing Alan my skills. I have loved telling people in my class about what I have been doing.



Ethan

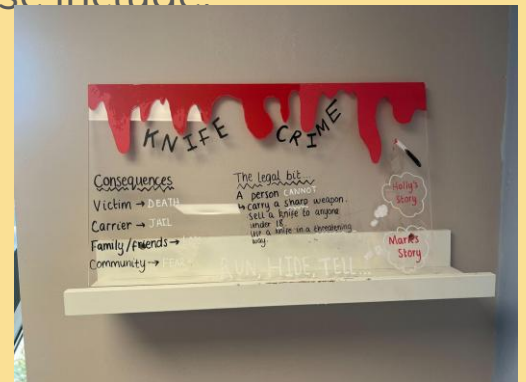
Pastoral Message



As part of my role at school, I oversee medication administration, first aid, and the coordination of vaccination sessions for our students. Over the past few months, our team has been actively involved in delivering a series of educational sessions focused on emergency first aid and key safeguarding topics.

In collaboration with the Youth Justice Team, we've been fortunate to welcome guest speakers and access informative resources covering a range of important issues. These include:

- Knife Crime
- County Lines
- Holly's Hope



- Drug and Alcohol Awareness

- Online Gaming and Gambling Risks



Chloe

Information from our Safeguarding Lead (DSL) – Elizabeth Airey

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Behaviour

An eating disorder is a mental health condition where you use the control of food to cope with feelings and other situations.

Unhealthy eating behaviours may include eating too much or too little or worrying about your weight or body shape.

Anyone can get an eating disorder, but teenagers between 13 and 17 are mostly affected.

With treatment, most people can recover from an eating disorder

Types of eating disorders

The most common eating disorders are:

- anorexia nervosa – trying to control your weight by not eating enough food, exercising too much, or doing both
- bulimia – losing control over how much you eat and then taking drastic action to not put on weight
- binge eating disorder (BED) – eating large portions of food until you feel uncomfortably full disorder

If you need support you can contact

help@beateatingdisorders.org.uk

0808 801 0677

Safeguarding A-Z

Privates are Privates!

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them. Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.

Your body belongs to you!

Your body belongs to you. No one should ever make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If someone asks to see, or tries to touch you, underneath your underwear, say 'NO' – and tell someone you trust and like to speak to.

No means No!

No means no and you always have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. You're in control of your body and the most important thing is how YOU feel. If you want to say 'no', it's your choice.

Talk about secrets that upset you!

There are good and bad secrets. Good secrets can be things like surprise parties or presents for other people. Bad secrets make you feel sad, worried or frightened. You should always talk to a safe adult who you trust about a bad secret or anything that doesn't feel right.

We are here to help!

Speak to a member of staff

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

on the App Store;
Teen' on Google Play

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared for some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

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