

9 October 2025



Dear Parent /Carer

RE: ASPIRE Day 2025

Our first ASPIRE day of the academic year will take place on Tuesday 14 October. Over the past academic year we have been reviewing our ASPIRE Day programme. Where we have previously held three ASPIRE Days throughout the year, the ASPIRE Day scheduled in the Spring term will now be known as 'Ambitions Week' where students will benefit from a series of engagement opportunities with Employers and Future and Higher Education providers alongside their lessons throughout the week.

Please see below for an overview of activities for your child to support them develop their ASPIRE qualities and their skills for the future for the upcoming ASPIRE Day on Tuesday 14 October 2025.

Year 7	Arts and Wellbeing: AWE Team Day Students will spend the day on ASPIRE projects within the Visual and Performing Arts as well as ASPIRE challenges with the PE Team. The day will also encourage students to take up ACE opportunities throughout the year.	Uniform: PE Kit
Year 8	Skills Builder: Operation Moonbase Students will build a new society on a distant moon called Utopia, including selecting who will be the first citizens, creating an animal that will help people and building a 3D model of a new city.	Standard Academy Uniform
Year 9	Skills Builder: Criminal Justice System Day Students will build a deep understanding of the UK criminal justice system through exploring a fictional case of a young man's attempt to appeal his conviction. Through a range of tasks students will develop the skills of evaluating evidence for validity, a familiarity with the roles and processes of the Crown Court and be given opportunities to participate in mock trials.	Standard Academy Uniform
Year 10	My Working Future – Part One During the day, students will explore their individual strengths and talents as they begin preparing for the world of work. Working with SUN, an external careers organisation, they will learn how to create a professional CV ready for their upcoming work experience placements later in Year 10. Students will also investigate a variety of job roles and employer profiles, helping them to understand what different careers involve and how to present themselves confidently to potential employers.	Standard Academy Uniform
Year 11	My Working Future – Part Two Year 11 students will begin the day with an insightful talk from the Department for Work and Pensions, exploring up-to-date labour market information and emerging career opportunities. They will then analyse a range of job descriptions and vacancies, identifying the key details and skills employers look for when recruiting. Later in the day, students will focus on preparing for apprenticeship or job interviews—learning how to present themselves with confidence and understanding the importance of networking by identifying who is already part of their own professional network and how they can expand it further.	Standard Academy Uniform

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Year 12	Independent Futures Students will complete a programme of three sessions throughout the day which will include Basic First Aid with resources from St John's Ambulance, as well as a practical cooking skills session where students will learn and apply basic cooking techniques. Students will also complete a Personal Finance session to support them manage their budgets and personal finances for both now, and in the future.
Year 13	Independent Study – Reading Day Students will complete a reading day to support the development of their independence in readiness for a future at university and working independently. Students will be required to create an action plan for their day with their teachers in advance of the day and reflect on how they self-managed their time to achieve their identified goals.

Yours sincerely

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