



THE
Clere
School

Summer Term News 2023

Dear valued Parents, Carers, and members of the community,

Welcome to this edition of The Clere Tribune. This is our termly newsletter dedicated to sharing the activities of the students and staff in our wonderful school with our wider community.

As I sit and write this introduction I am able to reflect upon my first Year at The Clere which has seen me joining as Head of School in September and then being appointed as Headteacher in April. It has been an incredibly busy year and I feel honoured to be part of and serve such a special community. To have the opportunity to work with so many talented young people and teachers is always the best part of my job.

This term has seen lots of fantastic things happening. Our Year 11s have sat their GCSE exams which is always a time of high pressure for students, but all the feedback from teachers and our team of invigilators was that they were a credit to themselves and the school.

It was therefore lovely to come together to celebrate their time at the school at the Year 11 Prom. It was great to see the students turned out in their finery and the work that staff had put in to decorating the venue, providing the entertainment and putting on refreshments made it a wonderful night. We look forward to the next time we will see the students to celebrate their results in August.

The Summer Term also saw the return of the awards evening after a pandemic enforced break. To sit and listen to all the excellent things that students had achieved was brilliant. My thanks must go to Richard Walters, an alumni of The Clere, who gave an inspiring presentation on how he had shown resilience in overcoming adversity. The message of never giving up certainly struck home to me and the other guests in attendance.

As I am writing this our students are participating in well-being week where we take time away from our normal busy curriculum to give them the opportunity to try new things as well as reflecting on what it means to be positive about their physical and mental health. The students have told us that it is one of their favourite weeks of the year and I am sure that it will be the same this time.

There have been many successes for our PE department this term. There were notable performances both from our tennis players and our athletes. Both the district and the county championships saw our students shine and turn in results that exceeded many of our bigger neighbours.

An exciting development this term has been the setting up of a new PTA. The links, at all levels, between school and home are vital and this will give the opportunity for parents to get involved with building our wider community. They already have extremely exciting plans for what they are going to do and projects they wish to support. The PTA will be writing to parents in the very near future to get them on board and explain what these plans are.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy summer holiday, I hope that the weather, wherever you are spending it, is good and that you have the time to relax with loved ones. I look forward to seeing our students back in September and continuing to work with our fantastic community.

Best Wishes

Mr Rob Milner

Head of School



Awards Evening – Thursday 13th July 2023

A variety of faculty and commendation awards, Headteacher commendations and Head of Year awards were presented to over 100 pupils throughout the evening. Pupils were also presented with a number of special awards by our guest speaker, Richard Walters, a former student at The Clere School from 1983. Richard gave an inspirational and motivational talk about his career and how his life changed when his wife was diagnosed with cancer. This inspired him to cycle solo from Lands End to John O’Groats raising over £7,000 for Cancer Research.



Specialist Award Winners

Mathematics Cup	Anna van der Giessen
Science Progress Cup (Martin Jamieson Award)	Joshua Gillate
The Graham Page Award for Outstanding Contribution to Music	Thomas Tropman
Design Award	Esme Swadling
Key Stage 3 Outstanding Contribution to Performing Arts (Chris Garner Award)	Peter Lilleystone
Key Stage 4 Outstanding Contribution to Performing Arts (Chris Garner Award)	Libby Watters
Dawn German Award (for outstanding contribution to MFL)	Joshua Gillate
Key Stage 3 Sportsperson of the Year	Jessica Elliott
Key Stage 4 Sportsperson of the Year	Rosie Stockwell



Head of Year Awards

Awarded for accumulative progress, participation, growth and development over the year.

Year 7 Head of Year Award for Integrity	Lily Cameron
Year 7 Head of Year Award for Integrity	Cooper Elliott
Year 7 Head of Year Award for Ambition	Brooke Wakeman
Year 7 Head of Year Award for Ambition	Jac Romer
Year 7 Head of Year Award for Resilience	Holly Muir
Year 7 Head of Year Award for Resilience	Toby van Vyve
Year 7 Overall Head of Year Award	Eve Lansley
Year 7 Overall Head of Year Award	Toyah Swadling
Year 8 Head of Year Award for Integrity	Lilly Vaisset
Year 8 Head of Year Award for Integrity	Oliver Cooper
Year 8 Head of Year Award for Ambition	Gleb Afonin
Year 8 Head of Year Award for Ambition	Charlie Taylor
Year 8 Overall Head of Year Award	Declan Brooks
Year 8 Overall Head of Year Award	Scott Yates
Year 9 Head of Year Award for Integrity	Isaac Hart
Year 9 Head of Year Award for Ambition	Ryan Mitchell
Year 9 Overall Head of Year Award	Sophie Upton
Year 10 Head of Year Award for Integrity	Joshua Gillate
Year 10 Head of Year Award for Ambition	Libby Watters
Year 10 Head of Year Award for Resilience	Anna Marke
Year 10 Head of Year Award for Resilience	Lily Poulter
Year 10 Overall Head of Year Award	Chloe Boyle

News from the Modern Foreign Languages Department

At KS4, Year 11 German took their final exams and then Year 10 Spanish sat their first mocks.

Congratulations to Joshua G. who achieved two grade 9's.

We saw a record number of Year 9's opting for MFL at GCSE this year and are looking forward to seeing them developing their skills at KS4.

Learning to speak a foreign language is invaluable! In their last few lessons Year 8 honed their speaking skills, moving through "stations" in order

to book a room at a hotel 🏨, book train tickets 🚆, see a doctor 🩺 and get advice on how to get better 💊 depending on aches /illnesses 🤕 as well as ordering food 🍴 and drinks 🥤 at a café! Well done, Year 8!

Year 7 French and Spanish have all had a fantastic start and we look forward to carrying on their linguistic journey in September.

Lastly, a big thank you to Gleb A. who has run a successful Ukrainian club at lunchtimes. The progress and skills attained by students attending is truly amazing with students now able to read words written in the cyrillic alphabet at normal speed!



Life After The Clere Taliesin (Tally) Gibbs (Attended 2016-2020)

Tally is now attending the British and Irish Modern Music Institute (BIMM) in Brighton, after two years at Andover College studying Music and History 'A' level.

Mum would like to like to say a big thank you to all at The Clere and confirm Tally is loving life.

Hampshire Book Awards

My name is Declan and I took part in the Hampshire Book Awards (HBA) 2023. The HBA is a 15-week long reading challenge where you read 6 books nominated by Hampshire Library Service. Each book is then rated by you with the 3 E's. Enjoyment, Enrichment and Engagement. Enjoyment is how much you enjoyed the book, Enrichment is how much you got out of it - did you learn something new, or see the world in a different way? Engagement is how much you wanted to keep reading it.

The 6 books nominated this year were:

- » "When I See Blue" by Lily Bailey
- » "We Were Wolves" by Jason Cockcroft
- » "The Boy Behind the Wall" by Maximillian Jones
- » "Rebel Skies" by Ann Sei Lin
- » "Once Upon a Fever" by Angharad Walker
- » "When The World Was Ours" by Liz Kessler

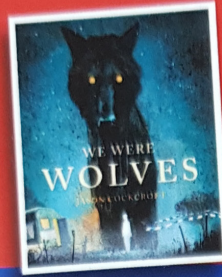
After the Vote, "When The World Was Ours" won. My favourite book was "The Boy Behind the Wall", and at a close second "When The World Was Ours". I liked "The Boy Behind the Wall" because it is quite unique and it sheds light on the 1950s living in countries like the GDR. "The Boy Behind the Wall" follows 2 protagonists: Harry, who lives in West Berlin in the American sector; and Jakob, who lives in East Berlin in the German Democratic Republic. The plot follows Harry and Jakob as they discover each other and communicate secretly in the hope of helping Jakob escape to the West. I also liked the book because it is created by multiple authors under the pseudonym "Maximillian Jones", and this helps create a textual difference between Jakob and Harry.

I really enjoyed taking part in this Award. I got to read 5 books I really enjoyed and 1 book gave me a unique look into everyday objects. It was very fun to discuss the books and it made you think deeply about what the books actually meant.

- Declan Brooks, Year 8B

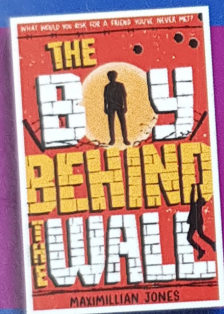
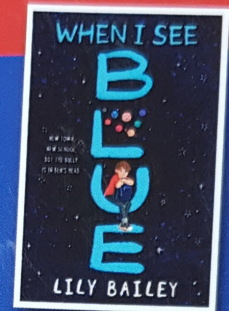


Who will get your vote
on Voting Day, 29th June 2023?



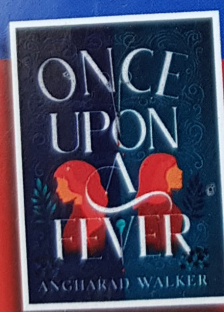
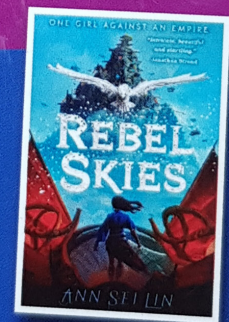
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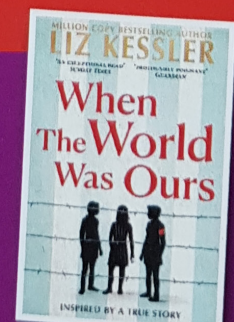
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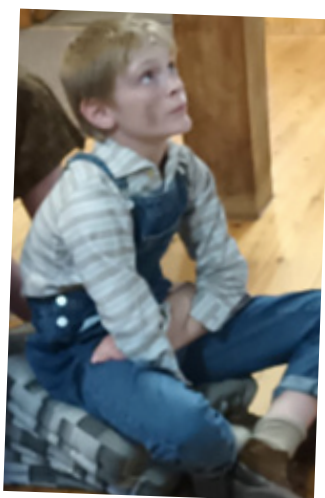
Peter Lilleystone – Year 9

Peter started Stagecoach at the age of 6 and has thoroughly enjoyed attending every Saturday morning since. Peter studies drama, dance and singing, spending an hour on each discipline and still finds it a lot of fun and the highlight of his week.



At primary school age Peter started appearing in our local village pantos and also 2 shows at the Corn Exchange; Oliver and Bugsy Malone with Rare Productions. Peter recently started acting lessons at the Watermill Theatre which led him to audition for a part in Whistle Down The Wind where he had a part as one of the lead children. This was an incredible experience for him, working with professional actors / musicians, getting paid and meeting Andrew Lloyd-Webber.

He has just finished his latest role at the Newbury New Era Theatre, Wash Common, playing the part of Young Pip in Great Expectations. This was another opportunity for him to learn new skills amongst like minded people.



Wanted! Sweet Tubs / Containers

The Food Department would be grateful if you could donate any sweet tubs that you no longer require. Thank you.



Readathon



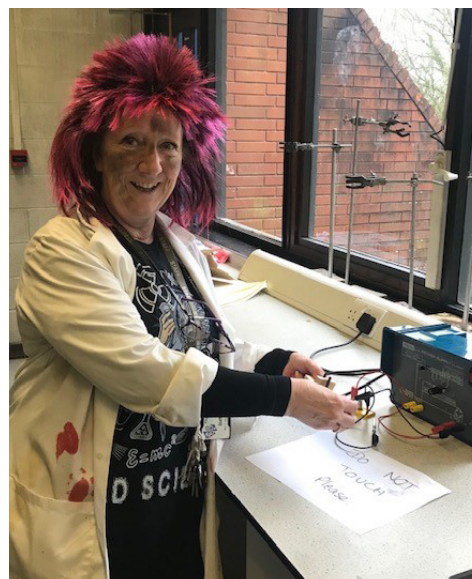
When You're an Addams!

This term, our performing arts club have been putting together our own production of The Addams Family! The students have all worked incredibly hard to put a brilliant performance together, ready to be shown on the 19th July 2023! This show has had the biggest ticket sales the school has seen for a drama production in more than eight years! It's a phenomenal achievement and our performers cannot wait to share the show with more than 100 audience members!



Science Week - Mad Scientist

Science week is always an exciting time for students and teachers here at The Clere! During March 2023 we applied what we have learnt in the classroom and turned that knowledge into creating fun experiments which really showed that science can be exciting and engaging. During the week we carried out a varied range of experiments that covered a wide range of topics...we turned copper into gold, we designed boats and made snakes from sand to name just a few of the activities the students engaged in. We ended an extremely fun filled week with students and the Head of Science dressing up as mad scientists.



PE Overview

Gifted and Talented Superstars Event

What a fantastic day at QMC for the Gifted and Talented Superstars PE Competition. The students take part in a number of events such as Rowing, Skill Shot, Sprint, Swimming and Kurling. We compete against schools in the Basingstoke area. The students did incredibly well and Miss King was very proud of them. Below are some of the highlights and top scorers. Each group of students was out of 18.

- April Paul and Toyah Swadling came joint 4th, 1 point away from a medal.
- Noah Clutterbuck placed 8th.
- Zoe Cox placed 9th.
- Ryan Mitchell placed 3rd and will receive a medal in the post next week!
- Freddie Browne placed 8th.
- Holly Kitson placed 8th.
- Jess Elliott placed 9th.



Lacrosse Sessions

We had the pleasure of having Sarra from Phoenix Lacrosse, Newbury join us to give the students a taster session in Lacrosse. The students got to learn the skills before trying to see far they could throw the ball with the stick and play mini games. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and some have already signed up to the club outside of school.

"I didn't know anything about Lacrosse before. It is an interesting sport. I've never tried anything like it and I found it really fun and enjoyed scooping the ball up with the Lacrosse stick. I would like to play it again"

- Jack Sheppard Year 8

"Lacrosse was really good. It was lots of fun battling for the ball against my friend. It was much easier than I thought it would be but I was very tired by the end of the lesson! I loved learning something new."

- Ben Symington Year 8



Netball Tour 2023

On Friday 28th April the Year 10 Netball team with 2 Year 9 guest players travelled to Liddington, Swindon to attend the annual Netball Weekend. The students were fantastic throughout the weekend and a real asset to the school and to me. The students really came together after the first few matches and I was impressed at how quickly they adapted to difficult competition. The girls ended up in 5th place missing out on the final play offs by 2 points.



I was very proud of the students as the progress they made from one match to the next really showed. The reason that we attend the tournament is for students to play higher level teams and this weekend they really got to put their skills to the test against some brilliant teams. Not only do the students compete in a netball tournament they take part in other activities throughout the weekend such as giant rope swing, abseiling, zip wire and archery.

Well done to all of the students who took part in the weekend and I look forward to next season with you.
- Miss King

As I have been captain of the netball team for 4 years so far, it's been really good to see how much individual players and the team have developed. The team were fantastic, and a lot of determination and teamwork were showed throughout the weekend. We all worked really well together, and all the training showed in our performances in matches. I would like to thank Miss King for the opportunity to take us and for being an amazing coach over the weekend, we couldn't have done it without you!

- Rosie Stockwell Year 10 Netball Captain



Doubles Tennis Tournament

Over the last month we have attended two district doubles tennis tournaments. A huge congratulations to Year 8 students Scott Yates and Oliver Cooper who came 1st. The boys won every match they played. What a fantastic achievement to win in the cup.

Well done to Year 10 students Loui Castelli and Fergal Byrne who despite the hot weather conditions played incredibly well and ended up coming 3rd.



PE Overview

Year 7 Rounders

The Year 7 rounders team travelled to John Hanson School on Tuesday 13th June to play a tournament.

The girls won 2 matches and drew one match meaning that they ended up in the final.

It was an exciting final with the score neck and neck to the finish. Unfortunately, in the last minute of the game Harrow Way School scored a half rounder placing us in 2nd place out of 8 schools.

Miss King is incredibly proud of the girls that they reached the final. The students played well as a team working together with some brilliant batting.
- Miss King

As Captain of the rounders team, I am proud to say that on the 13th June, our team came a brilliant 2nd in an 8-team tournament. The rounders team played at John Hanson against seven other schools. Our team included Eleanor Gracey, Claudia Rand, Honey Rand, Maisie Mildenhall, Marina Mik, Holly Muir, April Paul, Toyah Swadling, Eve Lansley, Penny Childs and Amy Silcox. It was an amazing tournament, with great teamwork and some very loud cheering.

- Eleanor Gracey Year 7 Captain



Year 8 Rounders

Congratulations to the Year 8 students who competed in a rounders tournament on Wednesday 7th June and came 3rd out of 8 schools. The students are disappointed to have missed out on the final but worked well as a team to get 3rd place.

Well done girls!



Year 9 Rounders

The Year 9 Rounders Team had a tournament at Harrow Way School on Wednesday 17th May. They won two matches and lost two matches and ended up in 5th place.

Well done girls!





Ski trip 2023 Andorra

The Ski Trip was back this year after the third time of being rescheduled due to Covid. On Saturday 1st April we travelled to Dover and unfortunately got caught in the delays. After a “few” hours we finally completed our journey and arrived at our hotel in Andorra. The students made an amazing amount of progress during the week especially with the majority of students attending being beginners.



Students attended Dry Ski Slope sessions in Southampton before attending the trip where they learnt the basic skills that they needed for the slopes. It truly was an inspirational week watching the students’ progress from them learning how to put on their skis to skiing down blue, red and black runs. The students coped well with the conditions.

The students took part in activities in the evening such as shopping in Andorra, a Pool tournament, walking to see the views and much more. We had a presentation on the way home and so many students received prizes for various things. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time to go on this trip.

- Miss King, Ski Trip Leader

The ski trip was an amazing experience for me and everyone else who went. Everyone supported each other and we all bonded it was so much fun on the slopes. There was a new challenge every day, I loved in the middle of the week when we went to go explore the town and go shopping. The trip was very enjoyable especially when we all were singing songs . Our days on the trip consisted of fun activities with your group. we had a break and lunch next to the slopes with a nice view. It was really nice that the ski fit was underneath the hotel. When you’re ready you have the opportunity to do black slopes with your groups. The hotel food was a buffet, and it was lovely with plenty of options. We loved getting to choose who we shared rooms with, and you form a close bond with the people in your room. You make loads of memories on the slopes and at the hotel too. It just wants to make me go again for more memorable moments.

- Esme Willgoss and Isabel Hunt, Year 8



PE Overview

U15 Cricket Tournament

The U15 cricket team represented the school at a 6-a-side tournament on Thursday 17th June. The students have been working hard at Cricket Club. A mixed bag of results saw the team lose out on a spot in the final trying to chase down a 90-run lead from a great Testbourne batting performance.

This was a fantastic opportunity for students who may have never played hard ball cricket before to experience it in a competitive environment.

Player of the day voted for by Mr Dyke and Fergal Byrne (U15s cricket captain) for their performance with the bat and taking 2 wickets in an over was Holly Kitson.



Cross Country County Championships

Congratulations to Emma Coleman and Abby McBride in Year 8 who made it through to the next round of the Cross Country and represented the Andover and Test Valley District at the Hampshire School's Cross-Country Championships. Emma placed 60th out of 150 students and Abby placed 65th.

What a fantastic achievement, well done girls.



Year 9 and 10 Athletics

Year 9 and 10 District Athletics

A brilliant day with some talented students. We were incredibly impressed with the level of talent and resilience that the students showed when competing especially with the hot conditions. We managed as a group to get 9 letters for the County Championships in June.

Well done to all students involved

Year 9 and 10 County Athletics, Portsmouth

Congratulations to Ryan Mitchell who came 6th at the County Athletics in Shot Put. We had a lot of students attend this event but due to the heat conditions on the day students weren't well enough to compete or had to forfeit their event.



Year 7 and 8 Athletics

Year 7 and 8 District Athletics

On Monday 19th June 40 students took part in the Andover and District Athletics. All of the students did incredibly well despite the heat. The following students made it through to the County Championships in Southampton on 12th July:

- Dylan Barnard: High Jump
- Abby McBride: 800m
- Ousmane Dorsso: 80m and 600m
- Cooper Elliott: Discus
- Penny Childs: High Jump



Well done to all students who took part.

Year 7 and 8 County Athletics

The Year 7&8 County Athletics took place on Wednesday 12th June at Southampton Athletics Track. 5 students, Penny Childs, Ousmane Dorsso, Cooper Elliot, Dylan Barnard and Abby McBride, competed and we are incredibly proud of these students to make it through to a County round as this is a huge achievement.

A huge Congratulations to Year7 student Cooper Elliott who competed in Discus and came 2nd with a throw of 22m, what an incredible achievement!

Also a massive Congratulations to Year8 student Dylan Barnard who competed in the High Jump and came 2nd with a jump of 1m45 (1st place jumped 1m50 so incredibly close). Well Done Dylan!



Dates for your Diary - Autumn Term

Friday 1 September to Friday 15 December 2023:

Monday 4 September	Year 7's only
Tuesday 5 September	Whole School
Thursday 21 September	Open Evening

Half Term:

Monday 23 October 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023

Christmas Holiday:

Monday 18 December 2023 to 1 January 2024

Spring Term:

Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Spring Half Term:

Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024

Easter Holiday:

Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024

Summer Term:

Monday 15 April 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

Summer Half Term:

Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

May Day Closure:

Monday 6 May 2024

Inset Days:

Friday 1 September 2023
Friday 22 September 2023
Tuesday 2 January 2024
Wednesday 13 March 2024
Thursday 27 June 2024



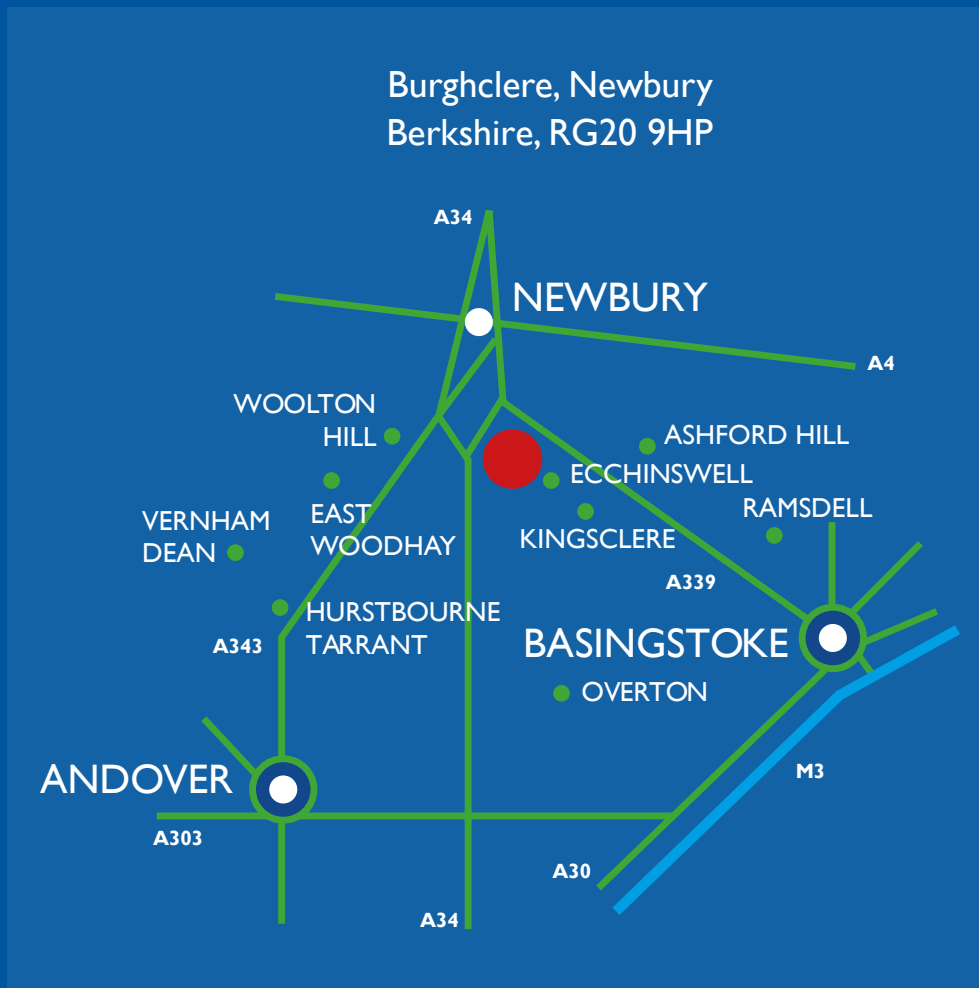


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“Leaders have established a culture and ethos built upon mutual respect and equality of opportunity. The school is calm and pupils are polite to one another. There are very few incidents of poor behaviour.”

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