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SENIOR MATHS CHALLENGE 2026



On Wednesday 7th October, 103 of our Sixth Form mathematicians took part in the prestigious UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. This national competition is designed to test students' mathematical reasoning, problem-solving abilities, and logical thinking through a series of demanding questions.

Our students embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and determination, demonstrating resilience and perseverance as they tackled some exceptionally difficult problems. Taking part in competitions such as the Senior Maths Challenge helps students develop valuable skills that will support them in higher education and future careers, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields.

The experience was both enjoyable and rewarding, with students gaining a real sense of achievement from participating. In addition, involvement in nationally recognised competitions such as the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge can enhance students' UCAS applications by showcasing their commitment to academic enrichment beyond the classroom.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part and look forward to celebrating their achievements when the results are announced.



Looking Ahead

A Week

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way” H. C. Andersen

Inset Day

Wednesday 14th October

Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco

Thursday 15th October

Half Term

Monday 19th October -
Friday 30th October



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CREATIVE CAREERS INSPIRING OUR PUPILS

The Art and Photography Department recently welcomed a guest speaker from the University for the Creative Arts (UCA), who delivered an inspiring presentation on the many opportunities available within the creative industries.

Pupils gained valuable insight into the wide range of careers that creativity can lead to, from traditional artistic professions to roles that support and benefit from creative thinking in sectors such as business, finance and marketing. The speaker emphasised the importance of key transferable skills, including resilience, adaptability and the ability to respond positively to constructive feedback.

A particularly encouraging message for pupils was that the UK's creative industries now support around 2.4 million jobs and continue to experience significant growth. The session highlighted how creativity is increasingly recognised as one of the most sought-after skills by employers across a variety of sectors.

The visit provided pupils with a greater understanding of the exciting possibilities available to them and reinforced how studying the arts can open doors to a diverse and rewarding range of career pathways.



YEAR 7 WELCOME EVENING

The Year 7 Welcome Evening, held on Tuesday 29 September, was a highly successful and well-attended event, providing parents and carers with an invaluable opportunity to learn more about life at Glenthorne and the wide range of opportunities available to their children. Throughout the evening, families were given important information about key dates, homework expectations, academic outcomes and the high standards that underpin the Glenthorne community. However, it was the outstanding contributions from our pupils that truly made the evening memorable. Our Dance and Drama Select pupils captivated the audience with performances that showcased their exceptional talent, dedication and creativity. The musical highlight of the evening saw pupils perform *Unwritten*, a moving and uplifting piece that demonstrated not only their musical ability but also the confidence and enthusiasm with which they have embraced their start at secondary school. Their performances were a source of immense pride for both staff and families alike.

Special recognition must also go to Iris and Muhammad, who delivered excellent speeches to the audience. Speaking in front of a large gathering requires considerable courage, poise and confidence, and both pupils represented themselves and the school exceptionally well. The positive start made by our Year 7 cohort has been evident from the moment they joined Glenthorne, and the Welcome Evening served as a wonderful reflection of their enthusiasm, talent and potential. We look forward to seeing all that they will achieve in the years ahead.



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Classics Club

In: A04
Every: Wednesday
Teacher:

Looking for:



What we have done in previous years:

- Put on a modernized play of Medusa after writing the script together
- Tried greek dishes and watched Percy Jackson
- Played dungeons and dragons with an adventure based around the greek Titan Gaia
- Played knowledge quizzes we made for each other
- Produced a short magazine around classics club

Greek, Roman Viking (and more) myths

What you should expect:

- A chill space to hangout with your friends while a mythology related activity/story is on the board.
- No experience of mythology is needed, we often take activity/mythology suggestions. One of our main goals is to provide a space for everyone so no rude/discriminative behavior will be tolerated.

Meet the club runners



Learn to play

AN INSTRUMENT AT GHS

There are vacancies in the following lessons:

Brass Trumpet, Trombone and French Horn

Bass Guitar

Drum Kit

String Viola and Violin

Woodwind Clarinet, Flute and Saxophone



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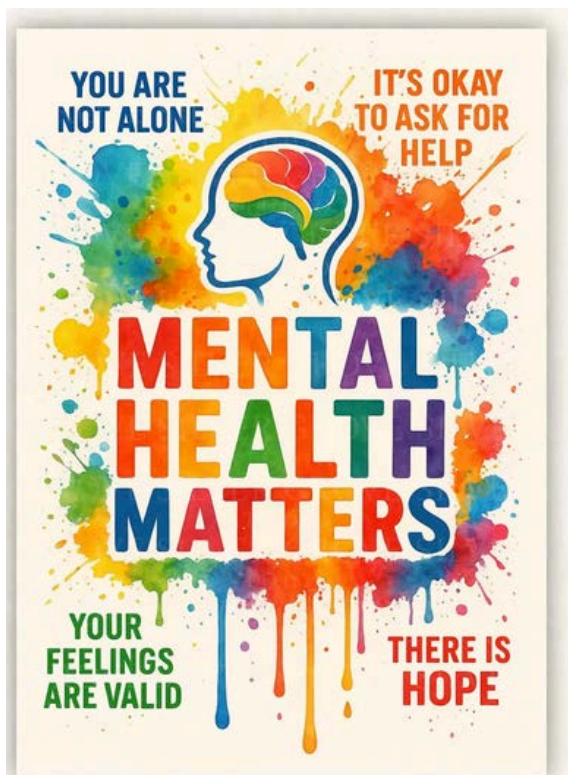
Attendance Fact of the week

Attendance Directly Impacts Academic Achievement
Children who attend school regularly perform better in reading, writing, and maths. Even missing a few days can disrupt learning and make it harder to keep up



Mental health & Emotional Wellbeing Tip

Prioritise sleep - Good sleep improves mood & concentration
→ Set a consistent bedtime and avoid screens 30 minutes before sleep



We kindly ask all parents and carers to avoid parking on the side road alongside the Sutton Life Centre when dropping off or collecting pupils.

Parking in this area can cause congestion and create difficulties for other road users, pedestrians, and local residents. To help keep everyone safe and ensure traffic flows smoothly, please use the designated parking areas and follow any local parking restrictions.

We greatly appreciate your support and consideration in helping to maintain a safe environment for our students and the wider community. Thank you for your cooperation.



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WEEK 3

Week Commencing:
31/08/26 21/09/26 12/10/26

CLASSIC HOT & HEARTY

CLASSIC MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

Mexican Beef Nacho Pasta Bake

TUESDAY

BBQ Chicken with Salt 'n' Pepper Wedges,
Asian Slaw & Garden Peas

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork or Salt 'n' Pepper Roast Chicken,
Crisp Roasties, Seasonal Vegetables &
Roast House Gravy

THURSDAY

Fragrant Lemon & Herb Chicken with Spicy
Rice

FRIDAY

Chip Shop 'Fryday' Fish, Pizza or Fishcake &
Chips with Peas and Tartare Sauce

VEGETARIAN MAIN MEALS

MONDAY

No Waste Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake
(V)

TUESDAY

Chipotle Quorn Dippers with Salt 'n'
Pepper Wedges, Asian Slaw & Garden
Peas (V)

WEDNESDAY

Roasted Vegetable & Chickpea Pastry
Roll with Crisp Roasties, Seasonal
Vegetables & Roast House Gravy (V)

THURSDAY

Hot Maple & Cajun Quorn Fillet with Spicy
Rice (V)

FRIDAY

Crispy Chickpea & Vegetable Pakora
Burger with Mango Slaw, Chips & Peas
(V)

DESSERTS

MONDAY

Sticky Lemon
Sponge

TUESDAY

Mixed Berry &
Apple
Crumble

WEDNESDAY

Chocolate & Whole
Banana Puff Pastry
Pinwheel

THURSDAY

Nut Free
Bakewell Sponge

FRIDAY

Hot Chocolate
Rocky Road &
Custard

Fruit and Jelly Pots Available Daily

JACKET POTATOES

Topped with a Choice of: Cheese, Tuna or Beans Available Daily

Cucina



**MADE
YOUR
WAY!**

**CHOOSE IT!
ADD IT!
TOP IT!**

Switch up your flavours with our street food-inspired
range, available **Tuesday to Thursday**.
With weekly rotating choices, there's always
something tasty.

Choose a base, add protein, and top it your way!

Visit the restaurant to check out what's on offer each week

NATURally

MONDAY

Vegan Singapore
Noodles (VE)

TUESDAY

The Big Plant
Burger (VE)

WEDNESDAY

Pesto Pasta with
Roasted
Tomatoes (VE)

THURSDAY

Onion Bhaji
Skewer with
Bombay Potatoes
(VE)

FRIDAY

Garlic & Chilli
Noodles
(VE)

TRATTORIA

MONDAY

Pasta in Cheese
Sauce

TUESDAY

Tomato & Basil
Pasta

WEDNESDAY

Margherita or
Pepperoni Pizza

THURSDAY

Creamy Pesto
Pasta

FRIDAY

Margherita Pizza