



## Weekly Bulletin 27th June 2025

### Headteacher Message

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*We had a fantastic Sports Day last week—thank you to all the staff and students who made it such a success! It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork, and school spirit on display.*

*This week, we are delighted to welcome our new Year 6 pupils as they begin their transition to TREA. This is a special time as they take their first steps on an exciting learning journey with us. We look forward to supporting and inspiring them every step of the way.*

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## Key Dates



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*02 July Year 10 Interview practice*

*03 July Year 6 Transition day*

*04 July Year 6 Transition day*

*07 July Y10 Cornwall trip*

*14 July Y7 &8 Bushcraft Trip*

*14 July Y9 PGL Trip*

*14 July Y10 work experience begins*

*18 July Term ends*

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## Year 7 Rise to the Challenge – Breadmaking Begins!



This term, our Year 7 students have been getting hands-on in the kitchen, learning how to make their own bread from scratch. This exciting introduction to food technology teaches them key skills such as kneading, proving, and shaping dough. Not only do students learn about the science behind breadmaking, but they also gain confidence in following recipes, measuring ingredients accurately, and understanding how everyday food is made. There have been some fantastic results – both in flavour and enthusiasm!

## Year 8 Cook Up Cowboy Bread – Linking Food and History

Our Year 8 classes have taken their culinary skills further by creating Cowboy Bread, an American-inspired campfire classic. This rustic recipe connects beautifully with their forest school experiences and introduces the concept of cooking in more practical, outdoor contexts. Students explore food heritage, techniques from the past, and the value of cooking with limited ingredients – all while applying safe and responsible kitchen practices.

These food lessons are not just about cooking – they promote teamwork, independence, health awareness, and sustainability, supporting our whole-school focus on real-world, lifelong skills.

## Year 7 & 8 Visit the Big Bang Fair – A Day of STEM Discovery!



Earlier this term, students from Year 7 and 8 visited the **Big Bang Fair at the NEC Birmingham** – one of the UK's largest celebrations of science, technology, engineering and maths. Despite the hot and humid weather, our students remained enthusiastic and engaged throughout the day. From robotics demonstrations to hands-on experiments and exciting tech showcases, there was something to inspire everyone. It was fantastic to see so many of our students asking questions, taking part in interactive challenges, and discovering possible future careers in STEM.

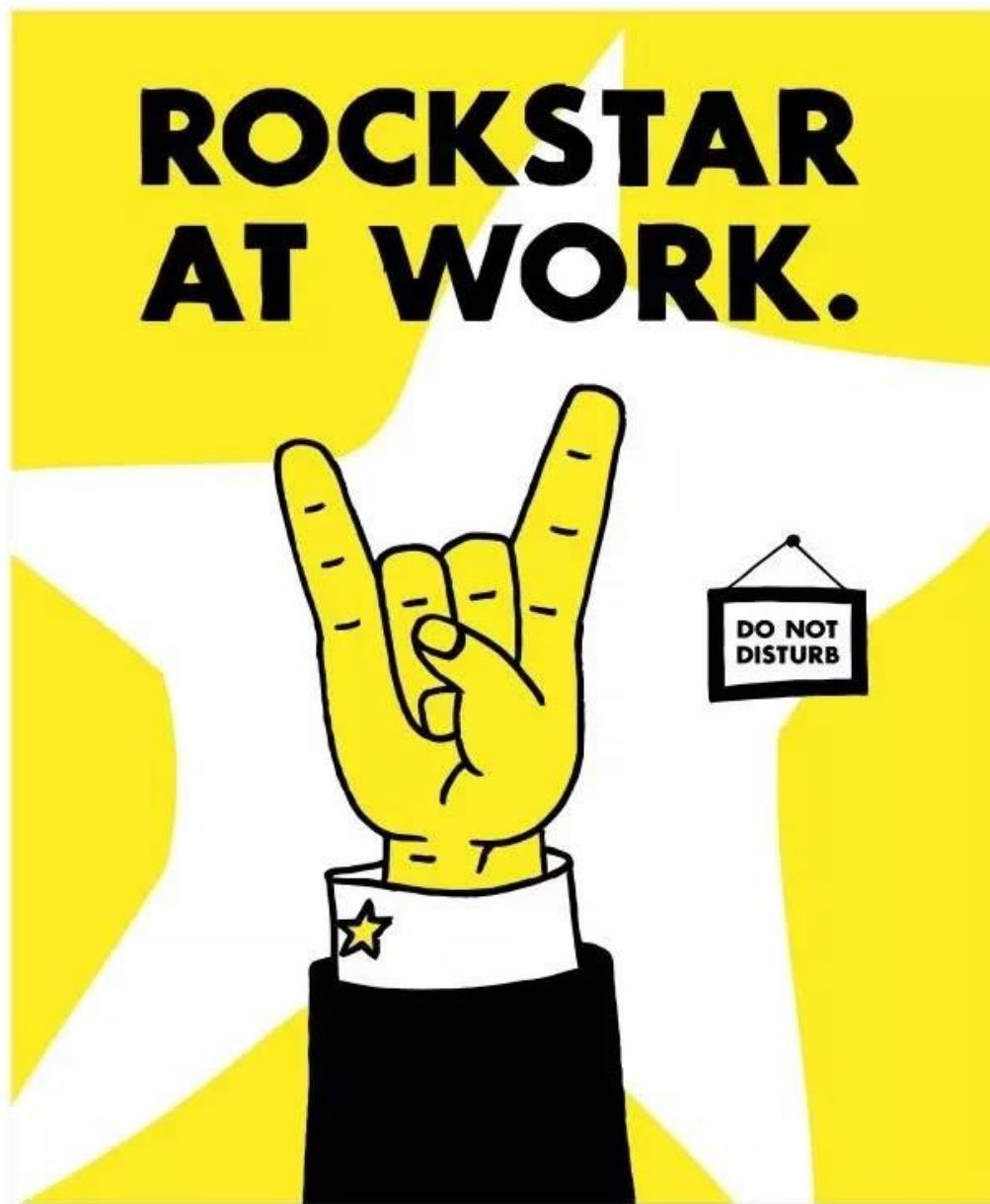
## Year 10 GCSE Mock Results – Time to Refocus and Prepare



Year 10 students have recently received their **GCSE mock results** – a vital checkpoint in their exam journey. Every student has been issued with a **Personalised Curriculum Plan (PCP) sheet**, highlighting specific topics and areas that need further revision. We strongly encourage students to use these sheets to guide their independent study, prioritising the content where they need the most improvement.

**Revision should begin now.** Little and often is the key – building strong habits early on will make a huge difference by the time Year 11 arrives. Subject teachers are on hand to support.

### Why 1 Hour of TT Rockstars Homework Matters



Maths is a core part of STEM, and fluency with times tables underpins success in so many other areas – from science equations to design measurements. That’s why we ask all students to complete *at least one hour of TT Rockstars homework per week*. Regular practice helps embed number facts into long-term memory, making more complex problem-solving much easier. One hour a week can make a *huge difference* in confidence and classroom performance!

### **TT Rockstars – New Look, Same Power!**

You may have noticed TT Rockstars has had a refresh! The new-look platform features improved visuals, faster gameplay, and even more ways to track your child’s progress. Whether they’re battling in the Arena or improving their Studio speed, every correct answer helps them climb the leaderboard – and more importantly, build solid mathematical skills. Encourage your child to log in weekly and celebrate their progress – we certainly do!