

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final edition for the current academic year. And yet, there are two more days next week, which includes the announcement on Tuesday of the new Pupil Leadership Team. We shall share the outcomes of the voting when we re-turn in September, and the Prefects will be introduced to the whole school at our first assembly. This morning was our Sports Assembly, which contained a delight of achievements in a range of sports across all year groups. It has been yet another commanding year for us as a school of sport, and I acknowledge the support that staff have given in supporting pupils' efforts.

Our Lord, you bless everyone who lives right and obeys your Law. You bless all of those who follow your commands from deep in their hearts. Young people can live a clean life by obeying your word.

Psalms 119: 1-2, 9

These words were part of the Bible reading at the Holy Communion service that Father Glenn led on Thursday. They remind us that as we take Walkwood's Fruits of Faith into our living, so we allow our thinking and actions to be based on principles that benefit society as a whole as well as ourselves.

We shall be saying goodbye to some staff this term. Firstly, to Mr Walsh, the College Leader of Bredon, who will be with his family in Abu Dhabi and will teach at a British school there. Mrs Taylor leaves us as Head of Spiritual and Social Education, moving to a secondary school in Birmingham to be Head of RE. Mrs Haynes has been promoted, and will be Head of PSHE and Character Education at another Birmingham school. Finally, Ms Tromans moves to be a PE teacher in another school. These staff have been with us for varying times, but we thank them for their contributions to our school, and we wish them well in their future ventures.

Naturally, we say 'farewell' to our Year 8 pupils, and a very small number of pupils in other year groups who leave us for various reasons. May they all remember their time at our school fondly.

Finally, for Years 5 to 7, we shall see them back with us in September—gates open at 8.30am on Wednesday 5th September for the bell at 8.45am. Have a happy and safe summer until then!

Rev C Leach
Principal

A Prayer for Staying and Going

Lord,

As we come to the end of the academic year we pray for those who are leaving, that you bless them and encourage them as they go forward into high school and beyond. We pray for those who will be joining us in September; that they are not worrying or anxious but that they know that this will be a home to them and a place of comfort. We thank you for those who are staying, that they will be encouraged and loved by Walkwood, knowing that your presence will forever be here with them. Thank you for your love and blessings upon Walkwood this year, may it continue onto next year. Amen.

This week's theme was:

Staying and Going

The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come.

Proverbs 4:18

Whole School Attendance –95.6%

Whole School Target – 95.6%

09.07.18 - 13.07.18

Year 5 — 96.2%

Year 6 — 95.65%

Year 7 — 93.94%

Year 8 — 96.83%



For the week ahead

The Fruit of Faith is:	Honesty	If you try to be honest, you can be, and it will improve your character as handsome clothing improves your appearance. Birds come to roost with those of their own kind, and the habit of honesty comes to those who try to be honest. <i>Sirach 27: 8-9</i>
The tutor group virtue:	Responsibility	We will do what you and the others who honour God's commands advise us to do. We will do what God's Law demands. It is your responsibility to act. We are behind you, so go ahead and get it done. <i>Ezra 10: 3-4</i>
The assembly theme:	Staying and Going	The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come. <i>Proverbs 4: 18</i>

We ask your thoughts and prayers in the week ahead for:

The weekend	A restful weekend for staff, pupils and parents	Monday	The end of the school term
Tuesday	Those that are in Redditch over the summer holidays	Wednesday	The NHS doctors, nurses and support staff
Thursday	The refugees that have settled in the West Midlands	Friday	The Year 8's as they prepare for high school.



Teaching Groups and Sets for 2018/19

Pupils attend the majority of their lessons in teaching groups. Teaching groups are mixed ability. Sets for Maths, English and Science are organised according to teacher recommendations and analysis of pupils' performance during the last academic year. Pupils are placed in sets with others currently working at a similar ability stage to them. There may be movement between sets over the course of the year.

Teaching Groups

These have been arranged as follows:

Year 5 will be taught in six teaching groups. These groups are created based on information passed to us during our transition meetings with first schools.



Year 6 will be taught in seven teaching groups. As they have been taught in seven teaching groups this year, there has been no need for us to change the groups completely, although slight changes may have been made.

Year 7 and 8 will be taught in six teaching groups. As they have been taught in seven teaching groups this year, we have reorganised the pupils into new groups.

English Groups

English groups have been arranged as follows:



Year 5 will be taught in their six mixed ability teaching groups until approximately half term. We will then use teacher assessment data to organise them into seven ability sets. These sets will include two parallel set 1 groups; two parallel set 2 groups; two parallel set 3 groups and one set 4.

Year 6 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in four ability groups, sets 1 to 4.

In both Years 7 and 8 pupils will be taught in seven ability sets, 1-7.

Maths Sets

Maths groups have been arranged as follows:



Year 5 will be split into two halves (c and e) and until approximately half term they will be taught in their six mixed ability teaching groups. We will then use teacher assessment data to organise them into four ability sets on each half of the year.

Year 6 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in four ability groups, sets 1 to 4.

In both Years 7 and 8 pupils will be taught in seven ability sets, 1-7.

Science Groups

Science groups have been arranged as follows:



Year 5 will be split into two halves (c and e) and until approximately half term they will be taught in their six mixed ability teaching groups. We will then use teacher assessment data to organise them into three ability sets on each half of the year.

Year 6 will be split into two halves (c and e). On the C side of the year they will be taught in four sets, 1 to 4; on the E side of the year they will be taught in 3 sets, 1-3.

Year 7 and 8 will be split into two halves (c and e) and each side of the year will be taught in ability sets 1-3.

Year 6 Cricket:

Redditch Champions!

What a season it has been for the Year 6 Cricket Team! The boys sailed through the group stages, topping their pool following comfortable wins against Birchensale and Woodfield. Ridgeway were Walkwood's semi-final opponents and, again, Walkwood were convincing victors.



That set up a Walkwood verses Birchensale Final on Tuesday 10th

July. This promised to be a competitive spectacle with both teams having beaten each other once this season. Walkwood were put into bat first and started well with opening batsman Owen Rae finding several boundaries. The middle order continued to build the runs with Toby Clements, Tom Scott, Fin Baker, Ellis Browning and Kurtis West batting sensibly. The final pair of Henry Gibson and Sam Blackburn increased the rate with four fine overs to bring Walkwood to a closing total of 269. Although a very competitive total, Walkwood knew that they would have to bowl and field well to restrict Birchensale.

Birchensale started well with their opening batsman playing sensibly and Walkwood failing to take a wicket in the first five overs. However, the introduction of bowlers Henry Gibson and Sam Blackburn brought the breakthrough with Henry taking one wicket for 8 runs and Sam two wickets for 17 runs. As a result, Birchensale were 42 runs adrift with only four overs to play. The final was far from won, however, with Birchensale's captain and best player hitting 22 runs from the his first over leaving our opponents requiring 20 runs from the last three overs. Owen Rae produced a superb over, only conceding two runs. Having been hit for several boundaries in his previous over, Ellis Browning bowled his final over. The impressive Birchensale batsman again found several boundaries and put the pressure onto Walkwood. Undeterred, Ellis showed tremendous courage and skill to take a wicket with his final delivery! A real demonstration of outstanding character for a pupil playing a year above himself. Still, the trophy was far from won with Birchensale requiring 13 from the last six balls. Up steps the talented Owen Rae ... dot ball. Great start. Then a 'two' followed by a 'six'! Despair! Birchensale require five off the last three balls ... their star player is at the crease and the other Birchensale players are starting to celebrate. Unflappable, Owen Rae delivers ... wicket ... bowled! Incredible! Pure emotion! Everyone calms down and regains focus knowing that with two deliveries left the game is still undecided ... another great delivery ... Birchensale play it and go for the run ... great fielding from the rejuvenated Walkwood results in a run out to seal certain victory! Walkwood are crowned district champions!

A truly fantastic game of cricket with a finish that was fitting of the occasion! Mr Walsh was incredibly proud of all of the team and could not have asked for a better way to close his Walkwood sporting memories. A special mention to Henry Gibson, who not only played fantastically in his final Walkwood fixture but has also been an inspirational captain and leader to this cricket team.

Thanks!

A very big thank you to:

Cameron Banks (BJHY)

Amelia Watkiss (BJHY)

Baillie Carr (CAMI)

Erin Wakefield (ALBA)

Erin Phillips (CMBI)

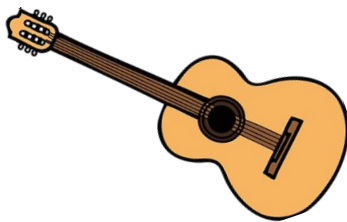
who recently held a bake sale and raised £38.26 for the Music Department. This will help to fund a new electric piano for the practice room.



Music Success

Congratulations to Niamh Power who recently passed her Grade 4 cornet exam.

Several other pupils are due to take their guitar exams this weekend, and others are awaiting results of exams they have taken in the last couple of weeks. Good luck to them all!




Lunch menu from September 2018

Due to the increase in costs of ingredients over the last year, it is necessary to raise the price of a small number of items. The cost for a hot meal, pudding and a carton drink will now be £2.30, a 10p increase.

Following feedback from pupils, we have amended a number of choices, so the new meal for next year is as follows.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	
Main meal	Monday	Chicken Nuggets Potato Wedges Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Nuggets	Cheese & Bacon Potato Pie Baked Beans ✔ Cheese & Potato Pie	Beef Burger Diced Potatoes Baked Beans ✔ Vegetarian Burger
	Tuesday	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Pasta Garlic Bread ✔ Macaroni Cheese	Pasta Bolognese Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Bolognese	Lasagne Garlic Bread ✔ Vegetarian Lasagne
	Wednesday	Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Parcel	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Roast Vegetarian Fillet	Pork Sausages Toad in the Hole Roast Potatoes Vegetables, Gravy ✔ Vegetarian Sausages
	Thursday	Chinese Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Chinese Vegetarian Curry	Chicken Tikka Rice ✔ Vegetable Samosa	Chicken Curry Rice ✔ Vegetarian Curry
	Friday	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Cheese and Onion Lattice	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetable Fingers	Fish and Chips Beans or Peas ✔ Vegetarian Tart
	 All the above £1.50			
Selection of puddings, cheese & biscuits, fruit				
Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p				
Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p				



Self-select	 Daily selection from: pizzas, paninis, sausage or onion roll, soft filled baguettes £1.00
	Choice of the salad bar 45p
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p
	Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p

Jacket Potato	Fillings of cheese, tuna, beans (or combination) £1.30
	Choice of puddings, yoghurt or fruit 40p Juice carton 40p Flavoured water 50p



 = main meal vegetarian option

Arrangements for the Final 2 Days of Term



Monday 23 July—please send your child(ren) into school in their PE kits. This has nothing to do with the weather but is because of the rewards afternoon on the field.



Tuesday 24 July—there will be no hot dinners from the kitchen this day, so please send your child(ren) in with a packed lunch. Any pupil on FSM please order this from the kitchen on Monday.

School year 2018-19

Term begins on **Wednesday 5th September**, when the bell will ring at **8.45am** (gates open 15 minutes before this).

Homework club will not begin until the morning of Monday 10th September. This is the same day that the photographer will be in school.

Parent Governor

The Governing Body has a vacancy for parents of current Walkwood pupils to serve as school Governors. The Full Board meets once a term, and each Governor also serves on one of the two sub-committees which also meet once in each term. As Walkwood is an academy school, there are legal duties to ensure its smooth running and financial stability, along with supporting and holding to account the school's leaders. Governors put aside the needs of their own child and look to support the school in delivering to all pupils. For an initial conversation, please contact the PA's Office at school, or email office@walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk.



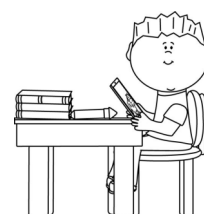
Homework Club

The last homework club of the year will be the before school club on Friday 20th July.

Homework club **will not** be on at the following times:

After school on Friday 20th July

Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th July (both before and after school).





Trips and Visits

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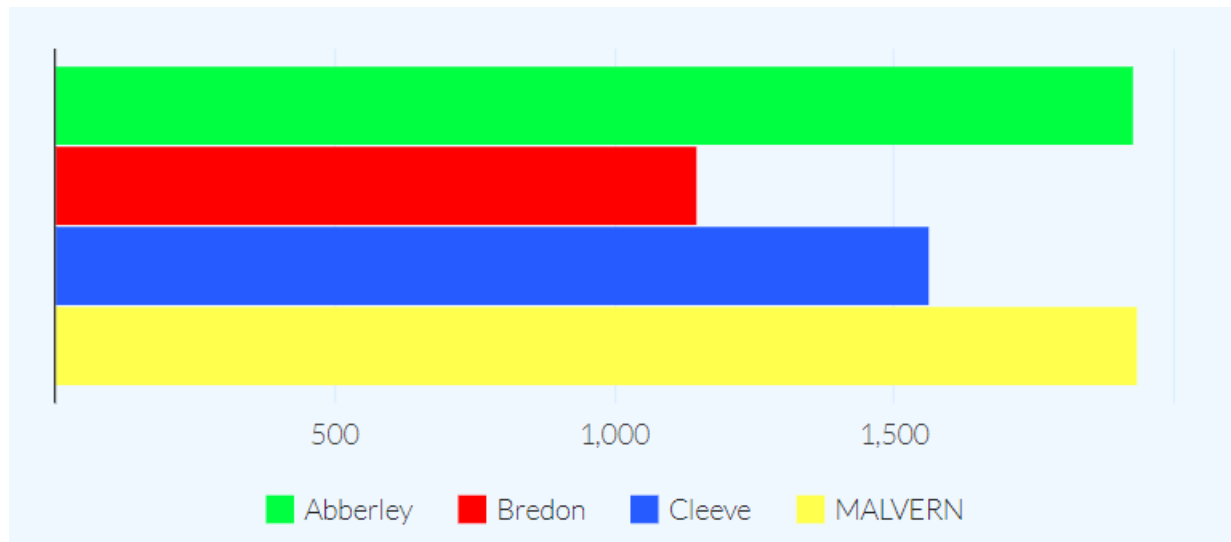
DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	OPEN TO	COST	LEADER
June					
Mon 23 July	Rewards Trip	Drayton Manor	Y8	£ 25	Mr West



Epraise Update



Points This Week: By College



Top Ten Points Scorers

1. 🟡 Abigayle Court (AAGA) (40)
2. 🟡 Katrina Forrest (AAGA) (38)
3. 🟠 Emilia Ward (MHBA) (37)
4. 🟠 Phoebe Footitt-Green (MHBA) (31)
5. Amelie Ames (MDSL) (26)
6. 🟠 Evie Troth (CCHU) (25)
7. 🟠 Ollie Morgan (MHBA) (24)
7. 🟡 Eleanor Baldwin (AAGA) (24)
7. 🟠 Alfe Morris (ALWA) (24)
7. 🟠 Millie Hanford (MHBA) (24)



Looking ahead



	Date	Event
2018	Tuesday 24 July	End of Term
	Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 September	Staff Development Days
	Wednesday 5 September	First day of the Autumn Term
	Friday 26 October	Staff Development Day
	Monday 29 Oct to Friday 2 November	Half term
	Friday 21 December	End of Term

2019	Monday 7 January	Staff Development Day
	Tuesday 8 January	First day of the Spring Term
	Monday 18—Friday 22 February	Half Term
	Friday 12 April	End of Term
	Monday 29 April	First day of the Summer Term
	Monday 27—Friday 31 May	Half Term
	Friday 19 July	End of Term



Top Readers for 19th June 2018 — 19th July 2018

Congratulations to:

Top Girl

Amelie Ames (6 MDSL) - who has read an incredible 416,320 words

Top Boy

Caiden McEntee (5 CMBI) - who has read a fantastic 596,980 words



Keep reading Walkwood, next week it could be YOU

Here is the link to enable pupils to do a quiz at home

<https://ukhosted23.renlearn.co.uk/2250823>

Year 6 and 8 Academic Reports

You should recently have received a letter to inform you that school reports for Years 6 and 8 would be available to view on Insight by 4pm on Thursday 5th July.

If you have been unable to view your child's report then please follow the instructions below by first loading Insight from this link:

<https://insight.walkwoodms.worcs.sch.uk>

If you have forgotten your details for Insight please enter your **username or email address** in the forgotten password form by clicking the link underneath the login box **'Don't know your password?'** Responses to the password reset are instant. Please check your spam or junk folders if the email is not immediate.

If your email address is not set up or you do not know your email or username - please complete this form: <http://www.LourdesIT.org.uk/insight-password-reset/> . Make sure you change the school to Walkwood Church of England Middle School in the drop down options. Responses to the form take up to 48 working hours.

Year 6 SATs results

As previously mentioned in the Insider and by personalised letter, SATs results for Year 6 were published on Insight at 4pm on Friday 13th July. The results certificate and explanation are located under the report tab on Insight.