



# RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL BULLETIN

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## Dear Parents

On Monday — Remembrance Day — we invited the whole of Year 7 to St Saviour's Church for our annual Service of Remembrance in honour of those who have died in wars past and present. The Year 7s were joined by members of the student senior leadership team. Head Girl Alicia Steens laid a wreath on behalf of the student body. Deputy Head Girl Charlotte Watkins, who is a member of the RAF Cadets, gave a moving reading about Captain Albert Ball, a fighter pilot in the First World War. [You can read more about the service — including the full text of Charlotte's reading — here.](#)



[L-R]: Zeke Anderson; Charlotte Watkins; Head Girl Alicia Steens; Swen Babu

Assemblies throughout this week have also focused on remembrance. These collective acts of reflection are important because they help students to understand more about our shared past; to learn about tradition and the importance of remembrance; and to gain an insight into the nature of sacrifice.

Other year groups were busy on Monday with Charter Day activities linked to aspects of character and culture. Year 8 looked at environmental issues, particularly sustainable energy, through the Tomorrow's Engineers Energy Quest programme. They also spent time considering their community environment and online communities, particularly the impact — positive and negative — of social media.

Years 9 and 10 focused on aspects of relationships, sex and health education, including online risks and dangers. Year 11 were preparing for upcoming mock exams as well as checking out online revision platforms and thinking further about post-16 opportunities and options.

I never tire of emphasising the importance of learning outside the classroom. On Wednesday, design technology students visited an op art exhibition at Tate Liverpool. The purpose of the visit was to complete a primary research task, but trips like this — as well as the art and design trip to the Keith Haring exhibition and the PE trip to the Netball World Cup 2019, for example — are also important for helping the students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of subject areas and for wider cultural and spiritual enrichment.

[Our website Achievements Board](#), updated regularly, celebrates students who are making an exceptional effort week in and week out. We have also updated the [house pages with fundraising information and photos from the three achievement assemblies at the end of last half-term](#). I was delighted to see so many students rewarded for outstanding effort, superb achievements and excellent attendance. In the final week of term in December, we will be running an attendance reward trip for students with 100% attendance during the whole of the autumn term.

Next week, I look forward to welcoming back last year's Year 11 students, who will be joining us for their Awards Evening. As I mentioned above, Year 11 will soon be doing another round of mock exams. We also have our Futures Fair coming up at the beginning of December. We will be writing to invite parents of Year 11 students to attend in the afternoon.

And finally this week — good luck to the PE department in tonight's Educate Awards. They are nominated in the Outstanding Commitment to Sport category.

**Tony Taylor**  
**Headteacher**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Thursday 21 November: Ex-Year 11 Awards Evening
- Monday 25 November — Friday 29 November: Year 11 Mock Exams
- Wednesday 4 December: Futures Fair