

2nd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Open Evenings

It was great to see so many families visit the school on Monday and Tuesday. We have received lots of positive feedback about the school and the students who guided or worked in departments. Thank you to all those involved.

Celebrating Our Music Achievements

As you are aware, we were recently named a Lead School of Music in Hertfordshire. We are delighted to share that we have now also been awarded the prestigious Music Mark of Recognition.

This award celebrates our ambition and commitment to high-quality music education. It highlights the way we:

- Champion the importance of music within the curriculum and the creative life of our school.
- Provide a diverse and inclusive music education for all students.
- Actively seek opportunities to broaden our musical horizons by working with partners in our community and beyond.

We are incredibly proud of these achievements, which recognise the dedication of our staff and students to music, and we look forward to building on this success in the months ahead.

Rugby

All Rugby fixtures for the season for all year groups can be found via the link below:

[Richard Hale School | Sports, Teams, Fixtures & Results](#)

Please Note: Venues and timings are subject to change from those listed on the link. Any updates will be communicated to all students in advance via Google Classroom and during their Games lessons.

For the latest Richard Hale sporting news and updates, please follow **@RHS_PE** on **X (formerly Twitter)**.

Rugby Results vs Brentwood

1st XV - Won 57-28

U15 – Lost 33-38

U14 - Won 48-5

U13A – Lost 1-4

U13B – Won 9-1

U13C - Won 13-2

Friday 26th September @ Brentwood School

Four U12 teams travelled to Brentwood School to play their first competitive fixtures, with over 55 students proudly representing the school. A huge congratulations to everyone involved for their commitment and effort.

Across the matches, the teams played 4, winning 3 and losing just 1 – an excellent achievement for their first outing.

Well done to all players, and we look forward to many more opportunities ahead!

Sat 4th October vs QE Barnet

1st XV / 2nd XV - Away - KO 10am

U14AB – Away – KO 10am

U15 – Home – KO 10am

U13ABC – Home – KO 10am

All home fixtures will be held at Hertford RFC.

Away fixtures will be held at: QE Barnet School , EN5 4DQ

Message from QE Barnet:

'The School is currently undergoing major building works, including the installation of a new roof on the main building. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be able to offer any on-site parking for parents, carers, or visiting supporters during this time.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. As alternatives:

- Paid parking is available on Blenheim Road, just a 2-minute walk from the school. (What3words: ///lively.straw.called)
- Free parking is available at Barnet Rugby Club, Byng Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN5 4NS.

Thank you for your cooperation'

Volunteers Required

Are you a French speaker? If so, we are looking for parent volunteers to provide additional support for our 6th form French students to practice their speaking skills. If you are able to give a couple of hours of your time to come into school and support with this, please contact Mrs Tyldesley on aty@richardhale.co.uk.

The school is committed to safeguarding children and young people. All volunteers are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS (Disclosure & Barring Service).

Hertfordshire County Council – Neighbourhood Plan

Please see below details on the Hertford Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan we have been asked to share with you.

HERTFORD CASTLE PLUS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN



Local Feedback Needed

The Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan is a planning document created by the community, for the community. A strong plan gives local people a powerful say in positively shaping the Castle Plus area of Hertford for the future.

'Informal Consultation Exhibition'

Saturday 18th October, 10.00am–3.30pm

Mill Bridge Rooms, Hertford, SG14 1PX

You are invited to drop in to view the proposals, speak to the Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan Community Steering Group and share what matters most to you.



 @hertfordcastleplus

Help shape the first draft of the Castle Plus Neighbourhood Plan.

We want your views on the ideas so far — what you like, don't like or feel is missing. This stage is called an 'informal consultation' because it's not the final statutory stage. It's an early opportunity for local people to see the proposals, share their priorities, and help shape the first draft of the Plan.

Events & Exhibitions 2025

BEAM Theatre

The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PS

Friday 17th October: 3:00pm–6:00pm

Mill Bridge Room

The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PX

Saturday 18th October: 10:00am–3:30pm

Tourist Information Centre

10–12 The Wash, Hertford SG14 1PX

Saturday 25th October: 10:00am–2:00pm

Two Weeks of Local Feedback

Monday 13th to Sunday 26th October 2025

The informal consultation runs over two weeks and includes a main exhibition on **18th October** and other smaller exhibitions. During this time, you'll be able to find out more, see the ideas and share your views in person or online.

JOIN US! We welcome your help

You could join the Community Steering Group or one of its sub-groups. Skills like photography, local history, design, research, social media or simply knowing the town well can all make a difference to the success of the plan.

Sign up for updates:



You can stay updated on progress and important dates by joining our mailing list.

email: castleplushertford@gmail.com

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October 2025 Calendar

Wednesday 1st

Year 12 Four Week Tests to the 7th

Thursday 2 nd	Year 13 History Trip, Warsaw, Poland, to the 5 th
Wednesday 8 th	Year 11 Welfare Welcome Sessions for Parents
Thursday 9 th	Year 7 and Year 12 Meet the Tutor Evenings
Friday 10 th	Year 12/13 Art Trip – Henry Moore
Monday 13 th	Flu Vaccinations Year 13 Mid-Term Tests
Tuesday 14 th	Year 11 Revision Workshops and Parents Presentation
Thursday 23 rd	Art Trip to Rome to 26 th Flu Vaccinations
Monday 27 th	Half Term Week

November 2025 Calendar

Monday 3 rd	Return to School
Monday 10 th	Year 12 Mid-Term Tests to the 14 th
Tuesday 11 th	Remembrance Ceremony
Wednesday 12 th	Sixth Form Open Evening
Monday 17 th	GCSE MFL Mock Writing Tests to the 21 st
Thursday 20 th	Year 13 Parents Evening
Monday 24 th	DTP/MenACWY Vaccinations
Wednesday 26 th	House Plays
Thursday 27 th	House Plays

December 2025 Calendar

Monday 1 st	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 2 nd	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 3 rd	BTEC Mock Exams to 4 th Year 12/13 Economics Conference
Friday 5 th	Occasional Day – School Closed
Monday 8 th	Year 11 GCSE Mock Exams to the 18 th
Wednesday 10 th	Year 12 & 13 Further Maths Lectures, London
Thursday 11 th	Year 12 & 13 Geology – Natural History Museum
Friday 12 th	Staff & Sixth Form Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17 th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th	Senior Presentation Evening
Friday 19 th	Founders Day & White Gloves End of Term – School finishes at 12.30
Christmas Holiday	

January 2026 Calendar

Monday 5 th	Return to School - Spring Term Begins
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Weeks

Monday 6 th Oct	Week 2
Monday 13 th Oct	Week 1
Monday 20 th Oct	Week 2

Monday 27 th Oct	Half Term Week
Monday 3 rd Nov	Week 1
Monday 10 th Nov	Week 2
Monday 17 th Nov	Week 1
Monday 24 th Nov	Week 2
Monday 1 st Dec	Week 1
Monday 8 th Dec	Week 2
Monday 15 th Dec	Week 1
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 5 th Jan	Week 2

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