

AUTUMN 2026

NEWS BULLETIN

ERCALL WOOD ACADEMY

<https://ercallwood.lct.education>

Principal's Address

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents and carers for the positive contribution they make to our academy community every day. This half term has been a wonderful reflection of our values of Empower, Respect and Aspire, with students embracing opportunities, demonstrating kindness and determination, and striving to achieve their very best both inside and outside the classroom.

A special mention must go to our Year 7 students, who have made an incredible start to life at Ercall Wood. Transitioning to secondary school is a significant milestone, yet they have approached it with enthusiasm, confidence and maturity. They have quickly become valued members of our academy community, embracing new challenges, building friendships and demonstrating our values each day. We are incredibly proud of the way they have settled into academy life and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish throughout the year.

I would also like to recognise the hard work and commitment being shown by our Year 11 students. This is a crucial year in their educational journey, and they have approached the start of the academic year with focus and determination. Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Year 11 Welcome Evening and Year 11 Strategy Evening. The strong attendance reflected the shared commitment we have to supporting our young people. When students, families and school work together effectively, students thrive, and we are confident that this partnership will help our Year 11 students achieve their aspirations and realise their potential.

One of the highlights of this half term has been seeing so many students grow through experiences beyond the classroom. Educational visits and enrichment activities play a vital role in broadening horizons, building character and inspiring ambition. Whether exploring the stunning landscapes of Carding Mill Valley, discovering STEM and aviation opportunities at RAF Cosford, learning about different cultures and beliefs through a visit to a Buddhist Temple, or enjoying a performance at the Birmingham Hippodrome, our students have embraced every opportunity. These experiences empower our young people to develop new perspectives, show respect for different communities and cultures, and aspire to achieve more in their own lives.

Our PE Department has also had an exceptionally busy half term. It has been fantastic to see increasing participation in fixtures, competitions and extracurricular clubs, alongside the progress students continue to make through sport. Sport plays a hugely important role in promoting teamwork, resilience and personal development, and it has been wonderful to witness students representing the academy with pride and respect. We have also been delighted by the overwhelmingly positive response to our new school gym, which has quickly become a popular addition to academy life. It is fantastic to see so many students embracing the opportunity to improve their health, wellbeing and fitness.

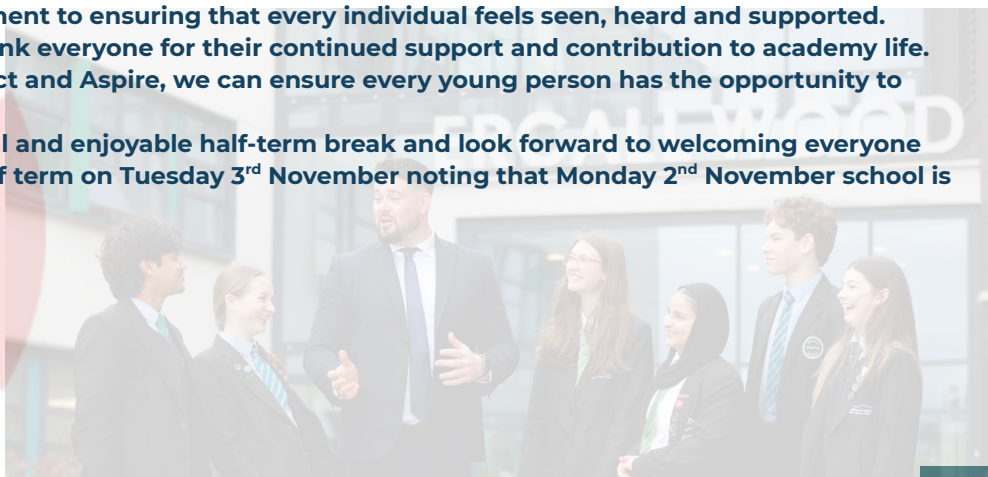
This half term also saw our Open Evening, which was an incredible success. We were delighted to welcome so many prospective students and their families into the academy. Our students and staff represented Ercall Wood exceptionally well, providing visitors with a genuine insight into what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. Their enthusiasm, professionalism and pride in the academy shone throughout the evening and perfectly reflected our values. I would like to remind families that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October, and we look forward to welcoming the next cohort of students who choose to join our academy community.

Finally, this half term has provided many opportunities to celebrate inclusion, equality and diversity across the academy. Through activities linked to Black History Month, World Mental Health Day, and the hosting of our first Ercall Wood SEND Community Event, students and staff have engaged in meaningful learning and discussion that reinforces our commitment to creating a truly inclusive community. These events have highlighted the importance of understanding and valuing one another, recognising that our differences make us unique while also bringing us together as a stronger community. They demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that every individual feels seen, heard and supported.

As we break for half term, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support and contribution to academy life. Together, by continuing to Empower, Respect and Aspire, we can ensure every young person has the opportunity to succeed and thrive.

I wish all students, staff and families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting and successful half term on Tuesday 3rd November noting that Monday 2nd November school is closed to students for staff training.

Kind regards,
Mr N. Murphy
Principal
Ercall Wood Academy.



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Enrichment

Year 7 students enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to RAF Cosford this week, where they took part in a range of exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities.

Working in small teams, students were challenged to use their creativity, problem-solving skills and teamwork to complete a series of engineering tasks. They designed and built model rockets, before launching them to see whose design performed best. Students also explored the world of robotics by building LEGO robots and using computer programming to control and navigate them. In another challenge, they applied their engineering skills to create a system capable of protecting valuable cargo when dropped from a height.

The day provided a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their resilience, communication and critical thinking skills while experiencing STEM in a fun and engaging way.

To round off the visit, students had the chance to explore the museum and discover the fascinating history of aviation through its impressive collection of aircraft and exhibits.

The students were a credit to the school throughout the day, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour. We are incredibly proud of how they represented the school and know the experience has inspired many future engineers, programmers and scientists.



Upcoming Events:

- 11th Nov - Remembrance Day
- 13th Nov - Children in Need
- 3rd Dec - Character Awards Evening
- 8th Dec - Winter Showcase
- 9th Dec - LCT Christmas Choir
- 10th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day



Rewards

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Most merits	Lola	Harry	Annabelle	Denisa	James
Empower	Lily	Ruby	Evan	Henry	Brie
Respect	Yasuharu	Varun	Andreea	Aneeq	Aayan
Aspire	Seb	JJ	Amelie	Maddie	Daisy

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Safeguarding Concerns

If you have any concerns over the safety and welfare of a young person during the half term break you can contact Family Connect on 01952 385385 or send an alert to our school Safeguarding Team (please note we will be working remotely and will not be on site during the holidays).



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MONDAY 26 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026