



BANKSIDE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER JULY 2026

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Student & Staff Leavers



As we head into the summer break, we say a very fond farewell to 5 of our students who are ready for the next phase in their journeys. They will all be very much missed but we look forward to hearing about their progress over the next few years, you are all incredible.

We also say 'Good bye' to our clinical lead Jo, our work placement co-ordinator John and our animal care instructor, Liz, is moving up the school. Three fantastic staff members that have

made a real difference to our young people. We wish them every success for the future and look forward to welcoming our new members of the team in September.

Great Bankside Bakeoff



With the help of Suzy, the amazing Maddi and Rebecca prepared some delicious dishes for our Great British bake off. They organised the event from start to finish including invites to the judges & planning the dishes that were cooked.



1 - Our very lucky judges



2 - Our wonderful chefs

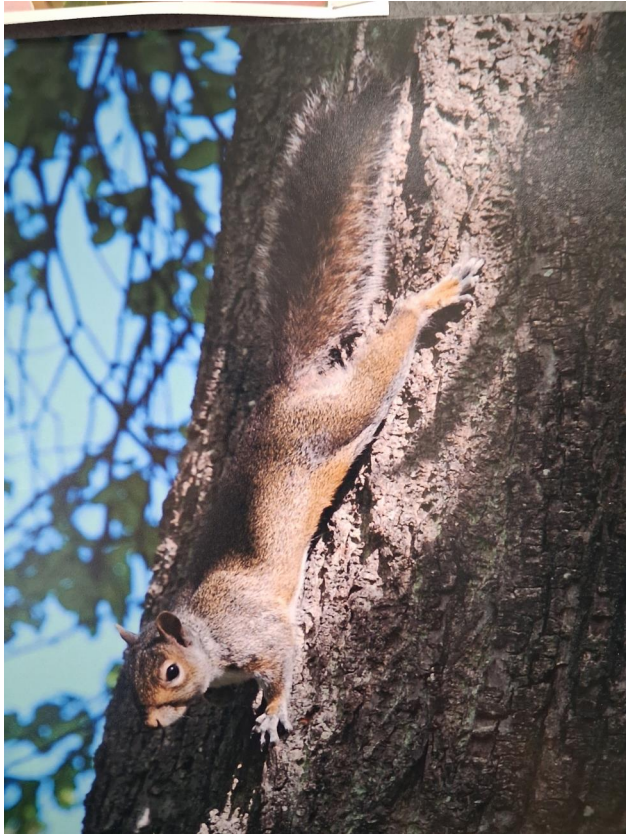


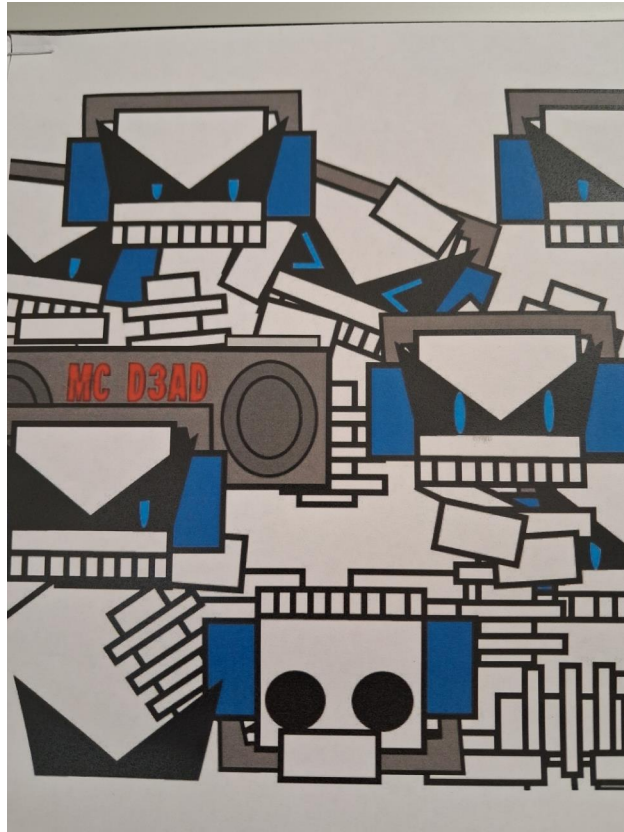
Students' art & photography



I asked students to give me pictures for the board in my office and I've been blown away by what has been sent my way







Building Improvements



We are gradually improving our site to ensure it is the best possible environment for our young people. We have recently purchased a study booth for small group and 1:1 interventions and a new medical room and exams room have been created.

Over the summer our construction classroom and IT booths are being prepared and new furniture for the dining area of the hall will be set up.

All of these changes come as a result of raising standards and listening to our students, we can't wait for them to see it all finished.

Useful Contacts for the summer

Local and National Support Organisations

The [wellbeing and emotional support teams](#) in schools service is designed to help children and young people ages 5-18 years access mental health and wellbeing support early on in educational settings. It's all about ensuring children and young people can get access to the right help as early as possible.

The [Reach4Wellbeing](#) team supports and promotes the emotional wellbeing of young people and parents of primary school age children through interactive online group programmes, using cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) principles.

[CAMHS](#) provides mental health and wellbeing support for children and families in Worcestershire.

[WCF Educational Psychology Service](#) can provide a range of individual or whole school support for mental health and emotional wellbeing.

[Act On It from Onside Advocacy](#) provides wellbeing support for educational settings at individual and group level.

[Kooth](#) is an anonymous and personalised mental health support for Children and Young People that is available to all young people in Worcestershire.

[Young Minds](#). A really good website with expert articles, advice and blogs and a crisis text-line.

[Self-care tips for young people](#). Watch these videos on dealing with unhelpful thoughts, sleep, social media, anxiety, exercise and more

[Happy Maps](#) have produced reliable resources recommended by Parents and Professionals.

[BESTIE](#) is an exciting, interactive online platform, designed to help young people to find out more about emotional wellbeing and mental health and to get the right help when they need it.

[Here2Help](#) will provide support for people of all ages and is available for both residents and organisations to access information, advice, tools, guidance and local support available to them or others in the local community based on their needs.

3 - Emergency Help and Help Lines

NHS Crisis line

If the young person feels their mental health problems have become much worse or are experiencing problems for the first time, they may need help quickly.

The young person can phone the mental health helpline for urgent advice: 0808 196 9127 (free phone 24 hrs a day 365 days a year)

The team will offer advice, support and, if required, an assessment to understand how the young person is feeling. When calling the number, they can expect to speak to Mental Health Advisors and/or trained Mental Health Clinicians who will be able to listen to their concerns and help make appropriate plans with them to support.

[Childline](#) Not just for young children, Childline offers a helpline, online chat and e-mail advice for anyone up to the age of 19 years.

[Shout Crisis textline](#) Text for free 24/7 support across the UK if a young person is experiencing a mental health crisis. All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical supervisors. Texts are free from EE, O2, Vodafone, 3, Virgin Mobile, BT Mobile, GiffGaff, Tesco Mobile and Telecom Plus. Worcestershire users should use 'WOO' to 85258

[YoungMinds Textline](#) offers a free, 24/7 text messaging support wherever they are in the UK. If the young person needs someone to talk to about how their feeling, they can text YM to 85258.

Term Dates for next academic year

BANKSIDE COLLEGE TERM DATES 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM

College Reopens for new starters – Thursday 3rd September 2026

College Reopens for all pupils – Monday 7th September 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2026

TED: Friday 20th November 2026

College Closes for Christmas: Friday 18th December 2026

SPRING TERM

College Reopens: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2027

College Closes for Easter: Thursday 25th March 2027

SUMMER TERM

College Reopens: Monday 12th April 2027

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027

TED: Mon 7th June 2027

College closes to current students: Friday 16th July

Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th July: Transition days for new students

6 TED Days

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September,

Friday 20th November,

Monday 4th January 2027

Mon 7th June 2027

Weds 21st July (Disaggregated)