



# WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

It is fantastic to see so many students embracing our values and contributing to a calm, positive and purposeful school environment. Well done to all year groups for your continued efforts—you are truly embodying what it means to be part of the Weavers community

A huge congratulations to our Year 11 students for their sustained positive attitudes to learning. This has been clearly reflected in their exemplary behaviour both in and out of the classroom.

Year 9 students deserve recognition, currently holding the second lowest number of sanctions incidents this term. This demonstrates their growing sense of responsibility and positive contribution to school life. Similarly, our Year 7 cohort should be commended for having the lowest number of students receiving this level of sanction, showing a strong start to their journey at Weavers

On Wednesday 29 April, Weavers Academy welcomed Year 11 music students from Northampton International Academy to support the completion of their GCSE Music coursework. Students worked collaboratively with Weavers musicians to record ensemble performances, developing both their performance skills and confidence. The day was a fantastic example of partnership working and provided valuable opportunities for students from both schools to learn and perform together.

Year 11 are once again celebrating a sustained Level of rewards for our PRIDE values but also the year group with the lowest number of sanctions across the academy, a true testament to their maturity and commitment as they approach their examination period. We are incredibly proud of the way they are setting the standard for others.

Across the academy, students continue to demonstrate our PRIDE values in action. The value of Engagement has been the most widely recognised, with Year 8 leading the way in achieving the highest number of rewards in this area—closely followed by Year 10. Year 9 students have excelled in demonstrating Productivity, while Year 7 have stood out for consistently showing Respect.

Congratulations to our Key Stage 4 music students on a fantastic recital evening held on Tuesday 21 April. A total of 13 Year 10 students and 9 Year 11 students performed solo pieces as part of their GCSE coursework, showcasing the excellent progress, confidence, and musical talent developed throughout the year. Staff were incredibly proud of the professionalism and determination demonstrated by all students involved.

We are delighted to have begun our annual primary school singing workshops for this year's Year 5 transition production, The Tales of Odysseus. Students and staff from Weavers Academy have been visiting partner primary schools to deliver workshops and begin rehearsals for the large-scale musical project, which will feature live music, acting, and a massed primary choir performance. Workshops have already taken place at Our Lady's Primary School, Earls Barton Primary School, Ruskin Primary School, Olympic Primary School and Victoria Primary School.

## Attendance

Attendance is now the highest across the Trust, reflecting a strong school culture. Pupils are committed to learning and recognise its importance for future success. This positive attitude is seen daily, and in Term 6 we will introduce rewards for consistently high attendance.

## Rewards

Form groups with the highest rewards this week:

• Top forms - this week:

- Y7 - 7Ga (133)
- Y8 - 8Pa (166)
- Y9 - 9Dc (109)
- Y10 - 10Ub (119)

• Top forms - this half term:

- Y7 - 7Db (593)
- Y8 - 8Pa (738)
- Y9 - 9Dc (775)
- Y10 - 10Pa (548)

• Top forms - whole year so far:

- Y7 - 7Ua (4263)
- Y8 - 8Pa (4578)
- Y9 - 9Dc (4546)
- Y10 - 10Da (4039)

## Events

- Spring Festival
- 6 form common area – work underway
- Poetry workshop for year 9 with Caleb Femi – Nigerian-British author
- Lunchtime painting club on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Discovery day
- KS4 music recital evening
- Leisure centre changing rooms
- Wall mural completed

# Free School Meals

As you are probably aware; the government has recently changed the way you claim FSM/PP. This explains that there will be some changes to how funding for free school meals (FSM) and pupil premium (PP) is given to schools.

The guidance can be viewed here [Free school meals: guidance for local authorities, local -authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools - GOV.UK](#)

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 school year, all children whose families receive Universal Credit, and who attend maintained schools, academies, or free schools, will be able to get a free school meal.

In the future, there will be two types of free school meals based on benefits: Targeted FSM – This will stay the same as now. It is for pupils whose families receive Universal Credit and have yearly earnings of £7,400 or less.

Expanded FSM – This is a new type. It is for pupils who do not qualify for Targeted FSM but whose families still receive Universal Credit.

Although the government has announced this new guidance, and a new checking system will start in June (with checks suggested from 1 June), local authorities and schools need time to make sure their systems are ready. This will help them record and report family information correctly.

Because of this, we are asking all families who want to check if they are eligible, and apply for September 2026 under the new guidance, to do so from 1 July 2026.

If your child goes to a school in North Northamptonshire, please apply using the Parent Portal:

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/parent-portal>

If your child goes to a school in West Northamptonshire, please apply using the online form:

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/help-cost-going-school/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

Any emails we have requesting checks for September will not be responded to until the new checking systems are up and running. They will be marked NFA from our end and will need to be resent ideally from 01.07.2026 but if required earlier, not before 10.06.2026 onwards for us to ensure systems are working correctly and reporting methods for Targeted and Expanded can be differentiated.

# Post-16 Hub



**EXCITING NEWS!**

WE'RE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE

**NEW 6TH FORM COMMON AREA**

BUILDING & REFURBISHMENT WORK HAS OFFICIALLY BEGUN!

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE TRANSFORMATION TAKE SHAPE!

WATCH THIS SPACE!

The graphic features two inset photos: the top one shows a room with a concrete floor and construction debris, and the bottom one shows a room with wooden flooring and a desk. An orange hard hat icon is in the top right corner, and a paint roller icon is in the bottom left corner.

