



Inside Kingshurst

Year 11 Prom 2026

One of the most hotly anticipated events of the year is that of the Year 11 Prom. Despite the MET office weather warning, the extreme heat wasn't enough to stop the outgoing Year 11 from getting dressed-to-the-nines and making their way to the wonderful venue of Hogarths Hotel, Solihull. In the mind of many students, planning begins for this as of September of their GCSE year and somehow, this interest manages to sustain the attention of the students throughout the whole year.

College Leader for Hawking, Miss Ivery and Assistant College Leader, Mr Baxter Smith delivered an incredible event, fitting of the tremendous students within Year 11 and this was rewarded by an occasion, rich in friendship, fun and inflatable lightsaber battles (!), as staff and students soaked up the sunshine in the hotel's lush grounds, and attempted to record and save these memories through the help of a non-stop photobooth line, TikTok dances and thousands of pictures being taken, all whilst sustaining their energy from dancing the night away through the delicious buffet and booth making fresh candyfloss on demand for students!

As ever, it was brilliant to be able to share this experience with the massive support from parents, siblings, family and friends outside of the event as the staff team waited to greet students as they arrived with their customary flair and panache, all looking amazing onto the Hogarths red carpet Please head to [page 2](#) for a collection of some of these moments. [CLICK HERE](#)



Repair Lab

Students recently enjoyed an engaging STEM workshop delivered by an engineer from Birmingham City University, exploring the fascinating engineering behind everyday technology. The session focused on how modern mobile phones manage heat through innovative vapour chamber cooling systems, giving students an insight into the science and engineering that allows complex technology to operate efficiently. Through interactive demonstrations and discussion, students developed their understanding of real-world engineering principles while considering the challenges faced by engineers in designing increasingly powerful devices. Our students represented the school brilliantly throughout the day, demonstrating excellent behaviour, thoughtful questioning, and genuine curiosity as they embraced this exciting learning opportunity.

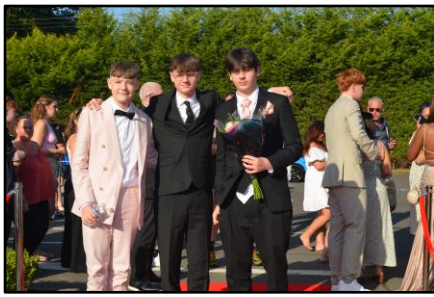
Ethos Team, Year 8 Drop Down Day

This week, the Ethos Team organised their first Drop Down Day with Year 8, focusing on harmful sexualised behaviours, respect, resilience, integrity, self-esteem, and making positive choices while understanding their consequences.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the sessions, particularly Steve the Juggler's interactive workshop and the music class, both of which provided engaging and thought-provoking ways to explore these important topics. The You Have Worth session was especially impactful, with staff commenting on how well it was delivered and how positively students engaged with the message of self-worth, confidence & resilience.

Staff also shared positive feedback about the day, highlighting how much the students enjoyed learning circus tricks and working together throughout the activities. They noted the excellent teamwork, enthusiasm, and willingness of students to support one another, making the day enjoyable and meaningful. Student feedback reflected the impact of the day, with comments including: "I learned not to doubt myself", "I learnt how to juggle. It's shown me how to follow my dreams", "I now know how to love myself and that I am valuable". Overall, the day was a valuable experience that encouraged reflection, discussion, personal growth, and the development of skills and values that students can carry forward into everyday life to be Ready, Respectful and Responsible.





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