



Headteacher's Comment:

Pupils at Chase High School continue to make me proud every day and are a testament to the kindness and commitment they experience at home and in lessons. Thank you to our parents, carers, and staff. This level of kindness and enthusiasm is evident when you read the stories below and hear the comments and feedback provided by travel companies and members of the public who encounter Chase High pupils on a daily basis.

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind." - Jennifer Dukes Lee



Somme Trip:

A group of Year 9 pupils recently travelled to France to visit the Battlefields of World War 1 and to experience French culture. Over the three days, the group visited the Loughnagar Crater, the Vimy Ridge and had the chance to bake bread in a traditional boulangerie. Pupils also visited the Flanders Fields Museum in Belgium and attended the Last Post daily tribute at the Menin Gate. A highlight of the trip was a visit to a snail farm where pupils handled snails and a few brave volunteers even tried them for the first time!



Emirates Trip:

A group of girls got to spend the first Sunday of the half term at The Emirates Stadium, watching the Arsenal Women's Team against their rivals Tottenham. It was great to see our new generation of female footballers being inspired by the elite, allowing them to see a pathway from grassroots to professional level sport. All pupils were a pleasure to spend the day with and an absolute credit to the school!



Year 10 Work Experience:

Could you support our Year 10 pupils in finding a work experience placement? Year 10 pupils will be going out on work experience between Monday 12 May 2025 – Friday 23 May 2025. If you or your company are able to host a pupil, please contact Lauri Procter on lauri.procter@chasehigh.org. Thank you for your support.



Careers Trip:

Before the half term, a group of Year 9 and 10 pupils had an inspiring visit to Southend College, where they attended a Land, Sea and Sky event with presentations from industry leaders including Ryanair, Boluda Towage, and Routes to Rail. The pupils gained valuable insights into careers across air, sea, and rail transport. Following the presentations, they explored a careers fair featuring a variety of companies from these sectors, as well as representatives from the Army and Royal Air Force. It was an exciting and informative day that sparked interest in a wide range of career pathways!



FA Girls Football Leadership Event:

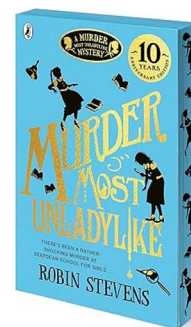
This week, a group of Year 8 footballers attended an FA Girls Football Leadership Training Event. This course was designed to teach the girls leadership qualities, with the aim to equip them with skills they need to be role models and coaches to younger girls who participate in football.

All pupils demonstrated every strand of LORIC and were commended on their performance and attitudes by the organisers.



Book of the Week!

Books shared will be suitable for different age groups each week to help encourage children in all year groups to read more at home.



Murder Most Unladylike

Age recommendation: 12+ (Young Adult)

Short synopsis: When Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong set up their very own deadly secret detective agency at Deepdean School for Girls, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. But then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She thinks it must all have been a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared. Now the girls know a murder must have taken place - and there's more than one person at Deepdean with a motive.

Pupil Review:

"It has shocking twists and imbedded clues throughout the story. A really great read." - Grace, Year 10



Safeguarding Social Media Update:

As more of our young people are exploring the online world via social media apps, we thought that parents might appreciate reading the following page from the NSPCC, which provides some essential guidance for keeping young people safe online, especially our younger pupils.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>



Dates for your Diary:

03.03.25 – 07.03.25 World Book Week/International Women's Day Assemblies 12.03.25 Year 8 Take Your Child to Work Day

04.03.25 Southend Makes Music – Palace Theatre 13.03.25 Year 10 Curriculum & Community Evening



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



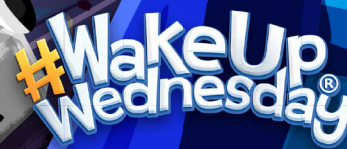
DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities. Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in. Links are underlined.

OPPORTUNITIES

Schools' Football Week is an ongoing ESFA initiative designed as an opportunity for schools, teams and clubs from across the country to embrace schools' football and the wellbeing benefits it provides to pupils and players.

Schools' Football Week (SFW) 2025 will be back in the calendars of schools across England from Monday 31 March until Sunday 6 April and for the first time, will run in partnership with Pokémon!

So, what if you are considering a career in Football? There are so many more jobs that "just" professional Footballers. Think of all the people who work in a football stadium; stewards, grounds people, physiotherapists, nutritionists, coaches, community engagement officers, analysts, sport photographers and SO many more. You can read more about Career Paths in Football here.



"0.06%. It's a number so small, it's hard to comprehend. But that is the chance of a young boy becoming a professional footballer in this country." - This information was taken from the BBC's Documentary "Football's Broken Dream". We don't want to be negative but if you have got your sights set on a becoming a footballer, you need to make sure you have a back up plan as the chances of making it are very slim.



Did you know that there is a university that specialises in degree courses that relate to Football? It's called UCFB. "UCFB is an established higher education provider, with a proven model for making sports education more relevant, more connected and more embedded in the sports industry, providing our students with the best experience in the world of sport." - You can read more about them here.



Here is the UCAS guide to Sport and Exercise Science.

JOB OF THE WEEK



Sport Coach

A sports coach is a person who trains and motivates athletes to improve their performance in a sport. They work with athletes of all ages and abilities, from amateur to professional.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

The UK sports sector contributes almost £100 billion to the UK economy and supports more than 1.25 million jobs, according to 'groundbreaking' new research.

Source

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Careers in Sport LIVE brings the world of sports careers to life. Whether you're just starting out or looking to accelerate your career, our events connect young people and professionals with the diverse opportunities behind every sports team and event. Hosted at iconic sports venues, you'll get an inside look at the roles that drive professional sports clubs and their foundations – offering firsthand experience of the exciting careers available.

Here are some university students that are currently studying sport. You can chat with them to learn more about their university/course, ask them for advice and learn from their journeys.

These guides from Prospects about where different sport degrees could take you. You can click in to each job to find out more about how much you could earn, the routes into the industry and potential employers:

- [Sports and Exercise Science](#)
- [Sport Coaching](#)
- [Sport and Leisure Management](#)

Lots of football clubs offer work experience, even the big Premier League clubs! Here are some examples. If you can't see one you like or if Football isn't your preferred sport, search the name of the club you like followed by "work experience" to find the correct webpage.

- [Liverpool FC](#)
- [Brentford FC](#)
- [Exeter FC](#)
- [Swansea City FC](#)

By using this resource from Careers in Sport, you can choose from hundreds of interviews with successful professionals across the sports industry for expert advice. From Lawrence Lok, the National Coach Development Lead (Diversity and Inclusion) at the The Football Association to Alison Bender, a Football Presenter and Reporter; there is something for everyone!

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Read more about [Sport England Careers here](#).

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We believe this approach gives you the best chance of a successful career upon graduation."

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