



NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Learners,

As we move through a busy and important part of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school community. It has been encouraging to see the focus, commitment and resilience shown by our pupils, particularly as our Year 11 pupils engage fully with exam preparation and additional revision opportunities. For those pupils it is now essential they are in school on time and ready for their exams. We also need to prepare our Year 10 as they are now entering year 11. Their attendance is critical now and also is their punctuality. Thank you for your support in ensuring this is a priority.

This edition of the newsletter highlights the strong support structures we have in place for learning and wellbeing, from targeted academic intervention, to practical help for families who may need it. It also celebrates the positive impact of pupil voice, with feedback showing that our pupils feel safe, empowered and engaged in their learning.

By continuing to work together—school, families and pupils—we can ensure high standards, clear routines and a supportive environment where every learner has the opportunity to succeed. Our focus this term is to ensure pupils are leaving this academic year ready for an even stronger year next year. We want our pupils to be the best version of themselves. Thank you for being an active and valued part of our community.

Warm regards,

Mrs Anderson-Nicholls, Vice Principal.



"Your voice has
power, share it."
: Ed Truxell

Absence

If your child is unable to attend school you will need to ring the school office on 0151 525 2630 between 7.30am-8.30am. The call will be received by one of our admin team who will discuss the reason for your child's absence. Please help us by letting us know if your child has an appointment or will be absent for any reason.

Year 11 Walk and Talk Exam Support Sessions Underway

We are delighted to inform parents that our current Year 11 pupils have now begun engaging in Walk and Talk exam preparation sessions as part of their GCSE revision programme.

These sessions are delivered in a lecture-style format in the Drama Hall and focus on **guided practice of exam questions**. Staff work alongside pupils to break down questions, unpick command words and model high-quality responses, while providing targeted, subject-specific support. The sessions are designed to strengthen exam technique, build confidence and ensure pupils fully understand what examiners are looking for in their answers.

Having run Walk and Talk sessions over the past two years, the impact on pupil outcomes has been consistent and overwhelmingly positive. Pupils who engaged fully with all sessions saw, on average, an increase of 8 marks per exam paper, in some cases equating to an improvement of up to a full grade, between P2S3 and their final GCSE results.

We strongly encourage all Year 11 pupils to attend these sessions regularly, as evidence shows they play a key role in securing improved outcomes in the final examinations. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help our pupils achieve their very best.

Also, this coming Saturday we have a series of science workshops running in school between 10.00am – 1.00pm. Please check classchart for details and to sign up. All year 11 pupils are encouraged to come along.

Mr Wardale



SCHOOL PANTRY

We are pleased to remind all families that we have a **fully stocked school pantry** available to support anyone who may need a little extra help. We understand that times can be challenging, and we are here to support our school community in any way we can.

If you feel this could be helpful for your family, please don't hesitate to visit the **school office** and simply let a member of staff know that you would like to collect a box of items from the pantry. There is no need to book or explain our aim is to make this support as easy to access as possible.

The pantry is regularly stocked with a wide range of useful food items, including:

- Breakfast cereals (we currently have a large supply!)
- Tinned vegetables such as tomatoes, peas, and carrots
- Tinned meals including curry and other ready-prepared options
- Juice and drinks
- Biscuits and snacks
- Crisps
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cooking sauces



We are proud to be able to offer this support and encourage any families who may benefit to make use of it. Please remember, this service is here for **everyone in our school community** no matter how big or small the need.

PE Star Performers from last week



Zhir	8 CR
Olivia	7 JMu
Robyn	9 OM
Ava	10 THe
Luke	7 JMe
Vanessa	9 SAC
Harry	9 TH
Emma	8 RLC
Ian	7 JMe
Francis	9 TH
Maisy	9 OM
Frankie	7 CL
Bradley	9 KBH
Weronika	7 CL
Daniel	9 TH
Roman	9 JR
Charlie	7 CL
Mya-Rose	8 RLC
Mia-Lily	7 HP
Xiaje	9 SAC
Tilly	9 EB



Congratulations
Winner of Year 11,
Period 6 Attendance
raffle is Amarachi I -
11NK

KEY DATES IN MAY/JUNE 2026

21st May – Year 7 Progress Evening

22nd May - End of Term

1st June Start of Term- Back to school



FRIDAY FINISH LINE!
KS3

ENGLISH HOMEWORK
DUE ON
FRIDAY
ON Sparx Learning



EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART
OF THE COMMUNITY



FRIDAY FINISH LINE!

KS4

ENGLISH HOMEWORK
DUE ON FRIDAY
ON SENECA.



EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART
OF THE COMMUNITY

Pupil Voice Matters: What Our Latest Engagement Survey Tells Us

We're delighted to share the results of our recent pupil TEP survey — and there's plenty to celebrate!

This survey is part of a growing national conversation about how young people feel about their school experience. It gives pupils a chance to share their views on everything from learning and safety to motivation and belonging. At our school, we believe strongly that pupils' voices should shape what we do next, which is why we'll now be collecting this feedback regularly.

So, what did our pupils say:

The headline news is fantastic: our overall engagement score is **0.3 higher than the national average** which is something we're really proud of.

One of our strongest areas was **Agency** — a measure of how much pupils feel in control of their learning and responsible for their success. This tells us that many of our pupils feel empowered, motivated, and ready to take ownership of their education.

We were also really pleased to see such positive feedback around **safety**. Pupils reported that they feel secure in school and are not worried about being hurt, with scores again sitting **0.3 above the national average**. A safe environment is the foundation for great learning, so this is especially encouraging.

Where can we improve:

As always, we're listening carefully to what pupils told us could be better.

One area highlighted was **homework completion**, particularly managing deadlines. In response, we have introduced a simpler system: all homework is now due by the **"Friday Finish Line"**. We hope this will make expectations clearer and help pupils plan their time more effectively.

Another focus is **punctuality between lessons**. Arriving on time ensures that learning starts smoothly and no one misses important instructions. We'll be working with pupils to improve movement around the school site and build strong routines.

Looking ahead

This survey is just the beginning. By regularly checking in with pupils, we can continue to celebrate what's working and take meaningful action where needed. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their views — your voice really does make a difference.

Reflection Questions we asked our pupils

- What is one thing you are proud of about our school based on these survey results?
- How can you personally contribute to improving homework completion or punctuality in the weeks ahead?

Mr Rayson

