



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has regrettably been touched by sadness as we mourn the loss of one of our much loved Year 11 pupils who finally lost his heroic battle with cancer. At this point, we have been asked to respect the privacy of his family and loved ones, so we will wait for a more fitting time to celebrate his life with you and our school community. We are, however, very conscious that this tragic event will affect many of our boys in different ways. Therefore, we want to reassure parents and carers that we are taking steps to ensure that all boys have access to appropriately skilled adults if they need a listening ear or emotional support. If you do have any personal concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your head of year or one of the senior team.

Our love, sympathy and prayers are with all his family and friends.

INSET DAY – FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023

A reminder for parents/carers that this Friday is an INSET day for teachers and school is therefore closed to pupils.

WIN A BOOK FOR CHRISTMAS



Students who read for pleasure have the chance to win Amazon book vouchers for Christmas. Further details are attached to this newsletter.

Miss Higgins

BEDROCK VOCABULARY

Bedrock Vocabulary is a fantastic online resource used across Year 7 and 8 to boost vocabulary knowledge and retention. Pupils earn points for each of the activities, quizzes and units completed. Logging in is straightforward as pupils can use their Google log in details, rather than needing a separate username and password. We reset the points each half term and publish a range of achievements including most improved, highest progress and highest points scorers. The top three students with the highest number of points **so far this half term** (from the 31st October) are:

- Year 8: Joshua Gadsby (211 points), Antoni Kopec (175 points) and Evan Gilchrist (148 points)
- Year 7: Sebastian Turley (318 points), Eddie Thompson (221 points) and Tyler Mawdsley (171 points)

Amazing work! Well done! Pupils aim to achieve at least 20 points each week to ensure that they maximise their learning potential. Pupils in Year 7 and 8 are showing a real commitment to improving their vocabulary by completing their weekly lessons. This half term's Bedrock competition - the second of the academic year - is currently underway. Pupils that earn **160 Bedrock points** between the dates of **30th October and 24th December** will automatically be in with a chance of winning one of the amazing prizes on offer: a Chromebook or a £10 Amazon voucher. Good luck!

Mrs Keating

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Thanks to all who have made donations for our Christmas Hampers for the Foodbank appeal and thank you to form tutors who are collating goods from their form. We are very grateful for all your donations and will be accepting them until the end of November.

Mrs Sinnott

Yours faithfully

Mr Gareth Banks
Headteacher



Win the gift of reading for Christmas

If a member of staff catches you **genuinely reading for pleasure** during the month of December you will be handed a raffle ticket and entered into the draw to win an Amazon voucher.



A BOOK IS A GIFT
YOU CAN OPEN
AGAIN AND AGAIN.



Happy reading...



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Y7

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

**Before School
8:00 - 8:45pm**

Breakfast Club

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Breakfast Club

**Foundation
Lunch
12:30 - 1:10pm**

Drama Club
S3 - Miss Rimmer

SafeSpace with Tabz

School Nurse Drop-in
G20A

Classics Club
O3 - Mrs Bailey

Debating Club
G15 - Mrs Roberti /
Miss Higgins
Week A only

Birkdale Advocates
U14 - Ms Hunter
Week B only

**After School
3:10 - 4:15pm**

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Design Tech Club
B4 - Mr Milner

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

**The Science &
Wellbeing Garden**
Miss Penn

Silversmiths
G3 - Mrs Woodley
(Week B only)

Project X
(Homework, Chess)
U13 - Mr Duffy

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

School Show
Rehearsals
Mrs Roberts / Miss
Rimmer

Project X
(Homework, Chess)
U13 - Mr Duffy

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

Robotics
U4 - Mr Langton

French & Spanish Club
U7 - Mrs Ullah

Project X
(Homework, Chess)
U13 - Mr Duffy

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

Birkdale Rocks!
S4 - Mrs Roberts

Cookery Club
B3 - Mr Ascough

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

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Y8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 8:00 - 8:45pm	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
Foundation Lunch 1:30 - 2:10pm	Sci- Fi Film Club G8 - Ms Flood Week B only	Drama Club S3 - Miss Rimmer SafeSpace with Tabz	School Nurse Drop-in G20A Classics Club Y7&8 Mrs Bailey - O3	Debating Club G15 - Mrs Roberti / Miss Higgins Week B only	Birkdale Advocates U14 - Ms Hunter Week B only
After School 3:10 - 4:15pm	Hub Homework Club (until 4pm) Design Tech Club B4 - Mr Milner Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece The Science & Wellbeing Garden Miss Penn	Silversmiths G3 - Mrs Woodley (Week B only) Project X (Homework, Chess) U13 - Mr Duffy Hub Homework Club (until 4pm) Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece School Show Rehearsals Mrs Roberts / Miss Rimmer	Project X (Homework, Chess) U13 - Mr Duffy Hub Homework Club (until 4pm) Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece Robotics U4 - Mr Langton French & Spanish Club U7 - Mrs Ullah	Project X (Homework, Chess) U13 - Mr Duffy Hub Homework Club (until 4pm) Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece	Birkdale Rocks! S4 - Mrs Roberts Cookery Club Mr Ascough - B3 Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece

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Y9

Monday

Tuesday

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Friday

**Before School
8:00 - 8:45pm**

Breakfast Club

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Breakfast Club

**Foundation
Lunch
12:30 - 1:10pm**

**Grade 5 Music Theory
Club**
S4 - Mrs Roberts

Drama Club
S3 - Miss Rimmer
SafeSpace with Tabz

School Nurse Drop-in
G20A
Classics Club Y7&8
O3 - Mrs Bailey

Sci- Fi Film Club
O16 - Mr Woodley

Debating Club
G15 - Mrs Roberti /
Miss Higgins
Week A only
Birkdale Advocates
U14 - Ms Hunter
Week B only

**After School
3:10 - 4:15pm**

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Design Tech Club
B4 - Mr Milner

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

**The Science &
Wellbeing Garden**
Miss Penn

Silversmiths
G3 - Mrs Woodley
(Week B only)
Project X
(DofE and Chess Club)
U13 - Mr Duffy

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

**School Show
Rehearsals**
Mrs Roberts / Miss
Rimmer

Project X
(DofE and Chess Club)
U13 - Mr Duffy

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

The Birkdale Lectures
Media Hall - Mr Duncan

Robotics
U4 - Mr Langton

French & Spanish Club
U7 - Mrs Ullah

Project X
(DofE and Chess Club)
U13 - Mr Duffy

Hub Homework Club
(until 4pm)

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

Birkdale Rocks!
S4 - Mrs Roberts

Cookery Club
Mr Ascough - B3

Animal Club
G8 - Mr Leece

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<p>Examination Lunch 1:30 - 2:10pm</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>Sci- Fi Film Club O16 - Mr Woodley Week B only</p> <p>Hive Game Club G5 - Mr Cowap</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>SafeSpace with Tabz</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>School Nurse Drop-in G20A</p>	<p>Debating Club G15 - Mrs Roberti / Miss Higgins Week B only</p> <p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>Birkdale Advocates U14 - Ms Hunter Week B only</p>
<p>After School 3:10 - 4:15pm</p>	<p>Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece</p> <p>Hub Homework Club (until 4pm)</p> <p>The Science & Wellbeing Garden Miss Penn</p> <p>Music GCSE Drop-in S4 - Mrs Roberts</p>	<p>Silversmiths G3 - Mrs Woodley (Week B only)</p> <p>Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece</p> <p>Project X (DofE and Chess Club) U13 - Mr Duffy</p> <p>Hub Homework Club (until 4pm)</p> <p>School Show Rehearsals Mrs Roberts / Miss Rimmer</p>	<p>The Birkdale Lectures Media Hall - Mr Duncan</p> <p>Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece</p> <p>Project X (DofE and Chess Club) U13 - Mr Duffy</p> <p>Hub Homework Club (until 4pm)</p> <p>Robotics U4 - Mr Langton</p> <p>Meditation & Mindfulness Library - Mrs Potter</p>	<p>Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece</p> <p>Project X (DofE and Chess Club) U13 - Mr Duffy</p> <p>Hub Homework Club (until 4pm)</p>	<p>Birkdale Rocks! S4 - Mrs Roberts</p> <p>Animal Club G8 - Mr Leece</p>

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Y11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Examination Lunch 12:30 - 1:10pm</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>Grade 5 Music Theory Club S4 - Mrs Roberts</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>SafeSpace with Tabz</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>School Nurse Drop-in G20A</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>Sci- Fi Film Club Mr Woodley O16</p>	<p>GCSE Art Drop-in S1&2</p> <p>Birkdale Advocates Ms Hunter U14 Week B only</p>
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SPORT X TIMETABLE - 2023-2024 - Term 1, Week 1

Day	LUNCH TIME - Years 7, 9 & 11	LUNCH TIME - Years 8-10	AFTER SCHOOL
MON	Mr. Quirk - Years 7 & 9 Basketball Club	Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall, Fitness Suite & Table Tennis unavailable	Mr. Quirk - Years 7 & 9 Football Club Mr. Carter - Year 8 Football Club Mr. Dunning - Year 10 Football Club Mr. Keary - Badminton Club - All Years
TUE	Mr. Quirk - Year 7 Fitness Club Mr. Bielby - All Years - Sports Activities in Sports Hall	Mr. Keary - Years 8 & 10 Table Tennis Club Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall & Fitness Suite	Mr. Keary - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Rugby Club Mr. Bielby - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Rugby Club Mr. Boyce- Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Rugby Club
WED	Mr. Carter - Year 11 Sports Studies intervention Mr. Keary - Sports Activities in Sports Hall	Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall, Fitness Suite & Table Tennis unavailable	All staff - Inter-school Competitions/Fixtures
THURS	Mr. Carter - Years 7, 9 & 11 Table Tennis Club Mr. Quirk - Year 7 Fitness Club Mr. Bielby - All Years - Sports Activities in Sports Hall	Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall, Fitness Suite & Table Tennis unavailable	<i>Staff Meetings</i>
FRI	Mr. Quirk - Year 11 GCSE PE Badminton / T. Tennis Mr. Bielby - Year 11 GCSE PE Badminton / T. Tennis	Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall, Fitness Suite & Table Tennis unavailable	Mr. Carter - Year 11 Sports Studies Intervention Group

SPORT X TIMETABLE - 2023-2024 - Term 1, Week 2

Day	LUNCH TIME - Years 7, 9 & 11	LUNCH TIME - Years 8 & 10	AFTER SCHOOL
MON	Mr. Quirk - Year 7 Fitness Club	Mr. Quirk - Years 8 & 10 Fitness Club Mr. Keary - Years 8 & 10 Badminton Club Mr. Bielby - Years 8 & 10 Table Tennis	Mr. Quirk - Years 7 & 9 Football Club Mr. Carter - Year 8 Football Club Mr. Dunning - Year 10 Football Club Mr. Keary - Badminton Club - All Years
TUE	Mr. Quirk - Years 7 & 9 Basketball Club	Mr. Keary - Years 8 & 10 Fitness Club Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall & Table Tennis unavailable	Mr. Keary - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Rugby Club Mr. Bielby - Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Rugby Club Mr. Boyce- Year 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Rugby Club
WED	Mr. Bielby - Year 9 Fitness Club	Mr. Quirk - Years 8 & 10 Table Tennis Club Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall unavailable	All staff - Inter-school Competitions/Fixtures
THURS	Mr. Carter - Years 7, 9 & 11 Table Tennis Club Mr. Quirk - Year 7 Fitness Club	Mr. Keary - Years 8 & 10 Table Tennis Club Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall & Fitness Suite unavailable	<i>Staff Meetings</i>
FRI	Mr. Quirk - Year 11 GCSE PE Badminton / T. Tennis Mr. Bielby - Year 11 GCSE PE Badminton / T. Tennis	Nb, Clash with Curriculum Lessons - Sports Hall, Fitness Suite & Table Tennis unavailable	Mr. Carter - Year 9 Sports Studies Intervention Group