Welcome to your whispers of news and events...

06.11.26

Top Weekly Reward Points		
Year 7	7TTE	50.9
Year 8	8EED	51.4
Year 9	9EMI	40.8
Year 10	10GWE	41.7
Year 11	11SWA	43.4

Star Students

Fern J Y8

Thomas S Y7

A Star in the Making



We are incredibly proud of Year 8 Poppy, who has landed herself a very special role this Christmas!

Following an audition, Poppy has been selected as the lead soloist to perform the beautiful and much-loved song Walking in the Air with Carrot Productions this festive season.

Carrot Productions tour annually with a very special screening of the classic film The Snowman, accompanied by its unforgettable score performed live by an orchestra and singers. To be chosen to perform such an iconic solo is a fantastic achievement, and we couldn't be more delighted for Poppy!

Poppy's musical talents don't stop there, either. She also performs with JW Academy, a singing school, and has recently been in the recording studio with fellow members, laying down vocals for an original track which is set to be released on Spotify. How exciting!

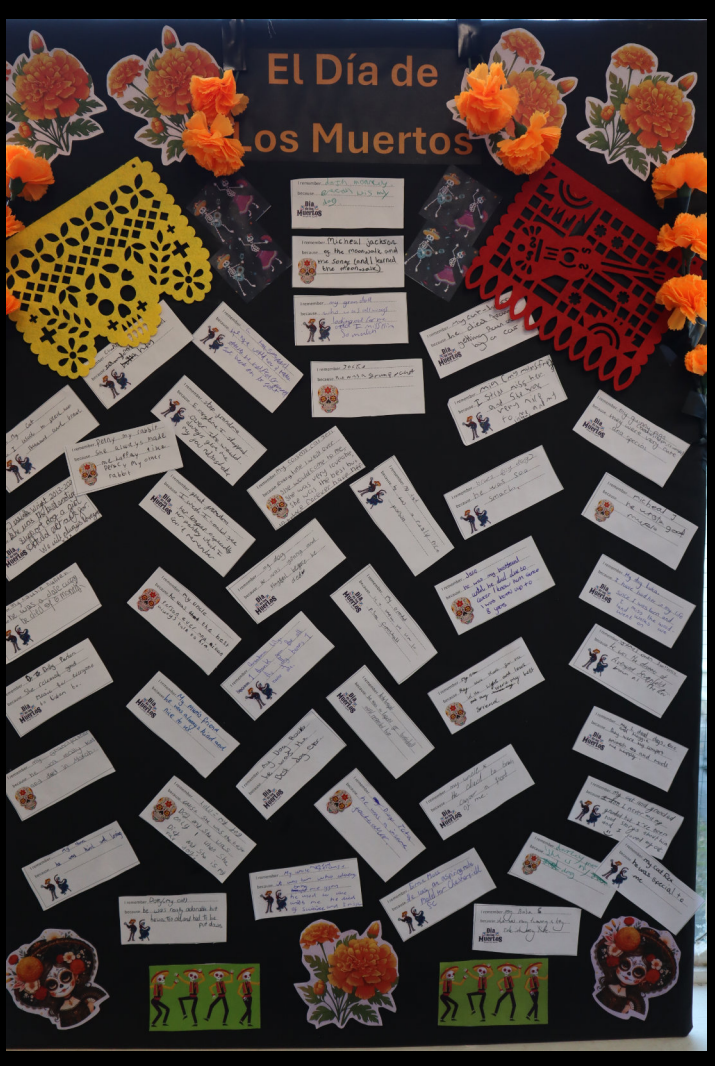
It sounds as though Poppy has a very busy and exciting musical journey ahead of her, and we can't wait to hear more. Who knows, perhaps we might even be able to tempt her onto the Whittington Green stage for a performance of her own!

Huge congratulations, Poppy. You should be incredibly proud of yourself - we certainly are, and we are sure your family are bursting with pride too.



Day of the Dead

On 2nd November, our Modern Foreign Languages department celebrated Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a traditional Mexican celebration honouring and remembering loved ones who have passed away. Students created thoughtful messages and notices sharing who they were remembering and missing. Our fantastic kitchen team also joined in the celebrations by preparing a delicious Mexican-inspired menu. A lovely way to explore another culture and celebrate the importance of remembering those we love!









YEARS 9, 10 AND 11

FUTNET

SCHOOL SPORTSHALL

WEDNESDAYS
3:05PM - 4:00PM

Come and try futnet, a new sport using football skills on a court. One ball, one court, two teams battling it out to score points off each other.

Great fun for any ability!

Get involved

Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership

TEXTILES Competition!

Could YOUR artwork be printed onto real fabric?

The Prinfab × Textile Skills Centre Design to Print Competition is giving students the chance to see their designs come to life!

How to enter:

- Create a design that you think could be put on fabric!
- This can be done on paper/digital/fabric
- **Open to all**- you do not have to be a textiles club member to take part.

Win:

- 3 metres of your artwork professionally printed onto fabric
- A FREE online textile course from Textile Skills Centre
- The opportunity to showcase your creativity

Open to: All year groups
Closing Date: 7th January 2027
Winner Announced: Shortly after the closing date

Whether you love drawing, pattern design, illustration or digital art, anyone can be involved! **If you have any questions please see Miss Donkin in room 36.**



TEXTILES
SKILLS CENTRE



The Right iDEA

For homework this year, Y8 are completing a series of online badges with the aim of achieving their Bronze iDEA award by the end of May 2027. A number of students have completed their first 50 points from their 'Citizen' section and will now be working through their next 50 in the 'Worker' section.

There have already been some stand out achievements with Sebastian, Ollie and Toby all gaining over 100 points, and Alex gaining over 200!

Leading the way though are Josh and Fern, who have completed enough badges in each of the 4 sections to earn 250 points and their Bronze award. They have now unlocked some extra badges and can progress on to Silver. Will they be the first WGS students to ever earn the Silver award?

I am incredibly proud of what students have managed to achieve so far and am excited to see who manages to make it to 250 next.

Mrs Bardsley



What is iDEA?

The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international award-winning programme that helps develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free.

Through the series of online challenges, students can earn career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help them stand out from the crowd.

iDEA badges are interactive online modules, created in consultation with industry experts that can be accessed on any device, anywhere in the world. They vary in length and difficulty, and iDEA has a huge range of badges you can choose from, just pick one that interests you and get started.

iDEA aspires to be the digital and enterprise equivalent of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Bronze is beginner, Silver intermediate and Gold advanced.



Something Wonderful Is Coming…

We have barely had time to catch our breath after the half-term break, and already things are hotting up behind the scenes for our upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast!

Rehearsals are straight back underway, props are beginning to appear and the stage is starting to take shape. We are keeping as much as we can under wraps for now, but we can promise you that a little bit of magic is happening behind the scenes!

With every rehearsal the production is becoming more real, and excitement is certainly building. It won't be long before we can invite you all to step into our enchanted world and see what we've been working so hard on.

Keep your eyes peeled for ticket announcements coming soon. You won't want to miss this one!



Be our guest… we can't wait to see you there!

Mr Ashworth's Brain Teaser



You have a barrel full of water, what do you add to the barrel in order to make it lighter?

Do you think you know the answer to this week's brain teaser?
Be the first to find Mr Ashworth in Room 16 with your solution for the chance to win a small prize (and, of course, eternal bragging rights).

Congratulations!
The last week's winner is:

Carleigh A, Plymouth University



Q: You are driving a bus that picks up witches. On the first stop, you pick up four witches with blue eyes. The second, you pick up six witches with brown eyes. On the third, you pick up ten witches with green eyes.

What colour are the bus drivers eyes?

A: whatever colour your eyes are as you were driving.

Everybody Wants to Rule the World!



There were some unmistakable 80s sounds drifting from the Music Block this week, and we just had to investigate!

It was our Upper School Band hard at work, rehearsing the classic Everybody Wants to Rule the World by Tears for Fears. And it's sounding fantastic!

There's something rather special about hearing those familiar tunes filling the school on a crisp autumn afternoon. The band are making great progress, and we can't wait to hear it all come together.

Keep up the great work, everyone!





Discover Manga Club

Looking for a cosy after-school club to enjoy this autumn and winter? Why not pop along to Manga Club in the Library every Monday.

Even straight back after the holidays, our Manga Clubbers were already making themselves at home, exploring some of the fascinating books on offer. But don't be fooled – you don't have to be a Manga expert or even pick up a Manga book to join in.

Whether you fancy discovering a new read, getting creative with some drawing, sharing ideas or simply snuggling up amongst the cushions with a good book, there's a little something for everyone.

So, why not come along, get cosy and discover what Manga Club is all about? Everyone is welcome!



Keeping Faith





In the summer, Y10 student, Faith made a fantastic start to her racing journey, and she's already making great progress!

Over the October half-term holiday, Faith enjoyed a practice day ahead of the final race day of the season, where she picked up some wins. She headed out for her first heat and did brilliantly. Unfortunately, heat two didn't go quite to plan, as another racer lost control and ran Faith into a wall, resulting in a crash and plenty of bruises!

However, it certainly hasn't bruised her enthusiasm! Showing fantastic resilience, Faith isn't letting the incident put her off. She'll continue practising and is already looking forward to the 2027 season.

Well done, Faith!

We can't wait to see what's next in 2027.





Y10 Geographers Fieldwork

Our expert GCSE Geographers in year 10 embarked on their first piece of fieldwork for their exam on Wednesday 7th October.

This fieldwork forms part of their final paper three exam where they do a physical and human investigation. For their year 10 fieldwork they focus on the human element. Recently Geographers have finished their urban issues topic where they have studied how cities have changed over time. As part of their human fieldwork Geographers were investigating whether urban regeneration has had a positive impact on Sheffield. In the morning Geographers focused on the Moor, Peace Gardens and Fargate to see the recent regeneration of the pedestrianised shopping areas.

Geographers were looking to see how popular, well-kept and welcoming the areas were after years of decline as shops moved out of town to Meadowhall. After a damp morning the weather brightened up as Geographers headed for lunch. McDonald's was on the menu for lunch with an impressive 160 chicken nuggets being eaten.

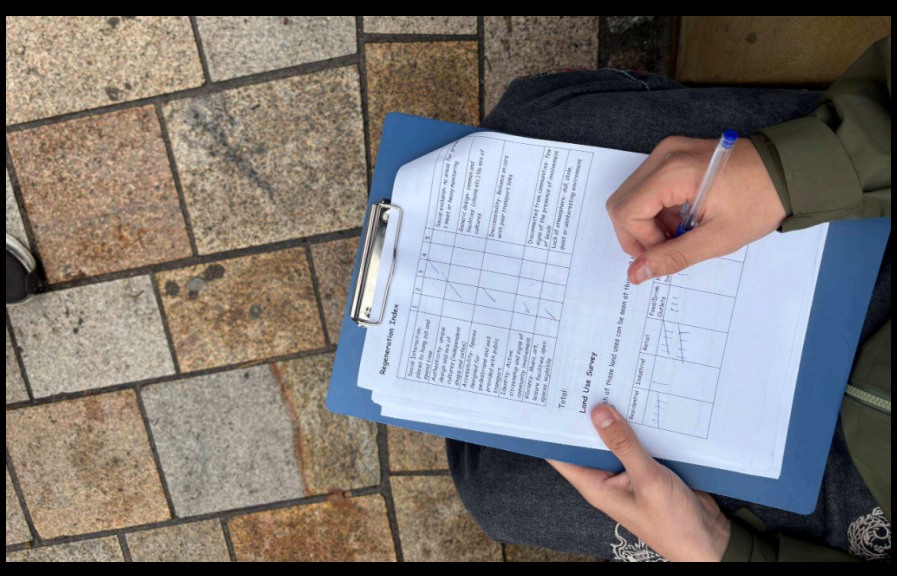
In the afternoon Geographers walked down to Kelham Island to see how regeneration had reversed the impacts of the decline of the steel industry. One of the best things about Geography is getting to see how it works in the real world.

Miss Yeoman



Fieldwork in Sheffield











Shoe box Scenes

Our Year 7 Performing Arts students have been busy bringing the magic of *Beauty and the Beast* to life! For their homework, they were challenged to design a shoe box set depicting one of the scenes from the show, and what a fantastic job they have done!

From LED lighting and LEGO to 3D printing, Play-Doh and plenty of other creative touches, the imagination, effort and attention to detail have been wonderful to see.

Here is just a small selection of their designs, but the exciting news is that some of the strongest creations will be displayed in the hall during the evening performances of *Beauty and the Beast*, giving our audiences the chance to admire their hard work too!















The Date for the Educational Psychologist has been set!



Monday 30th November at 4.30pm

We are hosting a workshop on Monday 30th November to support parents living with teenagers.

The teenage years can be exciting, rewarding, and at times challenging for both young people and their parents. During adolescence, teenagers experience significant changes in their brains, emotions, relationships, and sense of identity. These changes can sometimes lead to behaviours that parents find confusing, frustrating, or worrying. The workshop aims to help parents make sense of typical adolescent development and develop practical strategies to strengthen communication, support emotional wellbeing, and maintain positive relationships at home. The focus will be on understanding what may lie beneath behaviour, responding effectively to emotions, and creating boundaries that help young people feel safe, supported, and able to thrive.

The workshop starts at 4.30pm on Monday 30th November 2026 but we ask that you arrive by 4.15pm - tea and cake will be provided.

If you would like to attend the workshop please complete the Microsoft form you have been emailed so we know how much cake to provide!

Y9 Geographers

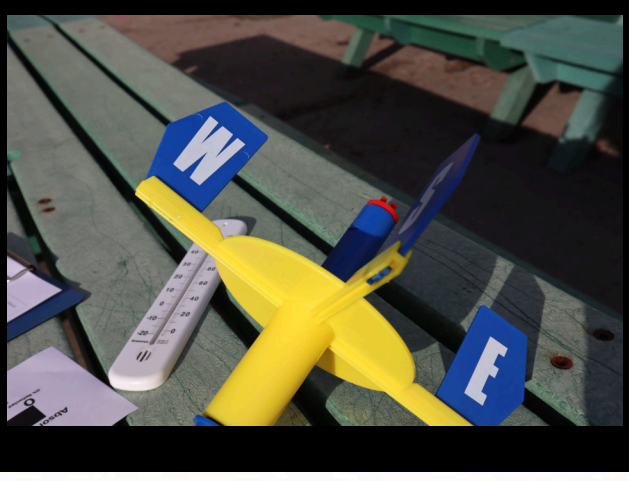


On Monday, Year 9 Core Geography students were taking part in some microclimates fieldwork. They were using equipment including thermometers, wind vains and anemometers to investigate microclimates around Whittington Green School.

They had to pick a range of sites around school to get a good picture of how factors such as buildings, shelter, surface colour and aspect can lead to changes in the climatic conditions in small areas compared to the general surrounding area. They all did really well using the equipment, carefully picking each of their sites and working as teams to collect their data.

Fieldwork is really important in Geography as it brings classroom theories to life by investigating the real-life environment around us; it also helps practice problem solving, decision making and organisation skills! Well done Year 9s!

Miss Hudson





WHITTINGTON GREEN SCHOOL

THE PROJECT CLUB

Plan • Create • Explore

Open to Year 7 & 8

Bring your project ideas – or find some inspiration!

Work on any school project!

After School

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

in Room 45

with CJ and NICKY

Bring your imagination!

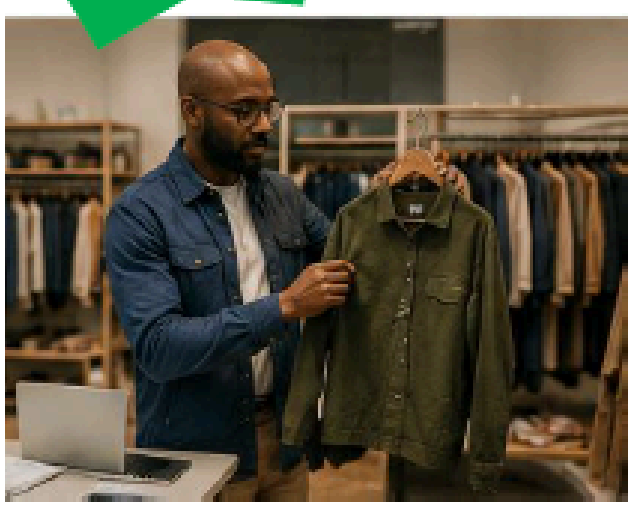
Whittington Green School

Retail Buyer

Job of the Week

Wholesale buyer, food buyer, retail merchandiser

Retail buyers find products for shops to sell at the right time and the right price, like clothing, toys, electricals and food.



Skills and knowledge
You'll need:

- persuading and negotiating skills
- the ability to work well with others
- to be flexible and open to change
- the ability to use your judgement and make decisions
- maths knowledge
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- excellent verbal communication skills
- customer service skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

Salary - £22,000 - £50,000

Find out more about this job. Scan the QR code for the MYPATH video.

You can get into this job through:

University - You can do a degree before joining a retail company graduate scheme. Employers recruit from a range of degree subjects, including:

- fashion buying and merchandising
- retail business management
- supply chain management
- marketing

You could choose a course that includes a year's work placement to get relevant experience alongside your qualification. Or you could gain experience from a part-time job or a summer internship.
Your university careers service can help you to find part-time roles, placements and internships.
Entry requirements- You'll usually need:

- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

Apprenticeship- You could apply to do an apprenticeship with a company, for example:

- Buying and Merchandising Assistant Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship
- Retail Manager Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship
- Assistant Buyer and Assistant Merchandiser Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship

Entry requirements - You'll usually need:

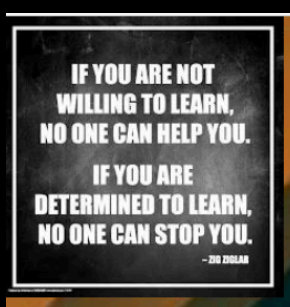
- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C) and A levels, or equivalent, for a higher or degree apprenticeship

Day-to-day tasks - As a retail buyer, you could

- attend trade fairs to find new products/ services
- negotiate prices, orders and delivery dates with suppliers
- work with a quality team to meet standards
- obtain and analyse customer feedback
- forecast trends based on consumer data
- present collections to senior retail managers
- track sales figures, manage stock levels and keep to budgets
- check and react to competitor activities

Post-16 Open Evenings

Post-16 provider		Date
	Netherthorpe School	6th October 2026
	Outwood Newbold	13th October 2026
	Tupton Hall School	14th October 5.30pm onwards
Eckington School	Eckington school	21st October 5.15pm-8pm
	Dronfield Henry Fanshaw	11th November 5pm – 8pm
	St Mary's Catholic high school	12th November 2026
	Brookfield Community School	6th October 2026
	Chesterfield College	Sixth form open evening 4th November 4pm – 6pm **Showcase open evening** (range of courses and apprenticeships) 11th November 4pm – 7pm 17th March 4pm – 7pm 23rd June 4pm-7pm



Y11 Intervention

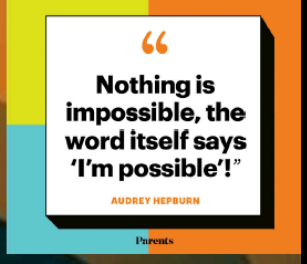
There is lots of support available for you this year after-school. Here a guide to what's on...

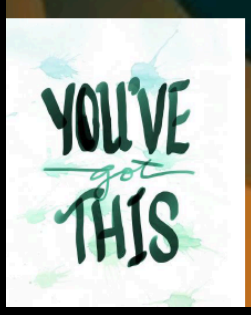
Mondays
Geography (starting after October HT) (Rm52)
History (Rm51)
Religious Studies (Week A only) (Rm49)

Wednesdays
Y11 General GCSE Revision and Homework Club (Rm21/21a)
Design and Technology (Rm36)
Spanish (Rm33)

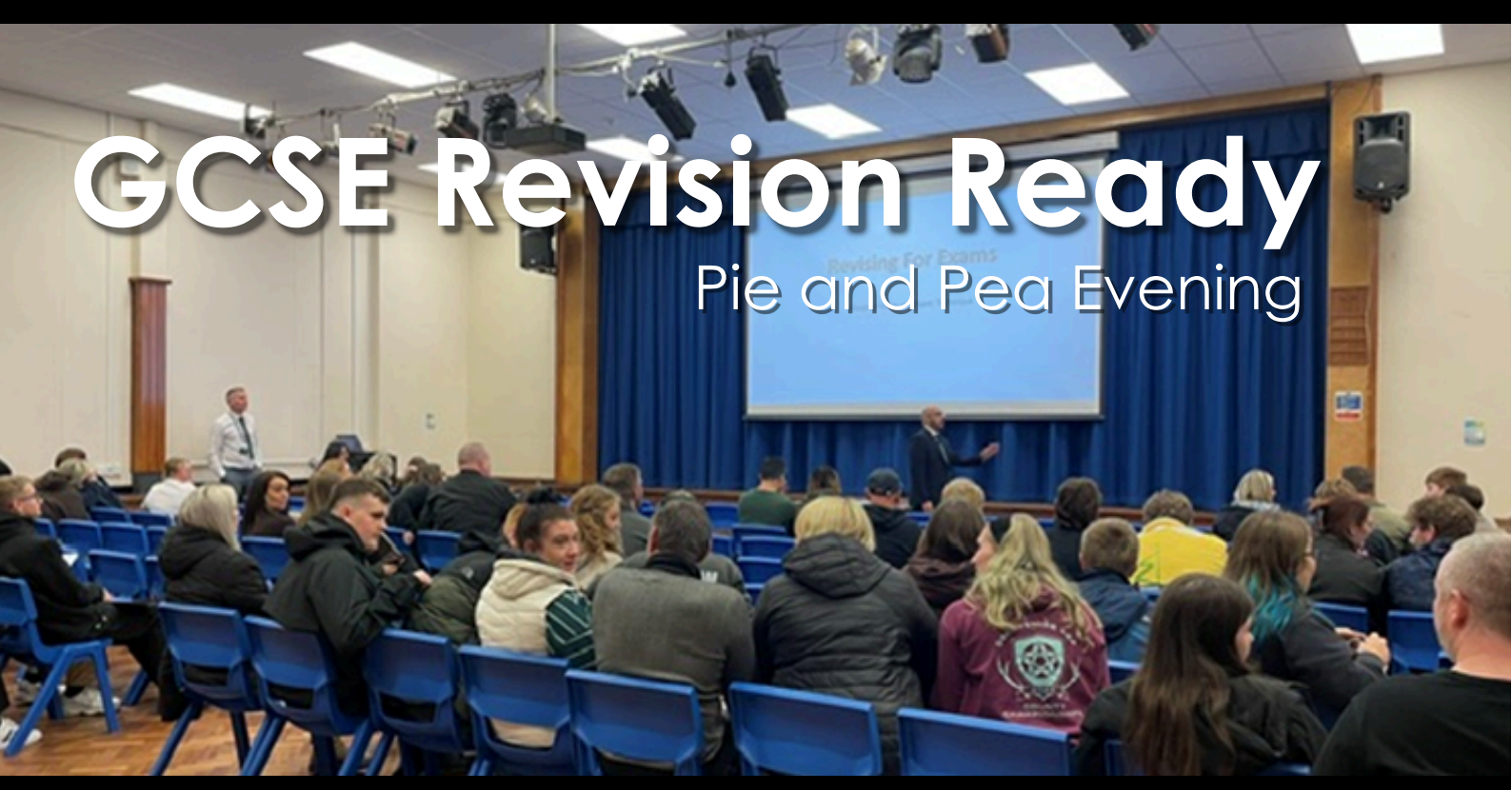
Thursdays
Travel and Tourism (Rm24)
Art (Rm28)
English – Power and Conflict Poetry (Rm21)

Look out in the future for...
Dance – commencing after Christmas on a Monday/Wednesday or Friday depending on your group









GCSE Revision Ready

Pie and Pea Evening



Monday evening saw a lovely welcome back after the holidays as we opened our doors to Year 11 students, parents and carers for our Pie and Pea Evening.

The evening was designed to provide families with some useful information, guidance and support as our Year 11s continue their GCSE journey. It began with an informative presentation covering what to expect from the GCSE examinations, the different assessment formats and, importantly, how students can make the most of their revision time.

Along with the presentation, everyone enjoyed a delicious pie and pea supper, provided by Ella from the school kitchen – just what was needed to warm everyone up on a chilly evening!

The evening continued with a series of subject workshops in English, maths and science, giving parents, carers and students the opportunity to find out more about what to expect in each subject, explore useful revision resources and pick up some practical ideas and revision tips to take away.

It was a really positive and informative evening, bringing home and school together to ensure our Year 11 students feel supported, prepared and confident as they work towards their GCSEs.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, and to all the staff involved in making the evening such a success!





After School Clubs

Have you explored our after school clubs?

We have a fantastic array of activities that cater to every interest and passion.

Whether you're keen on sports, arts and crafts, technology, gardening or anything in between, there's something here for everyone.

Beyond the fun activities, our clubs provide an incredible opportunity to forge new friendships and develop valuable skills. Whether you're honing your teamwork on the sports field or unleashing your creativity in the art room, there's no shortage of opportunities to grow and learn together.

Our convenient after school bus ensures that you can join in on the excitement without any worries about transportation – it departs promptly at 4.00pm.

Come and be a part of the adventure!

After School Clubs

Monday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Neurodiversity Club
House
Miss Wells-Cole

Manga Monday
Library
Mrs Bingham

Upper School Band
Rm 27
Mr Redgrave

Writing Club
Rm 20
Miss Turner

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Y8 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Level 1 Sport Leaders
Mr Williamson

Tuesday

Theatre Tech Club
Dance Studio

Chess Club
Library
Mr Reid

Y9 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Wednesday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

All years Netball
Mrs Dewberry
Miss Kemp

Y9,10,&11 Futnet
Sports Hal

Y10 &11 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Warhammer Club
Rm53
Miss Hudson

Dof E
Rm 16
Mr Ashworth &
Dr Albon

KS4 Independent Study
Rm21A
Mr Spacey

Book Club
Library
Mrs Bingham

Lower School Band
Rm 27
Mr Redgrave

Y11 D&T Intervention
Rm 35
Mr Wakefield

Project Club
Rm 45
CJ & Nicky

Thursday

Beauty & Beast Rehearsals

Varsity Fixtures
Mr Kingham

Garden Club
Rm 43
Mrs Pates

Art Club
Rm 28
Miss Scothorn

Textiles Club
Rm 36
Miss Donkin

STEM Club
Rm 38
Dr Albon

Y11 English Revision
Rm 12
Mrs Gallacher

Are you raising the child of a relative or friend?

Then Kinship Chesterfield is here for you!

Our local peer support groups provide a warm, friendly space to connect with some of the other 900+ kinship carers in Chesterfield, Bolsover and North-East Derbyshire.

For more information:

- Scan the QR code
- Find us on facebook Kinship Chesterfield
- Contact us at kinship.chesterfield@gmail.com

or simply join us for a coffee at one of our meetings.

Our **Chesterfield** group meets on the last Thursday of each month at

the HUB, SMH Group Stadium,
Sheffield Road, Chesterfield, S41 8NZ

Morning Session: 11.00am – 1.00pm
Evening Session: 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Our **Bolsover** group meets on the first Thursday of each month at

Bolsover Assembly Rooms,
Hill Top, Bolsover, S44 6NG

Morning Session: 11.00am – 1.00pm

Kinship Chesterfield



Kinship Chesterfield families, Summer 2026

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Undertsanding our attendance

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

Any questions, email attendance@wgs.derbyshire.sch.uk

95%+

Well done!

Attendance that is 95% and above is our target for all our students. The student is attending school regularly and is on track with their learning. No immediate action needed.

Improvement needed

This level of attendance can begin to impact academic progress. Our attendance officer may monitor attendance more closely, discuss reasons for absence with the student and family, and provide support if needed.

90-94%

below 90%

Cause for concern

The Department of Education classes anyone below 90% attendance as a persistent absentee. When this is the case, we will reach out to you to see how we can support you and your child and addressing any concerns you or they may have.

CONCENTRATION AIDS

SHOULD BE QUIET, FIT IN ONE HAND AND CAN BE USED WITHOUT LOOKING AT IT



Allowed in school



Allowed in school



Allowed in school



Not allowed



Not allowed



Not allowed

Fidgets are a great tool to help attention. They are allowed in school. Squishies are a fun toy to play with. They are not allowed in school.

Derbyshire Family Health Service

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Version	1
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NHS Derbyshire Community Health Services NHS Foundation Trust

Public health nurse contact details

Whether your child or young person is in school or home educated, we can support with...

Continence | Sleep | Healthy lifestyles | Puberty | Anxiety | Mental health | Relationships | And much more

For parents/carers of 5-19 year olds in Derbyshire text us on 07312 263744

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

We can also support young people aged 11-19 with all of the above as well as sexual health, drugs and alcohol support.

Young people aged 11-19 years in Derbyshire can text us on 07507 330025

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk

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