Welcome to your whispers of news and events...

13.11.26

Top Weekly Reward Points		
Year 7	7AWI	59.2
Year 8	8JVI	58.5
Year 9	9CDO	57.4
Year 10	10MMI	51.2
Year 11	11PAS	50.1

Star Students

Callum B Y7

Laila-Marie B Y11

Don't Miss The Magic



Tickets Available NOW!

Behind The Scenes

Theatre Tech Club



We popped in to see Theatre Tech Club on Tuesday evening and were absolutely blown away by the work they have been putting into our forthcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast*.

The team have been tackling one of the biggest and most time-consuming jobs of all: getting the base coats of paint onto our scenery and set pieces. It might not be the most glamorous part of theatre production, but it is arguably one of the most important! Getting all those foundations in place makes an enormous difference and gives us the perfect starting point for all the finer details and finishing touches still to come.

Every single student worked incredibly hard and we cannot thank them enough for their time, enthusiasm and commitment. Their efforts have made such a huge difference and will make the next stages of preparing our scenery so much easier.







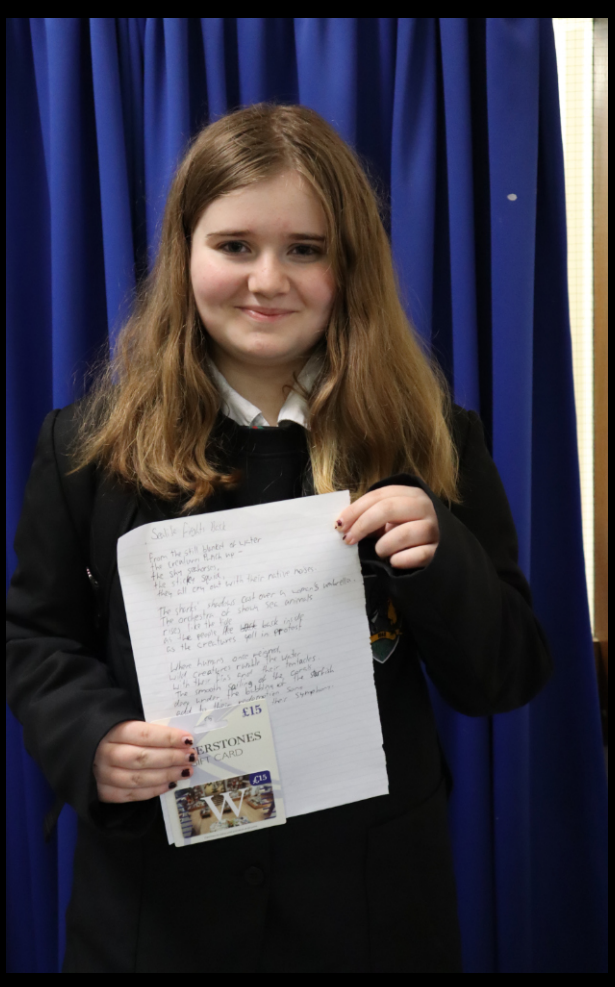




Celebrating National Poetry Day

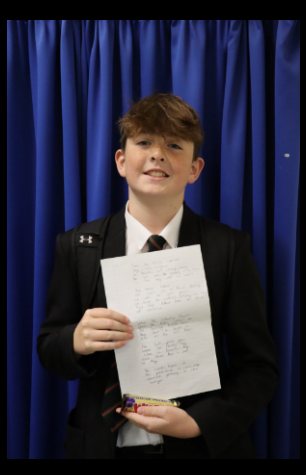
To acknowledge and celebrate National Poetry Day (1st October 2026), students were tasked with engaging with this year's theme: The Wonderful World of Wonder. Many used Vanessa Kisuule's poem, Nature Bites Back, as a stimulus to produce something creative. The English and Art department collaborated on the project and we were inundated by entries! The writing touched on nature remarkable ability to reclaim the land in industrialised places and the triumphant return of wildlife to landscapes once dominated by urbanisation. Artwork was submitted in a range of mediums – pencil drawings, collages, clay models.

Thank you to Mrs Walford for the donation of Arts prizes. We hope that the prizes and the vouchers can support you in carrying on your creative ventures. Well done to everyone who entered our competition and especial congratulations to those who were recommended as Commended, Highly Commended or Winners in their category.

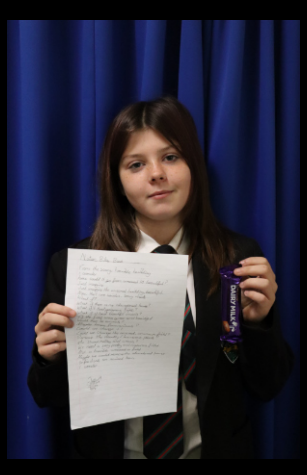


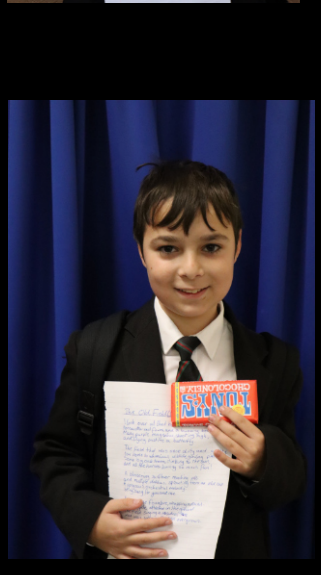


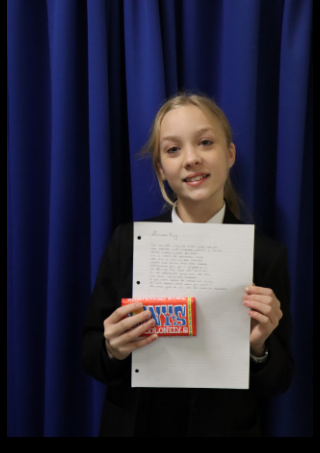


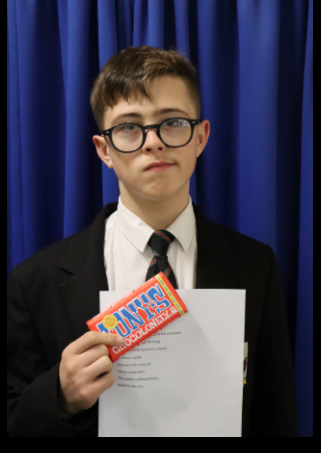


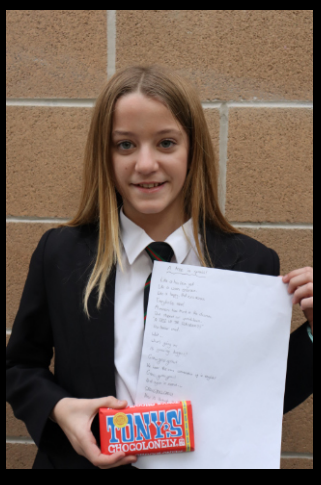


















English Category

- Commended: Macy, Max, Evie and Demi
- Highly Commended: Josh, Grace, Tyler and Piper
- Overall Winner: Esmai

Art Category

- Highly Commended: Fern, Esme and Bluebell
- Overall Winner: Millie



Year 7 Celebrates Día de los Muertos

Last week, we celebrated Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), a vibrant tradition most famously associated with Mexico, where families come together to remember and honour loved ones who have passed away. The celebrations are filled with colour, flowers, music and beautifully decorated skulls and masks. In Spain, there is also a tradition of remembering loved ones through Día de Todos los Santos (All Saints' Day), celebrated on 1 November.

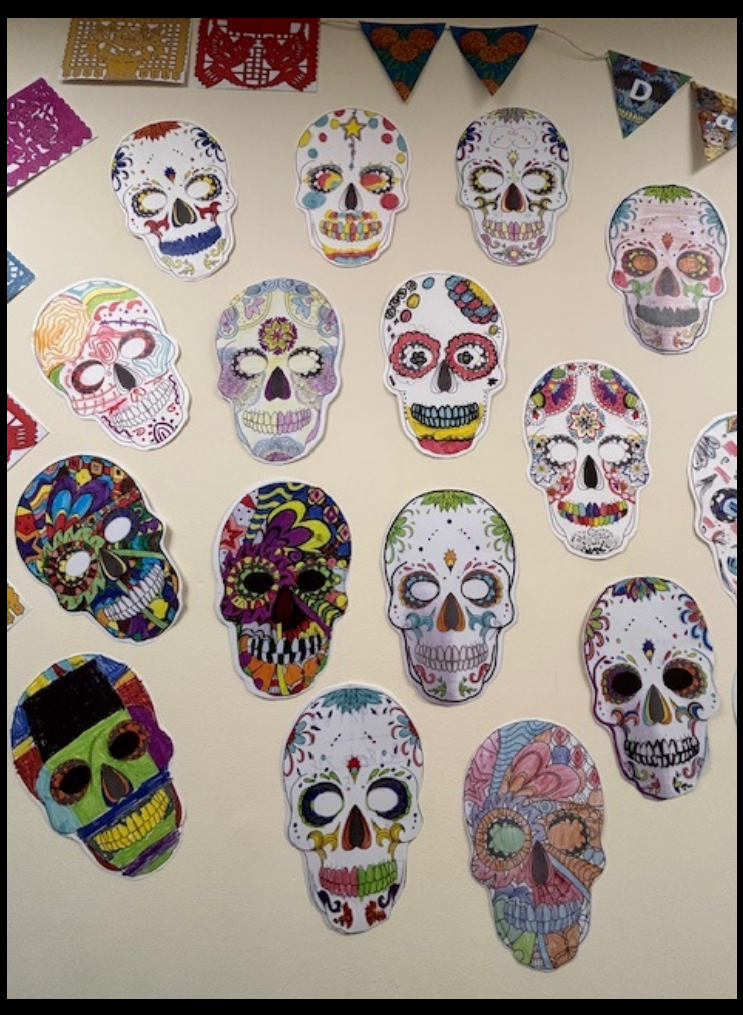
As part of our celebrations, our wonderful Year 7 students have been getting creative in their Spanish studies, colouring and designing their own beautiful Day of the Dead masks. Their imagination, creativity and attention to detail have produced some absolutely fantastic results!

We are delighted that their wonderful creations are now proudly displayed in the Languages Corridor for everyone to enjoy.

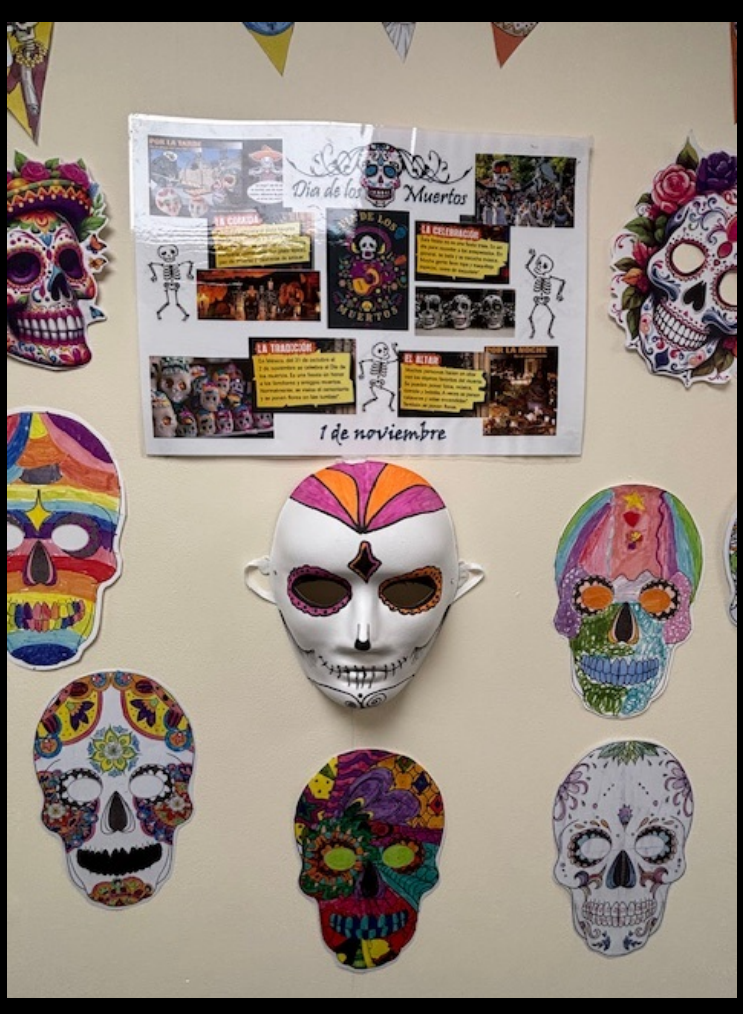
A huge well done to all our Year 7 students – your work looks absolutely superb! It's a fantastic way to bring language learning and cultural traditions to life.

Do pop down to the Languages Corridor and take a look – it's definitely worth a visit!











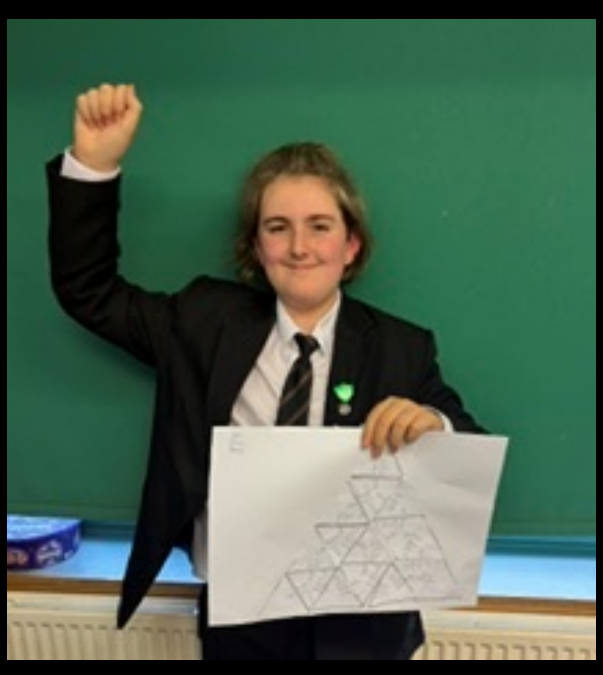
Fraction Action!

Who said maths couldn't be a game?
Year 8 have been having great fun with Mr Spacey, tackling the topic of dividing fractions through some hands-on learning.

The students have been completing Tarsia jigsaws, matching pieces together to practise their skills, solve problems and build confidence.

It's fantastic to see how a little creativity can turn a tricky maths topic into an enjoyable challenge. Well done, Year 8!













Writing Competition!

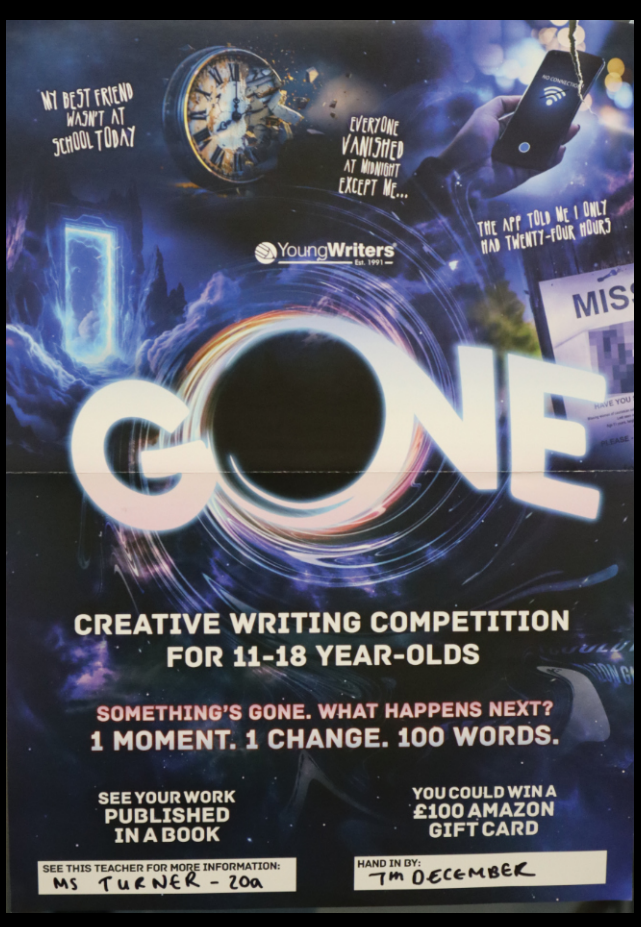
Calling all creative minds! Young Writers have launched GONE, an exciting creative writing competition open to young people aged 11–18.

The challenge is to write about something that's gone – what happened next? One moment, one change, just 100 words!

Our Writing Club students are already getting involved, but there's still plenty of time for everyone to enter.

Interested? Pop along and see Miss Turner in Room 20A for details. Entries must be handed in by 7th December.

Get creative – we can't wait to see where your imagination takes you!







Remembrance Day

On Wednesday we came together as a school community to commemorate Remembrance Day and pay our respects to all those who have served, sacrificed and lost their lives in conflicts past and present, as well as remembering those who continue to serve today.

It was truly lovely to see our school community come together in such a meaningful way, united in remembrance, respect and gratitude.

We were particularly proud to see our students involved in our local Cadets, Scouts, Guides and other uniformed youth groups taking part.

Lest we forget.



Writing Club

Words of Remembrance...

Sometimes, the most powerful words come from our students themselves. This week, as we marked Remembrance Day, we were treated to two particularly beautiful poems written by members of the writing club..

Fern, in Year 8, and a Year 10 student each penned their own thoughtful tribute to Remembrance Day. Both poems were incredibly moving, each capturing the importance of remembering, reflecting and honouring those who have served and sacrificed in their own unique way.

We are so proud of both students for sharing their words and creativity with us. A huge thank you to them both – your work was truly beautiful.

Our Writing Club meets after school every Monday in room 20 with Ms Turner. It provides a wonderful opportunity for students to explore their creativity, develop their writing skills and share their ideas.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the signal was fired the war was over.

Men who were left returned home to women and children with open arms. The ones not as lucky were greeted by their families at their graves.

Buildings rebuilt all around, windows repaired, rationing coming to an end and healthy happy children running free in the wild grass regrowing, gently swaying in the breeze. The park was revived with life, laughter and fun, children and their friends together once again.

Life was being rebuilt thanks to all the sacrifices the brave soldiers made and the animal friends as well, not all have returned but none will be forgotten a poppy to mark their place.

Fern Y8

Y10 Student

Remembrance Day

They sprout from the muted carpet of emerald,

Acting as natural graves for those who fought so honourably,

Those who sacrificed for the good of others,

Those who bravely endured what no other could ever imagine,

Blossoming upwards, impossibly bright,

Vivid red, verdant green, flourishing, thriving.

The poppies that became so much more than a flower,

But a symbol of pride, peace, remembrance,

To honour the soldiers, those who fought so honourably,

Those who sacrificed for the good of others,

Those who bravely endured what no other could ever imagine.



Outdoor Education Students Remember

Our Outdoor Education students have been busy creating a beautiful poppy display in recognition of Remembrance Day, remembering and honouring all those affected by war and conflict. The display features red, white, black and purple poppies, each representing a different aspect of remembrance.

The students also visited our local cenotaph where they reflected on and paid their respects to those who bravely served and sacrified thier lives.





FUTNET FEVER!

There's a new sporting favourite making waves at our school, and it's called FUTNET!

Every Wednesday after school, our Sports Hall comes alive as students get together to enjoy this exciting and inclusive sport, delivered by FUTNET Youth Leagues.

So, what exactly is FUTNET? It's simple: one court, one ball, one net and two teams! Combining football skills and techniques with the challenge of playing over a net, teams work together to score points against their opponents.

The beauty of FUTNET is that it can be adapted to suit all abilities. You don't need to be super fit or a brilliant footballer to get involved – just bring your enthusiasm and be ready to have some fun! It's a fantastic way to develop coordination, ball control, teamwork and confidence, while enjoying a little friendly competition.

And judging by the growing number of students joining us every Wednesday, FUTNET is certainly becoming a hit! It's wonderful to see so many young people getting involved, giving it a go and enjoying being active together.








The Big Christmas Raffle is back!

Tickets £1

Prizes Include:

Redfern travel – 2 x £50 travel vouchers
Oxygen Active Play Gift card – value of £45
Sheffield United – 2 x Football tickets
Renishaw Hall – Family Garden Entrance voucher
Pokemon figure and candle gift set
Cresswell Crags Voucher
Ice Nottingham – family skating voucher
Thornbridge Estate – Family Garden Entry voucher
Unescapable - £20 gift voucher
Playmania Sheffield – Play passes (value of £37)
Clip and Climb Voucher £5
Owlerton Stadium – Free tickets
Paintball Tickets (worth £100)
White Peak Distillery Tour for Two
Rollerworld tickets

And Much More!



Available From Reception

Dream Reach Achieve

Whittington Green School

Sports Coach

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:

- leadership skills
- the ability to teach pupils how to do something
- the ability to monitor performance
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- the ability to use your initiative
- ambition and a desire to succeed
- to be able to carry out basic tasks on a computer or hand-held device

Salary - £19,000 - £28,000

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

You can get into this job through:

University - You can take a foundation degree, higher national diploma or degree in:

- sports coaching and development
- sports and exercise science
- sports studies
- physical education

Entry requirements - You'll usually need:

- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

College - You can do a college course as a way into this career, for example:

- sport
- sports coaching and development
- coaching sports and fitness

You may be able to do a coaching qualification that's specific to your chosen sport. Sports include:

- tennis and cricket
- netball and basketball
- hockey
- martial arts

Entry requirements - Entry requirements for these courses vary.

Apprenticeship - You can apply to do an apprenticeship to begin your career in coaching. These include:

- Community Activator Coach Level 2 Intermediate Apprenticeship
- Personal Trainer Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship
- Sports Coach Level 4 Higher Apprenticeship

These can take up to 2 years to complete.

- **Entry requirements** - You'll usually need:
- some GCSEs, usually including English and maths, or equivalent, for an intermediate apprenticeship
- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

We Want to Hear From You

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice Area SEND Survey 2026

DERBYSHIRE PARENT CARER VOICE

Are you a parent carer of a child or young person aged 0-25 with SEND in Derbyshire?

You can respond whether your child has an EHCP, SEN Support, or no formal support.

Tell Us:

- What's working well
- What matters most to your family
- What could work better
- Where improvements are still needed

Why Take Part?

- Share parent carer experiences with Derbyshire decision-makers
- Highlight strengths and challenges in education, health and social care
- Influence future service improvements
- Ensure parent carer voices are heard

Derbyshire's Area SEND arrangements are being inspected by Ofsted and CQC, and emerging survey themes will be shared with inspectors. Please complete the survey soon.

Find Out More and Complete the Survey

Takes approximately 20-30 minutes.
Please complete a separate survey for each child or young person with SEND.

Survey closes: Monday 4th January 2027

Every Voice Matters

Together, we can make a difference.

Mr Ashworth's Brain Teaser

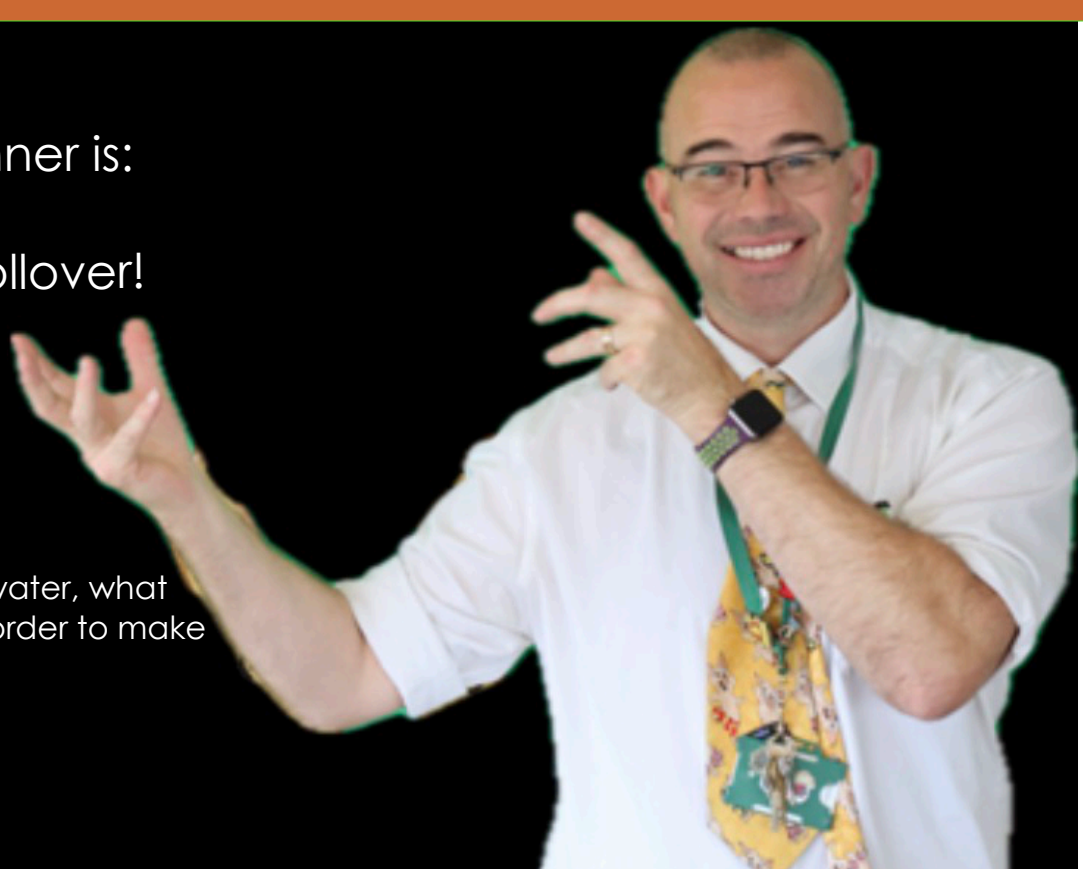


What has 6 faces and 21 eyes but can't see?

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:

No Winner - It's a rollover!



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

A: A hole

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

Y10 Child Dev
Rm 16A
Mrs Dewberry

Y9,10,&11 Futnet
Sports Hall

Y10 &11 Fitness Suite
Mr Townsend

Warhammer Club
Rm53
Miss Hudson

Dof E
Rm 16
Mr Ashworth &
Dr Albon

KS4 Independent Study
Rm 21A
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

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.

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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Public health nurse contact details

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



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)

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