



# The Snaith School

A High Performing Specialist School in Business, Enterprise and Applied Learning

## Year 8 Newsletter

## Summer 2016

### Welcome and Thank You.

It is with mixed feelings that I write to you for the last time. I have found the last 14 years extremely rewarding and would like to thank all parents and carers for their fantastic support of the school during that time. Thank you also for all the good wishes and for sponsoring my efforts in the Race for Life. I am sure that the school will go from strength to strength under the Headship of Mrs Blackledge.

As the end of this year fast approaches we just want to say thank you to all our pupils for their hard-work and commitment. They are a talented and fantastic group of young people who are a pleasure to work with. It only seems a short time since they arrived at the school and already a year has passed. I would also like to thank all our parents/carers for support given throughout the year. Have a lovely summer break. Remember school opens for pupils on Tuesday 6th September. **Jean Pickerill**

### Year 8 News

Year 8 pupils have produced some outstanding pieces of work across the curriculum and have shown the fantastic capabilities that they have and the amazing skills that they have developed over the year. All pupils should be proud of the contributions and the progress that they have made over the year in class and in extra-curricular activities. It has been fantastic to go into many lessons this term and see the wonderful work pupils are producing. In all lessons pupils come across keen to learn and determined to be successful.

The focus for the coming weeks and into Year 9 will be pupils being ready to learn and taking pride in their work. At the moment we have a few pupils that do not bring the correct equipment to school each day including planner and books. Pupils are aware of what they need in school each day and it is shown in their planners. We will also focus on pupils taking pride in their work and celebrating their successes. Please can you help us by ensuring your child has the right equipment for school each day and is ready to learn and be successful in their lessons.

***Keep up the good work Year 8!***

### Attendance

Every day in school is so important for every pupil. Our average attendance is 95.6% which is a fantastic achievement. We are aiming for all pupils to be at 100%. A pupil who has 90% attendance in their 5 years at The Snaith School misses 1.5 terms of school which is equal to 20 weeks of learning.

Well done to forms **8AP and 8LH** who have the best attendance in the year group with 96.3%.

Well done also to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance since the beginning of the school year: Oliver Arnold, Alexander Bland, Imogen Hall, Sandy Hollas, William Moore, Hermione Silman, Oliver Backhouse, Sarah Eckley, Krista Eriksons, Samuel James, Abbie Rooke, Angelina Bryant-Artley, Jessica Kilvington, Joshua Hiorns, Ellie Shaw, Euan Simpson, Jacob Field, Jodie Murton, Alexander Ross, Samuel Broadhurst, Aiden Johnson, Celina Plane, Nathan Taylor, Hannah Broughton, David Hotchkiss, Danielle Rotherforth, Brodie Tinning, Jack Wilson

### Race for Life

A number of staff took part in the Race for Life on Sunday at Pontefract Race Course.

### Non Uniform Day

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22 July to raise money for Cancer Research.

Usual non-uniform day rules apply.

## Lower School Awards Evening

Snaith Priory, Tuesday 12 July at 7.00pm

The following pupils were honoured with awards from their form tutors. There were also awards for pupils who have had success in Subject Areas, PE and Music. I presented the prizes this year which was a real privilege. The event is always well attended and all of the award winners should be very proud of their awards and achievements. Well Done!

### The Form Tutor prizes go to:

**8AP:** Jack Bramley, Imogen Hall, Sandy Hollas, Caitlin Powell

**8DB:** Thomas Anslow, Billy Johnson, George Morrell, Molly Pearce

**8GSA:** Imani Baker, Jacob Field, Alexander Ross, Julia Sieniek

**8LH:** Sarah Jane Coates, India Dallimore, Kristis Eriksons, Connor Walton

**8SBF:** Alexia Palmer, Ben Woolas, Isabelle Wright-McDonald, Jokubas Zazirskas

**8SN:** Charlotte Prince, Danielle Rotherforth, Peter Tupling, James Whitehead

**8SP:** Joshua Hiorns, Lauren Hughes, Rebecca Johnson, Daniel Schneider



**Uniform – see the School Website/Pupil Planners for a full list.**

### Uniform do's and don'ts

During the summer months young people are often tempted to experiment with fashion. **Extremes of hairstyle and colour** are not acceptable in school (we seem to have a few boys with close shaved hair at the moment – no shorter than a number 3 cut is acceptable for school or tramlines etc.), neither are adornments such as those involved in facial and body piercing. Apart from the fact that the latter are inappropriate in a school setting, they do constitute a serious Health and Safety risk in a busy environment. Pupils with extremes of haircut or colour, inappropriate uniform or facial or body piercing may be sent home.

**School bags** – pupils need a school bag big enough to accommodate all the books etc. they need for one day – a small handbag (which some of the girls seem to be using at the moment) is not appropriate.

**Skirts** – plain navy blue, medium weight material, smart, uniform type that is not too short or too tight (not the stretchy type) and that tights or socks are worn in line with uniform policy (see School website). Skirts should be knee length.

**Shoes** – Black or brown flat heeled shoes (no kitten heels), with laces tied, not trainers, plimsolls (canvas) or boots (footwear that covers the ankle and above), not sandals (flip-flops).

**Trousers** – some pupils are wearing very tight 'skinny' type trousers (both girls and boys) – these type of trousers are not suitable for school. Ankle grazers which seem to be being sold in shops as 'school trousers' are again not suitable uniform for The Snaith School.

### Mobile Phones/other Electronic Devices

May I remind parents that mobile phones/other electronic devices are not allowed in school under any circumstances. You will have read in the press no doubt about some of the problems caused in school by the inappropriate use of mobile phones and I would not wish for any child/or member of staff to suffer any distress because of the consequences of this. If mobile phones are brought into school and seen by a member of staff they will be confiscated and a sanction applied in line with the School Discipline Policy. In an emergency we would always contact parents/carers.

## Do you qualify?

Free School Meals are available for school children of parents or guardians who receive one of the following:

- Income Support;
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based);
- Child Tax Credit, and have an annual income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs);
- Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit;
- Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Application for assistance to provide meals should be made to ERYC - full details & can be found on the school website.

## Extra Curricular Activities

This year has seen Year 8 take part in a number of extra curricular activities:

Eurofest - Stalls and information stands created and presented by the local schools in the French dialect. This year the pupils from Snaith came in second

The football tour to Barcelona – A group of boys took part in a tournament against teams from the local community

British Gas energy efficiency competition – Girls from Year 7 and 8 performed in front of members of Diversity, dancing to create the most energy. The girls came first and won £100,000 for the school to put towards energy efficiency initiatives!!



## End of Term Arrangements/New Term 2016-17

The term finishes at 3.35pm on Friday 22 July and re-opens for all pupils on Tuesday 6 September. A copy of the school calendar dates are attached.

### Staff Changes

We have a number of staff leaving the school this summer for pastures new: Mrs Oldridge (Food), Mrs Marshall (Health and Social Care), Mr Lyell (Maths/DT), Mrs Rome (IT), Mr Leader (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Robinson (Science), Mrs Brignall (TA). I am sure parents/carers will join me in thanking them for their contribution to the school, in a few cases over many years, and to wish them every success in the future. A number of new staff will be joining us in the summer, a letter will send to you early in September informing you of all the staff changes.

Over the past year it has been a pleasure working with Year 8, despite numerous changes in Heads of Year they have remained focussed and committed in their behaviour. There have been many instances where pupils have worked above and beyond what is expected of them, and they should be very proud, as am I, of all they have achieved. As well as academic successes, there have been sporting, creative and personal successes, this year has seen a number of very talented individuals. To all the pupils I would like to say 'Well done' and to all the parents/carers 'thank you for your support', enjoy the summer everyone and I'll see you in September when you start to think about choosing your Options.

**Mr Mackay and Miss Pendlebury (Head of Year 8)**

## Key Topics for Next Year

- Poetry through the ages
- Newspapers and the Media
- The literature of fear
- Shakespeare



## E-Learning

### Useful websites to help you revise

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english)

[www.wjec.co.uk](http://www.wjec.co.uk) - lots of past papers ( either Unit 1 or 2 or old English paper 2)  
[www.englishbiz.co.uk](http://www.englishbiz.co.uk) - this site is helpful for revising grammar and the writing tasks.

[www.gcse.com/english/](http://www.gcse.com/english/) - A useful site for general English skills

[www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/english](http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/english) - A helpful site in terms of writing styles

[www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/english/](http://www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/english/) - Lots of quizzes to help with punctuation and writing styles

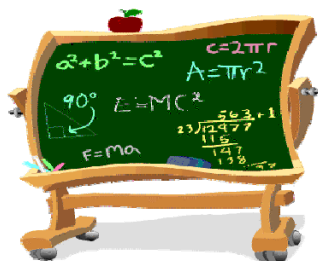
[www.universalteacher.org.uk](http://www.universalteacher.org.uk) - Another good resource for revising Literature texts especially. Also some advice for comprehension skills

[www.gradesaver.com/](http://www.gradesaver.com/) - Detailed guides on all Literature texts.

[www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com) - For help with all your literature texts.

# English

# Maths



## Key Equipment

- Scientific Calculator
- Compass
- Protractor
- 300mm Ruler (not bendy)
- 2 Sharp Pencils
- Pen, Rubber and Sharpener
- *All text books will be provided by the school for the duration of your course*

## Top Tip

“More Maths for Mums and Dads - the teenage years” by Rob Eastway (this is a great book to help your parents understand the way you are taught maths).

## Course Outline

- AQA GCSE Mathematics (Linear)
- 3 Exams taken at the end of Year 11 (2 calculator, 1 non-calculator)

## E-Learning

[www.spikedmath.com/math-games](http://www.spikedmath.com/math-games) - fun games to develop your maths skills

[www.plus.maths.org/content](http://www.plus.maths.org/content) - very cool on-line magazine about the use of maths in everyday life

[www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/maths](http://www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/maths) - excellent website you sign up to for free, fantastic notes.

[www.mathswatchule.com](http://www.mathswatchule.com)—videos, worksheets, revision on all topics. Centre ID, username and passwords to be sent home soon.

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)—school login—snaith, password—Range—lessons, revision, games

[www.samlearning.com](http://www.samlearning.com)—school login—DN14SS, pupils should know their own login details—revision, tests to boost skills

[www.mrbartonmaths.com](http://www.mrbartonmaths.com)—excellent website with notes, games, puzzles and links to other good sites for KS3, KS4 and further maths