



# The Snaith School

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

## Year 9 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 9 News

Year 9 pupils will be moving into their Key Stage 4 courses in September 2016. They are already studying GCSE Maths, Science and RE, so are well placed for some fantastic results in 2018

The new term will be really busy as they are starting to study their Option choice subjects, so they need to settle into routine very quickly in September. They will have the expectations of the subject, staff and school made clear to them. Pupils will need to acclimatise to demands of the course they have chosen and to the delivery of that course.

Good luck to all of our pupils in their chosen new courses. We hope they will be successful and will rise to the challenge of the demands of Year 10. The summer holidays are an ideal opportunity to ensure that pupils consolidate their learning in Mathematics and English. On the news pages attached there are some targets (we have kept them fairly simple and not overwhelmingly time consuming so that pupils can also enjoy the sun and relax).

***Keep up the good work Year 9!***

### Attendance

Every day in school is so important for every pupil. Our average attendance is 95.8% 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 form **9SA** who have the best attendance in the year group with 95.6%.

Well done also to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance since the beginning of the school year: Hannah Knight, Hannah Malton, Harry Noon, Jack Swales, Emily Parrott, Aidan Smith, William Jessop, Hannah Harrison, Joseph Simpson, Hannah Wattam, Amelia Bunton, Lauren Johnston, Phoebe Mooney, Emily Morgan, Maxwell Morgan, Jack Nixon, Abbie Riley, Emily Whaley, Leo Cazals, Yasmin Haigh, Rosko Smith, Cameron Stirling, Henry Stobbs, Niamh Ashley, Rowan Bywater, Ted Hollas, Joseph Joyner, Sissy McEnroe, Amy Parnell



## 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 was 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:

**9GG:** Katie Arundale, Emily Parrott, Yasmin Redman, Aiden Smith

**9MT:** Lewis Beasley, Rachel Earnshaw, Lewis Gibb, Hannah Malton

**9SWI:** Zoe Bellamy, William Baker

**9RT:** Emily Harness, Chloe Heptinstall, Henry Stobbs

**9RB:** Hannah Harrison, Pitta-Leigh Lugar, Isobel Schofield, Bridget Houston

**9VR:** Isaac Joyce, Jacob Nicholson, Meg Nor-Mally, Grace Roddy

**9SA:** Emily Morgan, Ellis Peacock, Emily Whaley

## 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.**

**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 on or just above 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 & applications can be found on the school website.



## 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 be sent to you early in September informing you of all the staff changes.

## Message from Mr MacKay, Head of Year 9 and Mrs Carnell

This year Mrs Carnell and myself have watched Year 9 grow into mature young adults. Each pupil has had to take on the responsibility of choosing the options that they would like to study for the next two years.

At the beginning of this year pupils also began undertaking GCSE courses in some of their subjects and have done so successfully becoming more independent learners. Outside of lessons they have shown impeccable behaviour on excursions, excursions which have allowed all pupils to participate in career conventions and university visits allowing them to think about their futures.



### Course Outline

#### Eduqas English Language and English Literature (Linear)

Topics for the year:

- Non-fictional reading
- Transactional writing
- Shakespeare "Romeo and Juliet"
- 19th Century Fiction "Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde"
- Creative prose writing

### 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

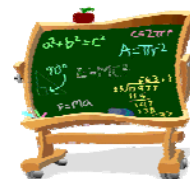
[www.gradesaver.com/](http://www.gradesaver.com/) - Detailed guides on all Literature texts.

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

# English



# Maths



### Course Outline

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

### Key Topics for Autumn Term

	Foundation	Higher
Number	Standard Form, Percentages, Indices	Surds, Indices, Percentages,
Shape	Measures, Constructions Loci	Measures, Polygons
Statistics	Averages	Statistical Measures

### 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