The Snaith Autumn Term 1 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the second newsletter of the academic year. It has been an exciting and eventful half term, and I hope this edition gives you a flavour of the wide variety of activities, achievements, and events that have taken place since September. Given the sheer number of opportunities available to our pupils, we have had to be selective in what we include. I would like to congratulate all pupils who have embraced these experiences with such enthusiasm, and to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for their commitment and energy in making them possible.

The first eight weeks of the year have flown by. Some of my personal highlights include seeing over 250 pupils proudly represent our wonderful school at our Open Evening. It was incredibly rewarding to witness how confidently and passionately our Year 7 and Year 11 pupils spoke about what it means to them to be part of The Snaith School community. The number of visitors that evening was exceptional and a true reflection of the popularity of our school.

Welcome (continued)

Other memorable moments include the whole school coming together to bake for the Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising a record amount for charity, (over £600) and our Rewards Trip Day, which saw over 450 pupils enjoy a well-earned day out and 180 pupils take part in the Siemens Team Building Day. A huge thank you to all the staff who organised and accompanied these events—your dedication helped create so many smiles and happy memories.

It has also been a real pleasure to meet so many parents and carers at our recent face-to-face events, including the Welcome to GCSE and Settling In evenings. I am very grateful for the positive feedback we have received; it is heartening to hear how highly you value our school and the experiences your children are having here.

The Snaith School continues to excel in the field of sport. With so many fixtures, competitions and activities taking place, it is impossible to mention them all, but I would like to congratulate every pupil who has taken part, shown great sportsmanship, and represented our school so well. My thanks also go to our dedicated PE department for providing such a rich and varied programme of sporting opportunities.

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Welcome (continued)

I would like to thank you for your continued support in upholding our high standards of uniform, behaviour, and attendance. I am delighted with the positive start pupils have made to the year—they are polite, responsible, enthusiastic learners who take pride in contributing to our school community. Our attendance remains outstanding at over 95%, well above the national average, which reflects the strong partnership between home and school in supporting our pupils' success.

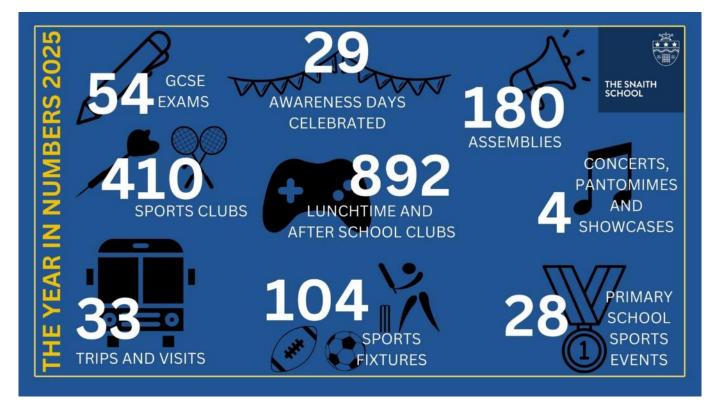
It is both a pleasure and a privilege to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school. I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and sharing in the many achievements and successes of our pupils this term.

Kind regards,

Mrs H Yates, Headteacher



Our Year in Numbers



The Engagement Platform (TEP) **Success!**



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Snaith School hosted its annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to the generous donations of staff and students, £600 was raised. The highest total to date! Money like this means Macmillan can pay for a specialised nurse for a full day and still have money to spare to go towards their online community forums.











Year 7 Team Building Day

On Friday 19th September Year 7 took part in a Team Building Day delivered by Siemens Mobility. The day involved activities such as Station Design, Bridge Building and Classroom Olympics!

Year 7 pupils worked in groups for each activity and learnt the skills of collaborative working, organisation, meeting a deadline and working within a budget!

Certificates and prizes were awarded for excellent work, team effort and most successful builds!

The Siemens staff were really impressed with the effort and engagement from the year group. An excellent day was had by all!





Pupils and staff had a fantastic day at The Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Our students showed a real passion for the wildlife they observed, sharing lots of extra facts with staff! Some highlights included the sealions and the baboons! Staff were really impressed with all of the pupils who displayed exemplary behaviour and were great company!





Alton Towers

Over 380 pupils headed off to Staffordshire for our annual rewards trip to Alton Towers. It was an early start in order to maximise as much time in the park as possible. Pupils had an amazing time with their friends.



The weather was fantastic and there were certainly lots of smiles when pupils returned to school.

Meadowhall

74 pupils had a fantastic day on the Meadowhall rewards trip in September. All enjoyed the shopping and restaurants the centre had to offer and thoroughly enjoyed walking around and socialising with their friends. From the quantity of bags on the coaches coming back plenty of shopping took place. Staff commented on the impeccable behaviour shown by our pupils and said they were looking forward to welcoming us again in the future. A great day for everyone involved!



The trip to Go Ape was once again a huge success. 52 pupils and 5 staff had a great few hours swinging from trees, hanging out with squirrels and generally pretending to be apes. For many pupils this was their fourth time with Go Ape for our rewards' trip and many said they'll be attending next year too!

The weather kept fine all day and allowed everyone plenty of time to climb, scamper, zip-line and jump from a wide variety of obstacles. There were smiles galore on the bus home reflecting on an excellent day in the tree tops!



Welcome to GCSE Evening

The school welcomed new Year 10 pupils, parents and carers on Thursday 2nd October for an introduction to GCSE to give an overview about the expectations and challenges ahead.

During the evening parents and carers had a face-to-face meeting with their child's form tutor and met the subject leaders of English, Maths and Science to discuss the content of the core subjects at GCSE. A revision and study workshop about supporting students at home was hosted by Mrs Carnell, and was a great success.

Miss Maguiness had a busy evening informing parents about our online revision app – Tassomai. As did Mr Nicholls introducing GCSE Pod. Pupils commented how useful the session had been in showing them such an application breaks revision down into bitesize chunks.

The school Careers team had a busy evening, and it was great to see so many parents, carers and pupils starting to discuss how college applications work, next summer's work experience placement scheme, and encouraging pupils to start thinking about life after school. Careers were also supported by Selby College, John Leggott and Bishop Burton.

The evening was a great success and we are already looking forward to next year.



Year 7 and Year 8 Settling in Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended the evening. This was an opportunity to have a face-to-face meeting with your child's form tutor and other key staff such as the SENCO – Mrs Walker and your child's year leader, either Mrs Cooper or Mrs Anderson.

Parent/carer attendance at the event was high, we asked for feedback from you about our school. The feedback we received was fantastic.

Over 98% of parents and carers said that they would recommend our school. We are very proud of this!!



What a start to the year. In the short space of 8 weeks, we have already achieved so much. Our extra-curricular offer continues to go from strength to strength. With approximately 200-300 pupils attending one or more of the 8 extra-curricular clubs we offer a week.

In addition, we have held several football, rugby league and netball fixtures against local schools. We have recently just taken part in the annual East Riding X-Country championships. A special mention must go to the Year 7 boys' team, in particular Sam Redgate who was the overall winner. All the pupils who took part did the school proud.

The department held their first staff pickleball session, which was a huge success. Hopefully, the first of many. Our young leaders continue to impress. We have had pupils from all year groups helping with primary events, refereeing sporting fixtures and leading teams. It really does highlight how fantastic and talented our pupils are in PE.

A special mention must go to all the pupils who helped the PE department with the School's open evening. We had a record 162 pupils help with the evening. An incredible number. Well done to everyone who was involved.



















Opportunities for pupils within the area

AT SELBY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
HALL.

SELBY NETBALL JUNIOR TRAINING.

Selby Netball encourages all abilities and levels to come down and give Netball a try.



AGE 8-11 SESSION: 17:00-17:45PM
AGE 12-16 SESSION: 17:45-18:30 - PM
YOUR FIRST SESSION IS FREE!

Our Netball sessions are a mixture of skill based drills and playing games. We want to develop your Netball skills, meet new friends and have fun!

Opportunities for pupils within the area

Drax Table Tennis Club Drax Village Hall

Wednesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm



Drax Village Hall, Castle Hill Lane, Drax YO8 8NP

Email: JackTTcoach@gmail.com for more info and to book a place

Level 2 qualified coach Enhanced DBS Fully insured by TTE

£4 per session First one free





Opportunities for pupils within the area





Year 5 & 6 Boys Football

Year 5 & 6 Girls
Football

Year 5 & 6
Girls Netball
Hosted by Goole Netball Club

Year 3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country

> Year 3 & 4 Benchball







Girls in Year 8, 9 & 10 took part in a Leadership Programme at Leeds University, organised by Chance to Shine & RBC Brewin Dolphin. This event was designed to give the girls the opportunity to develop their leadership, teamwork, and presentation skills through cricket-based activities and a Dragon's Den style challenge. Former England Captain and current Test batter Joe Root, joined us for the morning cricket session to inspire the girls and share his insights into leadership.



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KS3 Cross Country Races

Well done to everyone who took part!

Here are the top 10 boys and girls

from each year group.













Superstar and Super Superstar of The Week



Each week we identify the pupils with 100% attendance, zero behaviour incidents and high number of Reward Stamps. This then qualifies them to enter a prize drawer for either Superstar or Super Superstar or the Week.

Superstar Qualifiers

100% Attendance, o Behaviour Points and 60 Stamps

Super Superstar Qualifiers

100% Attendance, o Behaviour Points and 80 Stamps
Well done to:

Week	Superstar	Super Superstar
1	Jacob Y8	Effie Y7
2	Louis Y11	William Y9
3	Pippa Y11	Eva Y10
4	Finey Y10	Harley Y9
5	Isaac Y8	Katie Y7
6	Nadine Y10	Noah Y9

Winners of the prize drawer receive a card with a £10 amazon voucher.

High Flyers Top Triers

A huge well done to our highflyers and top triers this term. We are so proud of you. Keep up the hard work.

	High Flyers	Top Triers	
English	Dougie - 7PSP	Annie - 7KWA	
	Emilia - 8LFR	Jacob - 8SEI	
	Keira - 9BFR	Daisy - 9RHL	
	Zoe - 10MAP	Chloe - 10SWI	
	Arthur - 11LSP	Dylan - 11LSP	
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	High Flyers	Top Triers	
Maths	Edward - 7KWA	Elijah - 7PSP	
	Isaac - 8MTI	Sofia - 8ESC	
	Dawid - 9RHL	Heidi - 9NSC	
	Aaron - 10LBA	Sonny - 10SWI	
	Tilly - 11ERE	Summer - 11AMC	
	High Flyers	Top Triers	
Science	Rory - 7CWI	Grace -7CWI	
	Eli - 8SWA	Lily - 8HAT	
	Lukas - 9RHL	Dilraj - 9BFR	
	Evie - 10SWI	Immy - 10SWE	
	Albert - 11ERE	Bray - 11AMC	
	High Flyers	Top Triers	
History	Amelija - 7PSP	Joseph - 7GEG	
	Katie - 8MTI	Tommy - 8MTI	
	Lily-Marie - 9BFR	Wilf - 9RCO	
	Isabella - 10MAP	Daniel - 10SWI	
	Rosie - 11JCO	Maddison - 11LSP	
	High Flyers	Top Triers	
Languages	Sofia - 7GEG	Rory - 7CWI	
	Georgia - 8LFR	Niamh - 8SEL	
	Lola - 9RHL	Austin - 9NGR	
	Theo - 10THA	Penny - 10SWI	
	Grace - 11JCO	Jess - 11EMC	

Year 11 Explore Post 16 Opportunities

This term, our Year 11 pupils embarked on an exciting journey as they began their college application process. To help them explore their options, we welcomed representatives from North Lindsey College, Selby College, York College, and New College Pontefract for a series of informative assemblies.

During the visits, pupils learned about a wide range of course options from traditional **A-levels** to vocational programs which combine classroom learning with practical, industry-based experience and apprenticeships. The college teams shared insights into student life, study options, and career pathways, helping our Year 11s think carefully about their next steps.

The college visits gave pupils a chance to ask questions, explore different learning pathways, and consider what kind of learning environment will suit them best. Alongside these assemblies, pupils have access to personal careers guidance from Mrs Taylor to ensure they make informed choices that align with their strengths, interests, and future ambitions.









Year 10 Begin Their Work Experience Journey

This September, we launched our annual work experience programme for Year 10. This year the programme runs for two weeks from 29th June to 10th July 2026. Through work experience pupils have an exciting opportunity to explore different careers and develop essential workplace skills.

During the programme, pupils will:

- Find their own placements, encouraging independence and initiative.
- Build key skills such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management.
- Meet and engage with employers to gain insight into professional expectations and build networks for future employment opportunities.
- This experience is designed to boost pupil confidence, develop practical skills, and prepare them for future employment. If you, or the company you work for, would like to offer a work experience placement to one of our pupils, please email Mrs Taylor on careers@thesnaithschool.org.uk.



Unifrog Launch

Supporting Careers Learning at School and Home

All pupils in the school recently attended an assembly introducing Unifrog, an online platform designed to help them explore future careers and training options. After the assembly, pupils were given time during computer lessons and form periods to access their accounts and start the 101 courses, which provides step-by-step guidance on how to navigate and use the platform effectively.

Unifrog is a versatile online resource that can be accessed both at school and at home. It enables pupils to explore a wide range of careers, research courses and apprenticeships, track personal achievements, and develop essential skills that will support both their current studies and future career paths.

We are excited about the potential of further integrating Unifrog into our school's careers programme, building on this initial introduction to help pupils make well-informed choices about their futures.

Looking ahead, we plan to extend access to parents by providing logins. This will give all parents the opportunity to support your child as they navigate the platform and make thoughtful decisions regarding their next steps. More information will be shared soon, so watch this space for updates.

Looking Forward to Next Term



We are excited to announce our upcoming College and Careers Fair on Thursday 27th November, which will feature a wide range of local colleges, employers, and training providers. This event is designed to support our pupils as they begin making important decisions about their future options and career pathways.

We're also pleased to welcome several new contributors this year, including Jet2, The Army, Celotex and Apprenticeship Ambassador Network, who will be sharing valuable insights into the opportunities available within their organisations. The fair will provide an excellent chance for pupils and parents to explore different routes, link subjects to careers, ask questions, and gain inspiration for their next steps beyond school.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

As always, we have large number of students completing their Bronze award for DofE.

Music has an exceptional offer with a club running most lunchtimes and after school including Friday after school. We have a range of choir opportunities alongside whole school and year bands.

We have a vast number of alternative opportunities with our games club, Pride club, STEM club and Darts.













On Thursday 16th October, our Year 7 students took part in the national event *Restart a Heart Day* – a fantastic initiative aimed at raising awareness about the importance of learning lifesaving CPR skills.

Guided brilliantly by our wonderful volunteers, Dee and Vicky, students enjoyed an engaging presentation and Q&A session, followed by a fun, hands-on demonstration using the 'Annie' CPR dolls. By the end of the session, students left feeling far more confident in their ability to respond in a cardiac emergency.

We were incredibly proud of Year 7 - their behaviour was exemplary, they asked thoughtful, mature questions, and several even stepped up to demonstrate their new skills in front of their peers.

Dee, our lead paramedic and a proud parent within the Snaith School community, praised the students' enthusiasm and said she believes we may have some future paramedics in our midst!

A huge thank you to Dee and Vicky for delivering such an inspiring session - and well done, Year 7!



Restart a Heart Day 2025





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Year 7 Road Safety Awareness Event



On Tuesday 23rd September, Year 7 took part in a powerful and thought-provoking Road Safety Awareness event delivered by the performance company The Riot Act.

The session began with a gripping drama performance, designed to challenge students to think carefully about road safety, peer pressure, and the importance of making responsible choices. The message was clear: these situations are real, they can happen to anyone, and the decisions we make matter.

Following the performance, students took part in a Q&A workshop where they had the opportunity to reflect on what they had seen and discuss key messages around staying safe. Year 7 engaged brilliantly throughout - they listened attentively, showed real maturity, and asked insightful, thoughtful questions.

It was a valuable and impactful session that gave our students plenty to think about. Well done, Year 7, for representing The Snaith School so positively!



World Mental Health Day 2025

This year we marked World Mental Health Day by raising awareness and reducing stigma through our form time and assembly programme.

It also enabled us to launch our new Snaith Shout Outs! Every week each form group will be given 2 nomination slips to put forward a peer or member of staff at the school for one of our badges. These badges are about celebrating personal success not academic. About recognising people being a positive member of the Snaith School community. Once a person gets their nomination, this is will be celebrated on the school TV screens and through the form tutor PowerPoint.

After receiving 5 nominations, they will gain their badge to wear on their blazer and a certificate to go into their record of achievement. Watch out for notifications through Arbor if your child gets a nomination.



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Year 6 Open Evening

The Snaith School opened its doors to welcome prospective parents, carers and pupils into school to showcase what we have to offer as a school.

Attendees could listen to Mrs Yates speak about our wonderful school, and had the opportunity to talk with our staff and pupils. Our superb prefects were again on hand to act as guides to talk to parents, carers and potential new pupils about what it was like to be a part of our Snaith School Family. We had over 250 sets of parents and carers visit the school this year, demonstrating just how popular our school is.

Please see the speeches from two of our prefects from the evening and how many pupils volunteered to help out.



Year 6 Open Evening

My name is Zain, and I'm one of the Head Prefects here at The Snaith School. I'm currently in Year 11, so I have started my final year — and I'm really grateful to have the chance to speak to you tonight and share what this school has meant to me.

I didn't start here in Year 7 like most students — I joined in Year 9. At the time, I was nervous. Changing schools partway through secondary isn't easy, and I wasn't sure how I'd fit in. But from my very first day at Snaith, I felt supported. The students were welcoming, the staff were kind, and it didn't take long before this school felt like the right place for me.

Since joining, I've grown in more ways than I can count. My grades improved, I've made strong friendships, and I've had opportunities I never expected — like being able to stand here as Head Prefect. That's something I'm really proud of, because I've seen how much the school values student leadership and trust.

One of the biggest things that's made a difference to me here is the teaching. The staff at Snaith go above and beyond to help you succeed. I've developed a real passion for subjects like science and French — not just because of the topics themselves, but because of the way they're taught. The teachers bring energy to every lesson, and they're always willing to give you extra help if you need it. Whether it's after school sessions, one-to-one support, or just taking the time to explain something properly, they never make you feel like a burden.

But what really makes Snaith stand out is the support beyond lessons. This school genuinely cares about you as a person. If you're having a hard time — whether that's academically, socially, or something outside of school — there's always someone to talk to. The pastoral team are brilliant, form tutors are approachable, and you're never made to feel like you have to figure things out on your own.

There's also a real effort here to make school life well-rounded. It's not just about exams and lessons. There are so many trips, activities, and experiences that help build confidence, teamwork, and friendships. Whether it's subject-related visits, outdoor adventures, or rewards trips — those experiences give you memories you'll take with you long after you leave. Some of my favourite moments from school have been outside the classroom, just enjoying those experiences with my friends and teachers.

To those of you in Year 6 — I know the idea of moving to secondary school can be a bit daunting. That's completely normal. But Snaith is a place where you'll be welcomed, supported, and encouraged to be your best. You don't need to arrive here knowing exactly who you are or what you want to do. This school gives you the space to figure that out.

And to the parents — thank you for being here and considering Snaith. I joined late, and even then, I was given every opportunity to succeed and settle in. I've gained so much here — from academic progress to personal growth — and I truly believe your child could have that same experience.

Thank you for listening, and I hope you enjoy the rest of your evening.

Year 6 Open Evening

Good evening everyone,

My name is Albert, and I'm proud to be one of the Head Prefects here at The Snaith School. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and students joining us this evening.

The Snaith School is a truly special place — a school where creativity is celebrated, individuality is encouraged, and every student is supported to become the best version of themselves. It's a wholesome, friendly environment that has had a huge impact on my personal growth.

Being part of this school community has been one of the most enjoyable and rewarding experiences of my life. It has opened up so many opportunities for me — from studying a wide range of subjects that helped me discover my passions, to taking part in exciting extracurricular activities.

Personally, I've developed a strong interest in science and maths, thanks to our amazing teachers who make every lesson engaging and inspiring. If maths is your thing, The Snaith School even offers Further Maths as an additional GCSE, giving you the chance to deepen your knowledge.

Beyond the classroom, the school offers a wide variety of sports. I've had the chance to represent the school in football and rugby, and students can also get involved in cricket, netball, athletics, table tennis, and much more. There are also incredible trips abroad — including football and netball tours to places like Barcelona and Portugal, and skiing trips to the Alps.

One of the things that makes The Snaith School stand out is the opportunity for students to become prefects. It's a chance to take on responsibility, represent your schoolmates, and contribute positively to the school community.

Thank you for being here tonight — I hope you enjoy learning more about what makes our school such a fantastic place to learn and grow.

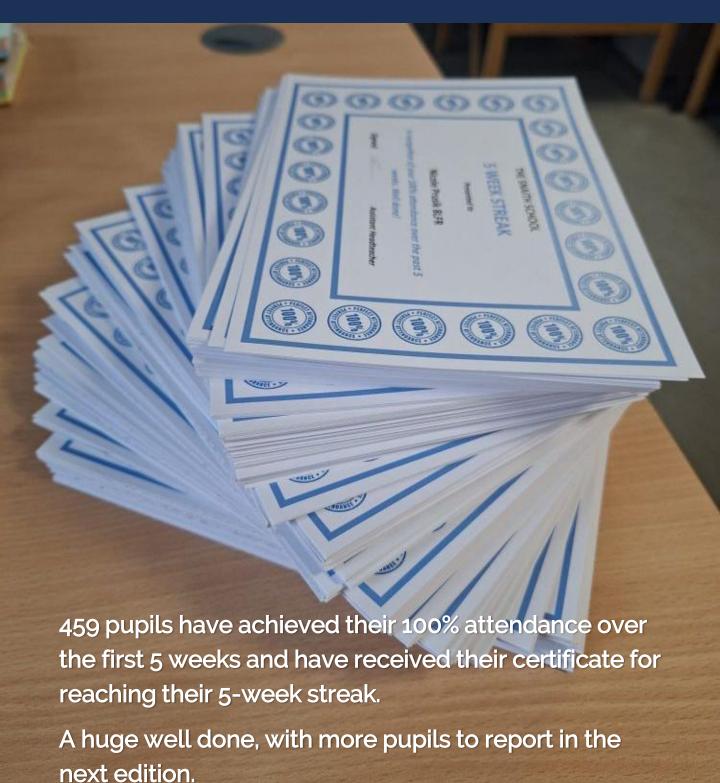


Year 10 students recently had the powerful opportunity to visit the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Newark. The trip offered a thought-provoking exploration of the events of the Holocaust and the responsibility held by individuals and societies during that time. Pupils engaged with interactive exhibits and historical accounts, deepening their understanding of one of history's darkest chapters.

A highlight of the visit was the chance to meet and speak with a Holocaust survivor, whose moving personal testimony left a lasting impact on everyone present. The visit encouraged deep reflection, empathy, and a renewed commitment to standing up against prejudice and injustice in all forms.



Attendance Streaks



Attendance Counts

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. Being in school every day that it is open, is



important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development. Evidence shows that the pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. Generally, the higher the percentage of lessons missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.

If your child's attendance level is falling, then we will contact you to explore the reasons and discuss what help can be put in place to help them overcome the barriers they are facing.

If your child is struggling to attend school, you can expect us to meet with you and your child. The school want to understand the reasons for their absence and what we can do to support you or your child and what we can do to overcome the barriers to attendance they are experiencing.

Pre-loved Uniform



A reminder that our pre-loved uniform is available throughout the whole year.

If you would like to donate any uniform items or would like to check our stock, please do contact the school. We have staff available throughout the Easter break who can assist you with your query.

Alternatively, you can email

office@thesnaithschool.org.uk if you are looking for specific items for your child. We will respond to your email and confirm if we have availability of the items that you require.

Sporting Fixtures

5 November 2025

U13 Girls Cricket

12 November 2025

U15 Girls Cricket

19 November 2025

U15 Boys Cricket

5 December 2025

U13 Boys Cricket

Key Dates for the term ahead

Date	Event
12 Nov 2025	Steps to Success event for Year 11 Pupils and Parents
13 Nov 2025	Pupil Leadership Summit
17 Nov 2025	Flu Vaccinations Catch-up Appointments
19 Nov 2025	Leavers Evening and Art Exhibition
27 Nov 2025	Options Evening and College Fair - Sports Hall
1 - 12 Dec 2025	Year 11 Mock Exams
12 Dec 2025	Christmas Dinner Day
19 Dec 2025	School Closure Day
5 Jan 2026	Staff Training Day
6 Jan 2026	School reopens to all years



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Year 8 Mrs Cooper

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Year 9 Mrs Roman-Blencoe

▶ 01405 860327 ▶ Option 2

Year 10 Mrs Mulley

▶ 01405 860327 ▶ Option 3

Year 11 Mrs Price

▶ 01405 860327 ▶ Option 3

Report a Pupil Absence



07375 025732 Text Message



All absences must be reported before 9:30AM each day



01405 860327 ▶ Option 1 Telephone



Please provide your child's full name, form group and the reason for absence



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