

The Snaith Story

Autumn
Term 2
2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the Christmas holidays, I am delighted to share the second edition of this year's The Snaith Story. It has been another busy and rewarding half term, and this newsletter captures just a snapshot of the many activities, opportunities and achievements of our pupils. I hope you enjoy reading it, and please do let us know about any achievements your child has had outside of school so we can celebrate these together.

A huge well done to all our pupils for embracing the opportunities on offer, and a sincere thank you to our staff for their dedication and enthusiasm in making these experiences possible.

Our Year 7 pupils have made a fantastic start to life at The Snaith School, settling in quickly and becoming valued members of our school family. From learning CPR to developing teamwork skills and enjoying trips beyond the classroom, it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow.

Continued ▶



Welcome *(continued)*

Kindness has been a strong theme this term, with pupils supporting Macmillan, Movember and our reverse advent calendar. The generosity shown in creating hampers for families facing financial hardship has been truly humbling and reflects the caring nature of our school community.

We are also incredibly proud of our sporting successes and the commitment shown by pupils across a wide range of fixtures and competitions. Thank you to our PE department for providing so many fantastic opportunities.

Year 11 pupils have approached their mock exams with maturity and determination, making excellent use of revision sessions, while our Year 9 options evening and careers fair saw a fantastic turnout from families and provided valuable guidance for the future. It was also a pleasure to welcome back former pupils to celebrate their achievements at our awards evening.

Continued ▶



Welcome *(continued)*

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. Our attendance, currently at 94.3% and in the top 25% nationally, reflects the strength of our partnership, and we look forward to building on this further.

This term has been packed full of memorable moments, finishing with festive cheer and Santa hats for all. It is a genuine pleasure to work with your children each day – they are a credit to you and our smashing school.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Heather Yates

Headteacher



Year 7 & Year 8 Party!

The Supporters of The Snaith School Association (SSA) ran another fantastic school party for our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. The party was very popular this year; pupils particularly enjoyed the selection of music and party games on offer with the chocolatey prizes! A huge thanks to the SSA team.

Year 7 Christmas Cinema Trip



On Wednesday 10th December, all of Year 7 visited Cineworld at the White Rose to watch *Christmas Karma*, a festive musical comedy-drama.

We had a wonderful day getting into the Christmas spirit—enjoying the film and even fitting in a bit of shopping.

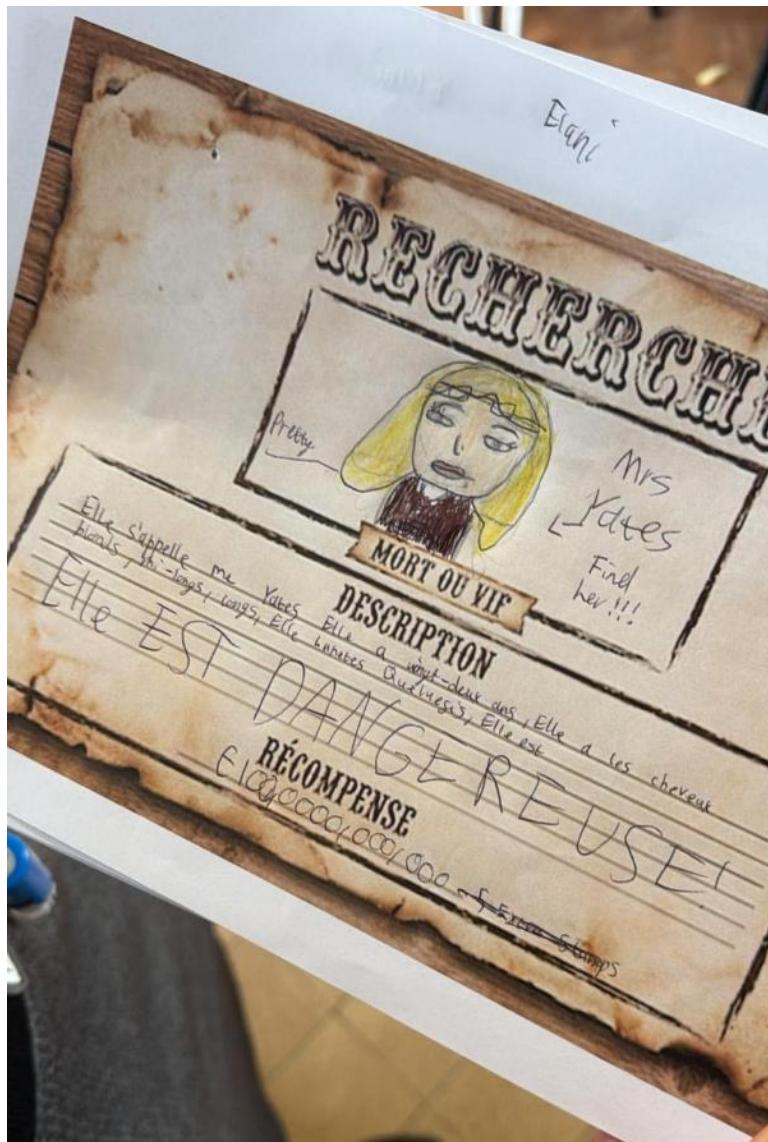
Our pupils were fantastic throughout the trip, and we received excellent feedback from the cinema staff for how tidy and respectful they were.

Well done, Year 7!



Year 7 Wanted Posters

Year 7 have been having fun creating Wild West-style wanted posters with various members of staff. Some staff may be flattered by their likeness/age in these, others may be reaching for the face cream!



Movember Staff Fundraising

Another successful year for us as once again, staff (and pupils) completed the challenge of Movember to raise valuable funds for the men's health charity. At the start of the month, Mr Franklin delivered an informative assembly to all years to educate them on the hard work of the charity and the reason why the charity is so important to us as a group of staff who take part. Mrs Athorne sold fun moustaches across school to help raise awareness and make the event fun and inclusive for all, and finally, Miss Scott organised a whole school bake sale to help with our fundraising efforts. In total, since November 2022, the now annual tradition, we have raised nearly £1500.

We're supporting
men's health,
THANK YOU for
any donation



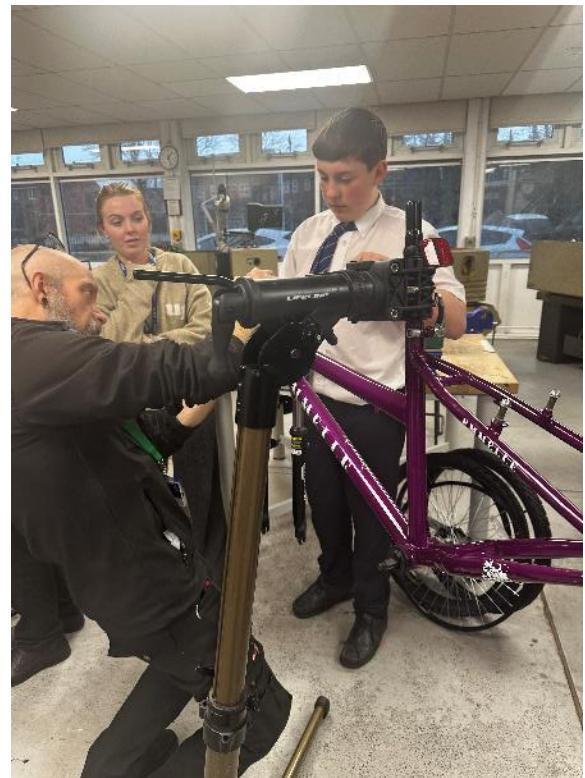


KS3 Build a Bike Initiative

Over several weeks, a number of our Year 8 and Year 9 pupils have been taking part in our Build a Bike initiative with East Riding Council.

Pupils have had the opportunity to put together 3 bikes, which will then be donated to the school.

It has been a very productive project with pupils really engaging with the project and developing new knowledge, understanding and skills.



Year 9 and 10 WeCompose Project

The Year 10 GCSE Music class and selected musicians from Year 9 are participating in a composition project, run by Music in the Round and facilitated by the East Riding Music Hub, called WeCompose.



This innovative project introduces young people from all backgrounds to composition. Pupils will be supported by emerging and professional composers to create their own music which will be performed by professional musicians. Young composers will become critical, reflective and collaborative members of creative communities. The project aims to inspire young people to not only consider studying the arts in the future, but to see it as a possible career, so the next generation of artists is more reflective of our diverse society.

Year 9 and 10 WeCompose Project

On 17 November pupils attended an Introductory Concert at Driffield School where they heard a performance by a professional clarinet quintet. Pupils will then go on to write their own original compositions for the quintet to perform in a Culmination Event in the summer term. A professional composer, Richard Sabey, visited us on 8 December where he talked about his background as an arranger and composer as well as running a workshop on compositional skills. He will be visiting us two more times during the year to give feedback and support on pupils' compositions in preparation for the Culmination Event.



Richard Sabey

Pupil Sustainability Summit

Pupils recently took part in a Sustainability Summit focused on helping them understand how we can make our school and community more environmentally responsible.

The day included an introduction to our sustainability strategy, followed by interactive workshops led by Biffa and East Riding Council, with sixth form pupils supporting discussions as table chairpersons.

Through practical activities and discussion, pupils explored recycling, environmental sustainability and how their actions can make a difference.

The summit concluded with pupils reflecting on what they had learned and sharing ideas on how we can continue to improve sustainability across our school, strengthening pupil voice and inspiring positive change.



Welcome Ted!

Welcome to the Team, Ted!

We're excited to introduce Ted, a trained and registered therapy dog who volunteers with us through the charity Pets as Therapy. Ted belongs to Mandy, one of our fantastic Teaching Assistants here at Snaith, and we're very lucky that she brings him into school to support children who may need a little extra comfort during their day.

Ted is a wonderfully calm and gentle dog who simply loves being around people—and he especially enjoys all the fuss and affection he receives from our pupils. When he's in school, you'll often find him relaxing in our Infinity Room, stretched out on the sofas and soaking up all the attention he needs.

We're delighted to welcome Ted to our school community and look forward to the positive impact he will continue to have on our children.

For more information about the charity Pets as Therapy, please visit their website:

petsastherapy.org



Remembrance Event



The poor weather meant we took a different approach to our remembrance event this year. It was still a meaningful occasion and as always, our pupils listened in silence to our guest of honour Finnley Sprakes. Finnley is part of our Snaith family, and he spoke about his role as a Senior Cadet in the RAF Air Training Corps. Pupils were inspired by his story.

Year 9 Options & College Fair



Thursday 27 November saw the launch of the Options process for Year 9. Pupils and parents/carers were invited to an evening to explore our Key Stage 4 curriculum offer and speak to staff and current pupils about their choices for next year. Pupils found the evening very informative and left the event feeling more prepared for making their GCSE choices.

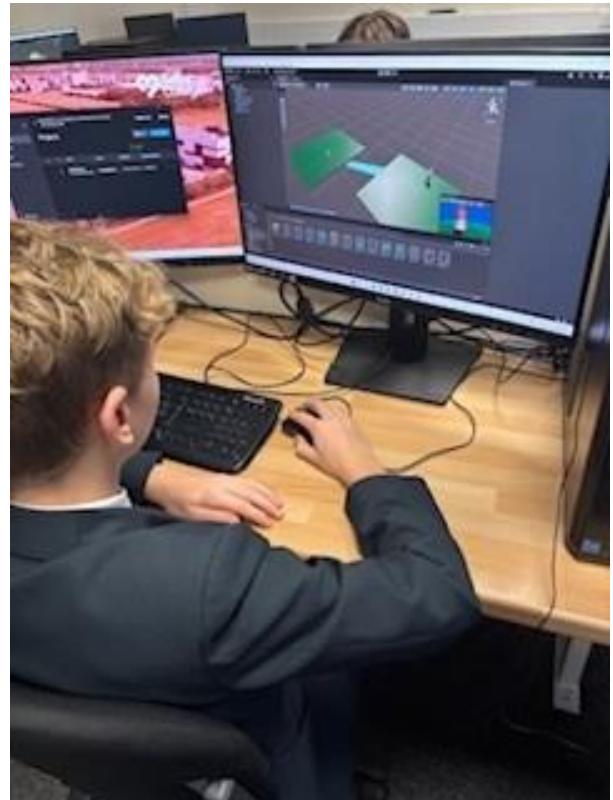
13 colleges, sixth forms and apprenticeship providers were also in attendance, and pupils from years 9, 10 and 11 were encouraged to explore a range of offers open to them for their next steps after life at The Snaith School.

All Year 9 pupils have had the opportunity this term to take part in taster lessons for all subject areas, including those which are not part of our curriculum in Key Stage 3. Year 9 have also been offered careers interviews to discuss further steps beyond school.

There are some important decisions ahead, but plenty of time to make them! Options forms will be distributed in January, with a final submission deadline of 23rd February.

Year 10 GCSE Computer Science Pupils Level Up at Selby College!

Our Year 10 GCSE Computer Science pupils recently swapped the classroom for the high-tech labs of Selby College, diving headfirst into the exciting worlds of Games Design and Network Engineering. The trip was designed to give our aspiring tech experts a taste of further education and a hands-on look at where their GCSE studies could take them.



Year 11 Steps to Success Evening

November saw our Steps to Success evening, part of The Snaith School raising achievement programme. This was an opportunity for Year 11 pupils and parents to come in to school and partake in revision workshops for English, Maths and Science, and discuss revision strategies in other subjects at the Option subjects' revision fair. The Snaith careers team was also on hand to offer advice on next steps with many local colleges in attendance.

All pupils received a revision 'goody bag' and the evening was well attended, a real success!

We had some fantastic feedback from parents thanking staff for their invaluable advice on how best to support their children.



Year 11

Revision Menu

It's been a busy time for our Year 11 pupils preparing for their mock exams in December. Getting pupils ready started early with the launch of our revision programme in form time. Two mornings each week during form time, Year 11s focus upon key revision strategies and techniques, working out which technique suits them best.

In the three weeks leading up to the mock exams, pupils were given a revision menu, offering a range of revision resources, masterclasses, lunch-time drop-in sessions and after school revision, which included hot chocolate for those staying behind. It was great to see the high turnout for many of the sessions and the positive feedback from pupils who felt more confident about how to revise. The 4:30 Club after school was a particular hit and will be revived in the new year. A huge thank you to all staff for the resources and time put into preparing Year 11 and an even bigger well done to the positive attitude and hard work demonstrated by Year 11 pupils.





Year 11 Celebration Evening

It was wonderful to welcome back our class of 2025 to the school to celebrate their achievements and successes, and collect their official GCSE certificates. It was a fantastic opportunity for the Art and Photography department to showcase the fantastic work that pupils had produced as part of the GCSE courses. The evening was very well attended and a lovely social occasion. It was a great opportunity to catch up with friends and view the exhibition. We want to congratulate our former pupils on their achievements and have extended an invitation to them to visit us anytime and to keep us up to date with how they are progressing in the future.

Year 11 Celebration Evening





Year 11 Art and Photography **Exhibition**

As part of the Year 11 celebration and Awards evening we were asked to curate an exhibition of the GCSE Art and Photography work. All pupils from the GCSE courses had a piece of work on display. There was a real buzz around the exhibition with pupils, friends and family all being able to see their achievements. There was some fantastic work on display, and it was pleasing to see a lot of proud pupils.

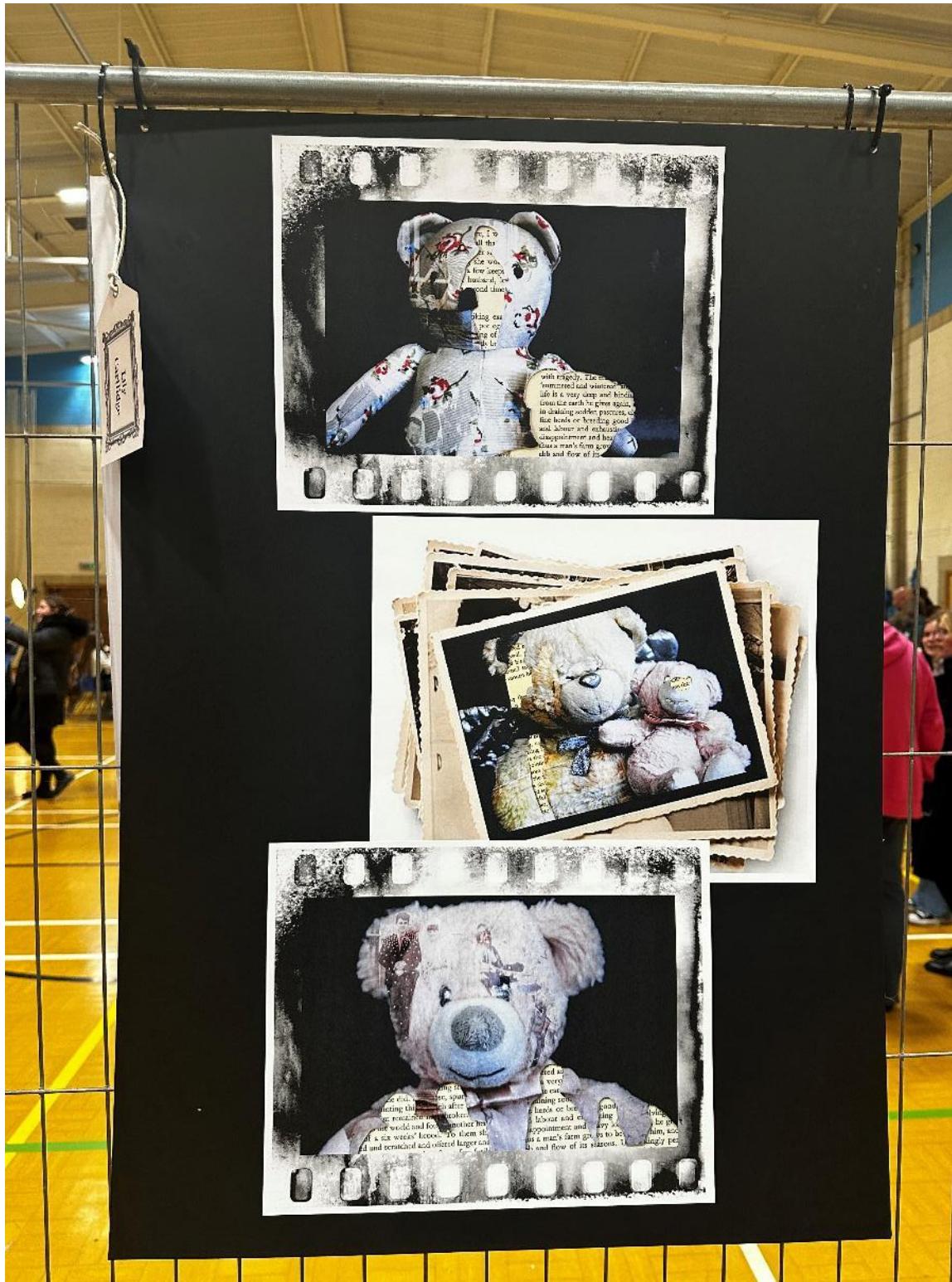
Year 11 Art and Photography Exhibition



Year 11 Art and Photography Exhibition



Year 11 Art and Photography Exhibition



PE Success!



It's been another fantastic half term in the PE department.

Attendance for girls' netball continues to be outstanding, with the girls participating in several netball fixtures against local schools.

PE Success!

KS3 football continues to be very popular, even with the darker nights and the poor weather. We have held several inter-year competitions as well as fixtures against local schools. Two of our year groups have already progressed into the semi-final of the East Riding Football Cup, with the other two hoping to do the same in a few weeks' time. Well done to the Y7 boys and girls who competed in the East Riding 5 aside competition at Goals in Hull.

Other clubs proving to be very popular on both a lunchtime and after school have been badminton, table tennis, dance and even staff pickleball.

We recently entered the East Riding Panathlon 10-pin bowling event and did superbly well. Well done to everyone who attended.





PE Success!

More sport & PE in the future

The PE department have entered several teams into the Humberside football cup and still have semi-finals matches to be played in the East Riding cup. Watch this space!

We have the Humberside Cross Country Championships in Scunthorpe to look forward to in January where several of our pupils have qualified to compete in this event. We are also taking 80 pupils on a trip to watch Manchester City v Brentford just before we break up for Christmas.





Primary Events



We hosted the **East Riding Table Tennis Finals** for Year 5&6 and welcomed schools from across the county. It was a fantastic evening.

Primary pupils who had success in **Cross Country** last half term went on to compete at Cottingham High School in the East Riding Finals. There were some outstanding efforts.

Year 3 & 4 pupils took part in a Benchball 'Engage' (Non-Competitive) competition where our Year 7 and 9 pupils helped lead the event. It had a wonderful atmosphere.

Snaith Primary School brought all of their Year 3 and 4 pupils to a Benchball Competition led by our Year 10 Sport Studies pupils as practice for their course. They did a brilliant job.



Primary Events



Over 110 pupils took part in Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics. We witnessed some outstanding running, jumping and throwing, and the winners, Snaith Primary, will compete in the East Riding Final. We wish them the best of luck!

Primary Events Feedback

We've really enjoyed all the events so far. In particular, the trick shot table at the tennis tennis event was a hit with the children. As were the fun games of dodgeball after the Indoor Athletics event. Great added extras! As usual, the young leaders have been great. They're always so welcoming and clearly really enjoy helping out. They always model the rules clearly and effectively support the primary school children. The events would not be the same without them. Thank you!

Mr Constantine, PE Lead, Snaith Primary

It's great to have such a wide range of sports offered for a range of ages and abilities to promote inclusivity. The children always really appreciate your friendly welcome and I believe this is a real positive for them when they come to Snaith! Having the leaders also provides the children with welcome and inspirational faces- many of which they know from their time at Rawcliffe. It is great also to have you come onto our site to support with the delivery of PE. Thanks for all you do!

Mr Elder, Executive Headteacher, Rawcliffe Federation

The events have been fantastic so far. The children have really enjoyed them and they have been really well organised. The children really enjoyed the bonus games of dodgeball at the recent indoor athletics event. A big shout out to the young leaders, who are a credit to your school. The events would not be the same without them. They are a great support to the primary school children and are so polite and respectful.

Mrs Chadwick, HLTA, Cowick Primary

Primary Events



Next Half Term Events

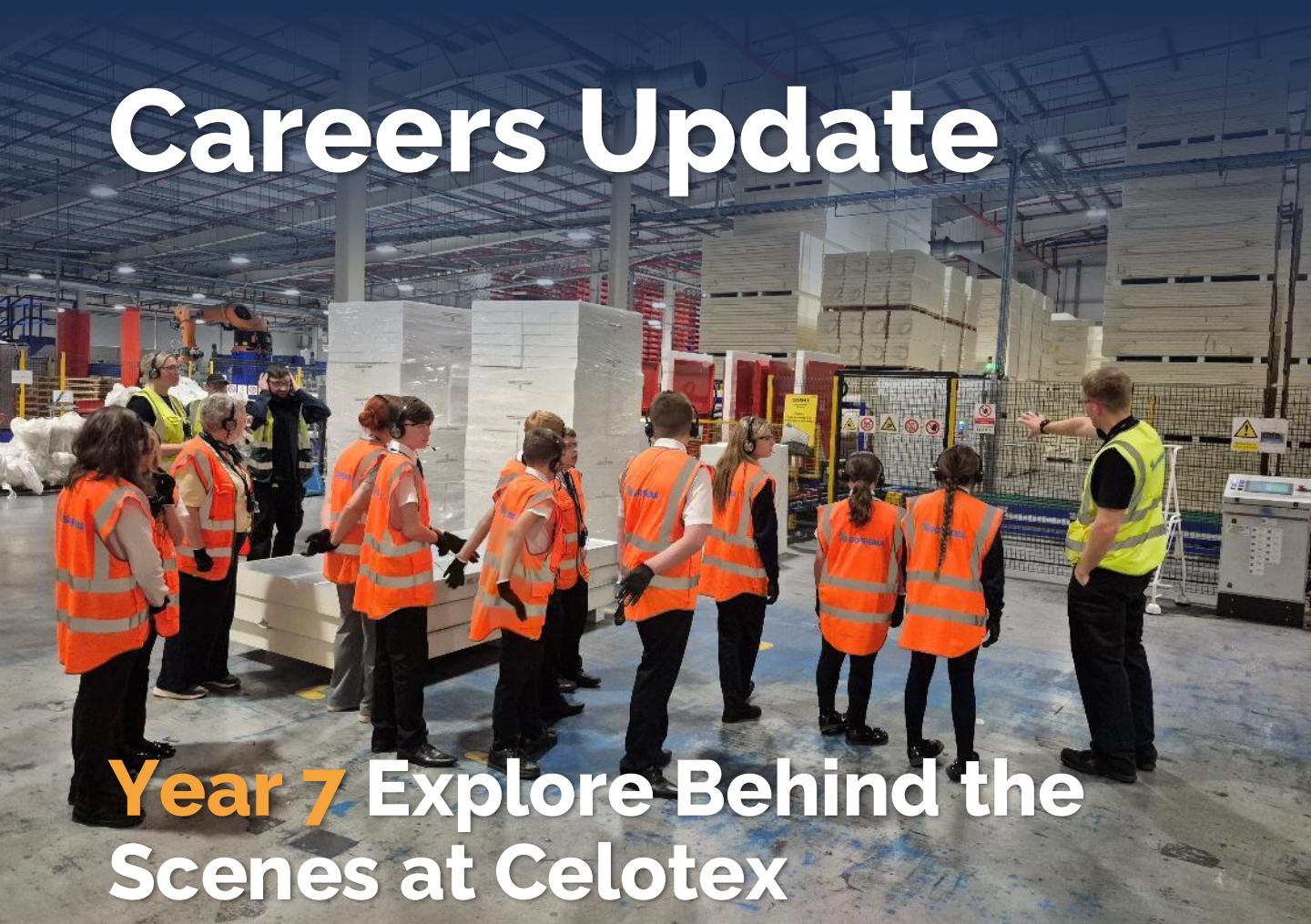
Dodgeball Year 3 & 4

Dodgeball Year 5 & 6

Football Year 3 & 4

Pickleball Activities

Careers Update



Year 7 Explore Behind the Scenes at Celotex

A group of Year 7 pupils had an exciting and insightful visit to the Celotex manufacturing facility, offering them a unique opportunity to see how industry-leading insulation materials are designed, produced and tested.

Pupils began their tour by discovering how insulation is made. They learned about the chemical ingredients that go into producing the foam boards and how these are carefully combined to create a material that keeps buildings warm and energy efficient. It was fascinating to see the raw materials transformed into a finished product.

Careers Update

Year 7 Explore Behind the Scenes at Celotex

In the factory, pupils watched the production process in action. From mixing the chemicals, to shaping and cutting the insulation boards, the group was able to observe each stage. They also had an opportunity to handle the insulation, experiencing its properties and learning how it is used in construction projects.

Throughout the visit, pupils adhered to strict health and safety protocols and received a briefing on their importance in a manufacturing environment. They saw first-hand how protective equipment, clear signage, careful routines and ongoing monitoring help keep staff and visitors safe.

The visit gave our pupils a brilliant insight into engineering, manufacturing and industrial science and they represented the school exceptionally well with their enthusiasm and curiosity. A huge thank you to Celotex for welcoming us and providing pupils with such a valuable learning experience.

Careers Update

Year 7 Explore Behind the Scenes at Celotex





Careers Update

Investigating Green Careers at School

This term, pupils across several year groups have been learning about the growing world of “green careers” – roles that help protect the environment, reduce carbon emissions and support sustainability for the future.

During special assemblies, pupils examined what makes a career “green” and discovered how many sectors now offer environmentally focused jobs, from engineering and energy to agriculture and design.

We watched a Conservationist and an Ecologist, who shared their career journeys and explained the pathways into their professions. Pupils heard first-hand how their work supports wildlife, protects natural habitats and helps tackle climate change.

Each year group applied their knowledge in a fun interactive green careers quiz using their whiteboards, selecting their own answers in each round. The activity reinforced their understanding of green careers, encouraged them to consider future career pathways, and highlighted the role of sustainability.

Careers Update

College Fair Inspires Pupils with Careers Opportunities

This November, our annual College Fair welcomed a wide range of local colleges, training providers, and apprenticeship organisations, giving pupils the chance to explore post-school education and career options.

This year, we extended the event to include local employers, with Celotex, Jet2, and the Army joining the fair. Pupils had the opportunity to speak directly with representatives, ask questions about career pathways and training opportunities, gaining valuable insight into the skills and qualifications needed for different industries.

The fair benefited pupils by broadening their understanding of the variety of career paths available and helping them plan the next steps in their education and careers. Parents also benefited by gaining up-to-date information on local opportunities and guidance to support their child's choices.

Thank you to all parents and pupils who attended, and a big thank you to the colleges, training providers, and employers who made this year's College Fair such a success.

If you are a local employer interested in supporting our school's careers programme, please contact Mrs Taylor – Careers Coordinator by emailing careers@thesnaithschool.org.uk



TEP Pupils Surveys

Autumn Term

Parents of pupils in Y8 to Y11 will recall that during the previous academic year, we took part in a national research project looking to pupil engagement in schools. As a Trust, we took part in the Pilot for a series of pupil surveys which focus on acquiring pupil levels of engagement in schools. The results from these surveys saw the school achieve badges placing The Snaith School in the top 5% and 10% of schools in strands linked to Inclusion, Pupil Recommendation and Enjoyment.

We are now into our second year of taking part in these surveys. We are pleased to announce that our pupil engagement has further increased to a score of 7.1 which places the school 0.8 points above the National Average and 0.4 points above the average of the secondary schools in our Trust. We have been advised that score of 0.2 points higher than average should be celebrated as a particular success.

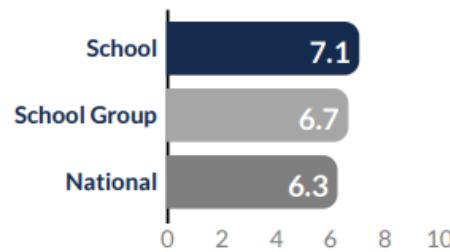
Headline Engagement		Pupils	Avg. /10	vs Nat.		vs Group	Trend
				768	7.2	+0.8	+0.4
	Would you tell your friends to come to this school?	768	7.2	+0.8	+0.4	+0.1	
	Would you choose this school again?	768	7.2	+0.8	+0.3	+0.2	
	How happy are you with this school?	768	7.0	+0.7	+0.4	+0.3	

7.1 /10

average headline engagement

0.8 higher than national benchmark this census

0.2 higher than your Summer Census 2024/25



The Engagement Platform (TEP) Success!



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
RE	Madlena - 7PSP Aoife - 8SWA Skye - 9NGR Evie - 10SWI Mia - 11AMC	Dougie - 7PSP Eli - 8SWA Darcey - 9RCO Freya - 10LBA Alexandra - 11ERE

	High Flyers	Top Triers
Art	Charlotte - 7LNI Olivia - 8ESC Lola - 9RHL Ava - 10SWI Lilly - 11LSP	Edward - 7CWI Jacob - 8SEL Katie - 9BFR Penny - 10SWI Roberts - 11LSP

	High Flyers	Top Triers
Music	Finan - 7SKE Imogen - 8MTI Chester - 9RCO Bronwen - 10SWE Harry - 11LSP	Yolanda - 7GEG Ethan - 8MMC Emilia - 9RHL Oliver - 10SWI Clara - 11EMC

	High Flyers	Top Triers
Technology	Elani - 7GEG Ava - 8ESC Lola - 9RHL Rosie - 10SWI Alisha - 11JCO	Benjamin - 7LNI Thomas - 8MTI Nevaeh - 9BFR Arren - 10SMO Grace - 11LSP





Reverse Advent Calendar

Our reverse advent calendar was a huge success again this year! After last years' success we again collected items to create hampers for our families facing financial hardship this Christmas. Thank you to everyone who donated, no matter how small your donation, it really made a difference.



Supporters of The Snaith School Christmas Bingo!

The Supporters of The Snaith School Association (SSA) ran their ever-popular Christmas Bingo, raising an amazing £734 for the school.

It was a fantastic turn out from families of the school and people from the local community, who enjoyed some lovely refreshments and won some great prizes for Christmas.

Thank you to those who support the SSA – all money raised goes back into the school for the benefit of the pupils.



Christmas Dinner Day

Santa hats everywhere!

What a fantastic day of Christmas songs, food, party hats and Christmas accessories! A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the lunch such a success.



Christmas Concert

Just wow! It was so lovely to hold our annual Christmas concert. The hard work that had taken place behind the scenes really paid off. A big thank you to Mr Elliott for giving up his time to make the night possible. A huge thank you of course to our very talented pupils who excelled on the evening.



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.

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

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.

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 contact the school on office@thesnaithschool.org.uk.

Key Dates for the term ahead

Date	Event
5 Jan 2026	School closed to pupils – training day
6 Jan 2026	School reopens to all pupils
8 Jan 2026	Progress evening – Year 9
15 Jan 2026	Progress evening 1 – Year 10
21 Jan 2026	Science trip
26 Jan 2026	Jekyll & Hyde English Trip for Year 11
29 Jan 2026	Food Trials – Yr 11 A Trial 1
29 Jan 2026	Progress evening – Year 11
30 Jan 2026	RE Trip to Coventry Cathedral for Year 11
30 Jan 2026	Food Trial – Yr 11 B Trial 1
2 Feb 2026	Food Trials – Yr 11 S Trial 2
3 Feb 2026	History & RE Cinema Trip for Year 9
4 Feb 2026	Progress Evening 2 – Year 10
5 Feb 2026	Food Trial Yr 11B Trial 2
6 Feb 2026	Food Trial Yr 11B Trial 3
9 Feb 2026	Food Trial Yr 11A Trial 3 and MFL mock speaking tests
10 Feb 2026	MFL mock speaking tests
12 Feb 2026	Food Trial Yr 11A Trial 4
13 Feb 2026	Food Trial Yr 11B Trial 4
13 Feb 2026	Half term holiday and Austria Ski Trip



thesnaithschool.org.uk



office@thesnaithschool.org.uk



01405 860327

Main Office



The Snaith School

Pontefract Road, Snaith, Goole, DN14 9LB



@thesnaithschool.bsky.social

Year Leaders for this year

Your first point of contact for any pastoral concerns you may have

Year 7	Mrs Anderson	► 01405 860327	► Option 2
Year 8	Mrs Cooper	► 01405 860327	► Option 2
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



office@thesnaithschool.org.uk

Email

