

The Snaith Story

Autumn
Term 1
2024

Welcome to the second newsletter of the academic year, it has been an exciting half term. Our newsletter will hopefully provide you with a flavour of the vast array of events, achievements and activities that have taken place since September.

We have had to be selective due to the sheer number of activities on offer to our pupils. Well done to all pupils who have embraced the opportunities available to them and a sincere thank you to all the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm making these events and activities possible.

The first eight weeks of the year have passed incredibly quickly. One of my personal highlights this term has been witnessing over 200 pupils represent our smashing school at Open Evening. It was so rewarding to see just how proud our pupils are of their school. Equally, it was wonderful to see some of our Year 7 and Year 11 pupils speak with confidence and passion about what it means to them to be a pupil at The Snaith School. The number of visitors to our school that evening was truly fantastic!

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Welcome Back *(continued)*

Rewards Trip day was a great day to behold with over 400 pupils attending a reward trip and 180 pupils taking part in the Siemens Team Building Day. A huge thank you to the staff who organised and attended the days in order to make these possible for our pupils. There were so many smiles and happy faces.

It has been a pleasure to meet so many parents and carers at our face- to face events this term. These have been the 'Welcome to GCSE' and the 'Settling In' evenings. It has been wonderful to receive such positive feedback from parents and carers about our school and it is very pleasing to hear that 98% of our parents and carers would recommend our school.

The Snaith School truly is a place of sporting excellence. It is impossible to highlight particular achievements from so many fixtures, competitions and pursuits outside of school, but I offer my congratulations to all pupils who have taken part, demonstrated great sportsmanship, tried their best and excelled. Thank you also to the PE department for providing such a variety of opportunities which I know are appreciated by pupils and parents.

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Welcome Back *(continued)*

I would like to thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure that we have highest standards of uniform, behaviour and attendance. I am extremely happy with the start pupils have made to the academic year and have found our pupils to be overwhelmingly polite, responsible, enthusiastic learners who are keen to make a positive contribution to our school. Our school attendance is something to really celebrate. This is currently over 95%, well above schools nationally. I think this is a real testament to the relationships we have built together to support our pupils.

I am sure that you will by now have heard the sad news that the Holy Family School is set to close. We will do everything we can to support children and families during this very upsetting and anxious time. We are looking forward to welcoming to our school some new Year 10 pupils after half term. I am sure they will quickly become part our Snaith School Family as they will be surrounded by highly skilled staff who care deeply about children and invest heavily in supporting pupils to succeed.

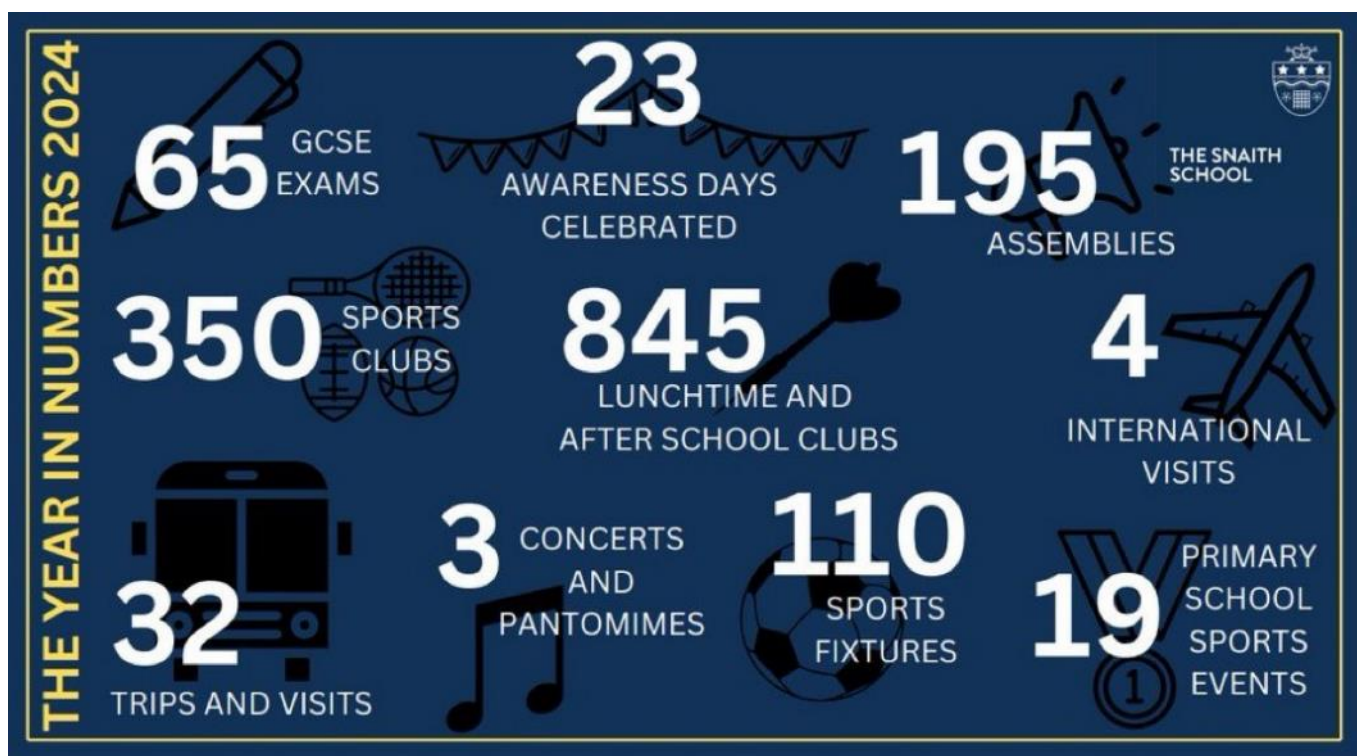
It is a pleasure and a privilege to be the Headteacher of this wonderful school. I am sure you will enjoy reading our newsletter!

Kind regards

Mrs H Yates,
Headteacher



Our Year in Numbers



Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Snaith School hosted its annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to the generous donations of staff and students, £467 was raised. 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 27th 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 throughout the day 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!

The Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Pupils and staff had a fantastic day at The Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Our pupils 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 Rewards Trip

Over 350 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 Rewards Trip

80 pupils had a fantastic day on the Meadowhall rewards trip. Many enjoyed the shopping and restaurants the centre has to offer, and thoroughly enjoyed walking around 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. A great day for everyone involved!



Go Ape Rewards Trip

The trip to Go Ape was once again a huge success. 30 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 third time with Go Ape for our rewards' trip and many said they'll be attending next year too!

Although the day started cold and wet, by late morning the sun had decided to show itself and made the day a lot more enjoyable. Once again, the ziplines were the firm favourite, although Mr Franklin from PE seemed to enjoy getting stuck in the giant net!



Updates to our school

We have recently made some updates to our site and we think it looks fantastic!

Our infinity area and library have changed locations and our new areas are looking great and are being very well used. We have also just completed a refurbishment of our Resource Area.

We have had new signage and flags at the front of school, and wall murals in Science and Languages. We think are looking very smart!

We are always very proud of how our pupils look after their school and treat it with respect.



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Our new WOW wall



We introduced our new WOW wall in September. This is an opportunity to share with the rest of the school community the fantastic work produced by our pupils. It is updated every few weeks. I am sure you will agree, their work is WOW!





Welcome to GCSE evening

The school welcomed new Year 10 pupils, parents and carers on Wednesday 25th September to give an introduction to GCSE and provide 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.

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Welcome to GCSE evening

Miss Maguiness had a busy evening informing parents and carers about our online revision app – Tassomai. Pupils commented how useful the session had been in showing them how to break revision down into bitesize chunks.

Also in attendance on the evening was Sally Mulligan, our Mind practitioner. Sally is a valuable and much appreciated resource at The Snaith School, and pupils who she has supported were keen to introduce her to their parents and carers. Parents said it was re-assuring to know she is in school twice a week and available for appointments.

GCSEs

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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 for year 7 or Mrs Anderson for year 8.

Parent/carer attendance at the event was high. We asked for feedback from you about our school and 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!!

PE Update

We have had a fantastic half term in the PE department. In the short space of 8 weeks, we have already achieved so much. We have held several Primary School events linked with the School Sport Co-ordinator and our feeder schools; this has included Primary Table Tennis. Well done to Snaith Primary who not only won the local partnership competition, but then went onto to win the East Riding overall winners. They now progress to the next round in Hull. We also held both the girls' and boys' Years 5 and 6 Primary football competitions. A massive well done to Snaith and Rawcliffe boys, and the girls from Pollington, who have all progressed to the next round. Over 130 pupils took part in the Cross-Country Primary School race. Top 3 places and winning teams from each category are through to the next round which takes places on 22nd Oct at Cottingham High school. Good luck to all involved.

This half term we ran 8 extra-curricular clubs a week and averaged approximately **250- 300 pupils in attendance**. We hope the positive numbers continue after half-term.

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PE Update

We have played several netball fixtures against local Schools. The Year 7/8/9/10 boys' football teams have played 4 fixtures in the East Riding league or cup and the Year 10 boys qualified to the next round of the National Cup. We held our own annual cross-country races with the top 8 runners going on to represent our school in the East Riding Championships. We had several top 10 winners in their individual races.



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Opportunities for pupils within the area

COMING THIS OCTOBER TO
BUBWITH LEISURE & SPORTS CENTRE



CLASSES AVAILABLE FROM
AGE 3 YEARS & UPWARDS

ISTD BALLET ISTD MODERN & CREATIVE DANCE
INSPIRED BY THE RAMBERT GRADES

CLASSES EVERY TUESDAY FROM 4pm,
FRIDAY'S COMING SOON

SIGN UP TODAY!

VIA FACEBOOK: ANNA'S ACADEMY OF DANCE

OR EMAIL: anna@annasacademyofdance.co.uk

OR PHONE 07977625393

Classes taught by fully qualified ISTD Teacher (Alison Tranter Diploma
in Dance Education Imperial Ballet and Modern Theatre. Diploma in
Dance theatre at The Laban Dance Centre)

Opportunities for pupils within the area

LOCATED EVERY TUESDAY EVENING
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



CARLTON TOWERS GIRLS CRICKET

JOIN OUR GIRLS CRICKET TEAM! SESSIONS OPEN TO ALL
REGARDLESS OF AGE, ABILITY OR EXPERIENCE!



MONDAYS (STARTING JAN 13TH)



SECONDARY SCHOOL AGE 3:30 - 4:15



PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE 4:15 - 5:00



SNAITH SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS HALL



FREE



[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/YXLZLVQS2IWCT7UAA](https://forms.gle/YXLZLVQS2IWCT7UAA)



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



Year 7 Settling In Survey Results

168 of our new Year 7 cohort have completed a Settling In Survey this Half Term.



We wanted to share the fantastic results with you.

- 100% of Y7 pupils reported that staff are friendly and welcoming
- 96% of Y7 pupils reported that they settled in quickly at the Snaith School
- 96% of Y7 pupils reported that pupils in the older year groups have been supportive and welcoming.
- 97% of Y7 pupils reported that they found it easy to make new friends.
- 100% of Y7 pupils reported that they would recommend The Snaith School to current Y6 pupils.

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 draw for either Superstar or Super Superstar of the Week.

Superstar Qualifiers:

100% Attendance + 0 Behaviour Points + 60 Stamps.

Super Superstar Qualifiers :

100% Attendance + 0 Behaviour Points + 80 Stamps

Well done to:

Week	Superstars	Super Superstars
1	Anya Y11	Nika Y7
2	Tyler Y10	Lola Y8
3	Freddie Y7	Isabella Y9
4	Chester Y8	Luke Y11
5	Isla Y7	Keisha Y11
6	Sam Y9	Josh Y10

Winners of the prize draw receive a card with a £10 Amazon voucher.

High Flyers Top Triers

A huge well done to our high flyers and top triers this term. We are so proud of you, keep up the hard work!

English	High Flyers Erin - 7ESC Emmie - 8BFR Angelina - 9SWI Grace - 10JCO Joey - 11SKE	Top Triers Keaton - 7MTI Emily - 8BFR Henry - 9LBA Jack - 11PSP Ryan - 11SKE
Maths	High Flyers Stanley - 7SWA Dilraj - 8BFR James - 9SWE Grace - 10JCO Lilly - 11LNI	Top Triers Amy - 7SEL Jake - 8NSC Tilly - 9SWE Alvaro - 10LSP Harry - 11CWI
Science	High Flyers Heather - 7SEL Harvey - 8NSC Rosie - 10JCO Harry - 10ERE Skye - 11LNI	Top Triers Imogen - 7HAT Jake - 8NSC Harry - 9LBA Zoe - 10JCO Jayden - 10EMC
Technology	High Flyers Imogen - 7ESC Emilia - 8RHL Sam - 9SWE Grace - 10LSP Sarah - 11PSP	Top Triers Rosie - 7MTI Owen - 8BFR Shannon - 9SWI Mia - 10LSP Kieron - 11SKE
History	High Flyers Stanley - 7SWA Dilraj - 8BFR Tilly - 9SWE Anna - 10JCO Emily - 11SKE	Top Triers Niamh - 7SWA Adam - 8NGR Sam - 9THA Harley - 10LSP Beni - 11SKE
Languages	High Flyers Olivia - 7MTI Mia - 8RHL Hannah - 9MAP Abigail - 10ERE Keisha - 11SKE	Top Triers Grayson - 7MTI Emily - 8BFR Sonny - 9SWI Ellie - 10ERE Lily-May - 11KWA

Assembly Programme

We have had a vast number of visitors this term within our year group assemblies.

Year 11 have had talks from the following Colleges: Wyke, Bishop Burton, Selby and Pontefract, and in the next half term we will be visited by John Leggott and Askham Bryan. They have also had an assembly around "Sexting" delivered by the police.

Across all year groups they have had several assemblies in line with our Awareness Weeks. Themes this half term have been: Black History Month, European Day of Languages, National Libraries Week and Mental Health.

Finally, we were pleased to have secured employer engagement with Saint-Gobain and look forward to working with them closely.

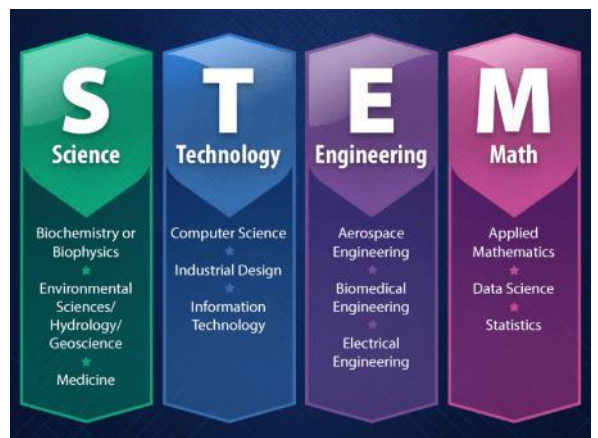


Extra-Curricular Opportunities

As always, we have large number of pupils completing their Bronze award for Duke of Edinburgh.

Music has an exceptional offer with a club running most lunchtimes and 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, Darts and Drama.



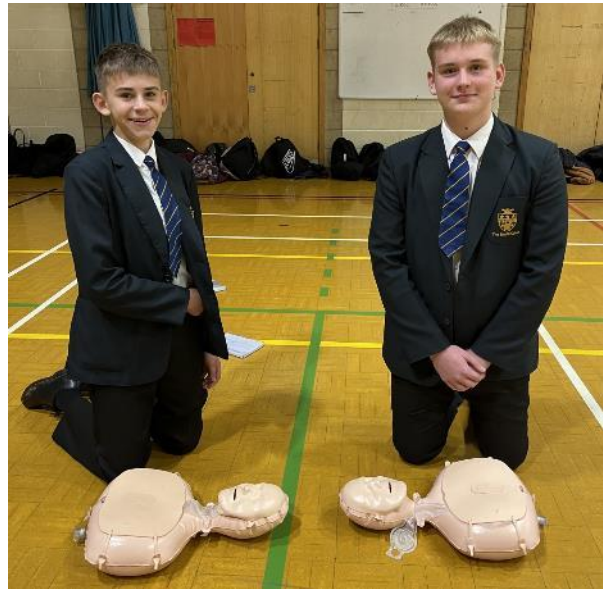
Restart a Heart Day ♥ Wednesday 16th October

This year, Year 7 and Year 9 pupils took part in the 'Restart a Heart' event, in conjunction with Yorkshire Ambulance Service. We worked hard to become #CPRConfident, learning that chances of survival drop 10% a minute if CPR is not started as soon as someone has had a cardiac arrest.

Our amazing volunteers from the ambulance service guided us through the skills needed to save a life and our pupils did us so proud: listening well, getting stuck in with the demonstrations and asking very thoughtful questions. Louise, the First Responder in attendance, said that in four years of taking part in Restart A Heart Day, our Snaith pupils were "the best she had ever seen!"



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World Mental Health Day 2024



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

Awareness was made in assembly about the mental health condition Seasonal Affective Disorder which 1 in 20 people in the UK are diagnosed with. Pupils were given strategies on how to combat the condition and were informed about where in school they can be given support.

Year 6 Open Evening

The Snaith School opened their doors to welcome prospective parents, carers and pupils into school to showcase our facilities and what we have to offer. 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 record numbers of parents and carers through the door this year, showing just how popular our school is.

"Neve and Isabella, were both excellent, polite and knowledgeable. They are a credit to themselves and more importantly a great advert for your school. If our daughter leaves Snaith with the same attitude and confidence we'd be very happy indeed."

Year 10 Holocaust Visit Feedback

I wanted to send you a quick email to let you know just how impressed I was yesterday with your year 10 students.



I was with them all day and I often challenged them with very complex questions around why people acted the way they did during the Holocaust and the complicity of different groups. Their answers to these difficult questions were insightful and well thought through. They have obviously been well taught.

Their behaviour was outstanding. They were so polite and respectful to all the museum staff and to the Holocaust survivor they listened to. A real credit to the school.

Very best wishes.

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 get in touch with the school. We have staff available throughout the half term 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.

Attendance Counts

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

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

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 students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level 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.

Sporting Fixtures

15th November

Netball match against Brayton at home Year 9 & 10

21st November

Football against Read at home Year 9 & 10

22nd November

Netball match against Brayton at home Year 7 & 8

6th December

Netball match against Goole at home Year 8 & 10

13th December

Netball match against Goole at home Year 9 & 11

14th December

PE event – Girls' U13 cricket Year 7 & 8

21st December

PE event – Girls' Cricket Year 9 & 10

Key Dates

Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event
2 Nov 2024	Bags2School Event – send your unwanted clothing/shoes/bedding or towels to school and any funds raised will be donated to school.
13 Nov 2024	Year 11 Steps to Success evening
15 Nov 2024	Flu vaccinations - catch up session
21 Nov 2024	Leavers Awards Evening and Art Exhibition
28 Nov 2024	Options evening for Year 9 and College Fair
w/c 2 & 9 Dec 2024	Year 11 Mock exams
4 Dec 2024	Headteacher Drop-in Session
17 Dec 2024	Christmas Performance
18 Dec 2024	Christmas Dinner Day
23 Dec 2024	Christmas Holiday Closure
6 Jan 2025	School training day - closed for pupils
7 Jan 2025	School reopens for pupils



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Year Leaders for this year

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

Year 7	Mrs Cooper	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 2
Year 8	Mrs Anderson	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 2
Year 9	Mrs Mulley	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3
Year 10	Mrs Price	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3
Year 11	Mrs Charlton	▶ 01405 860327	▶ Option 3

Report a Student Absence



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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