

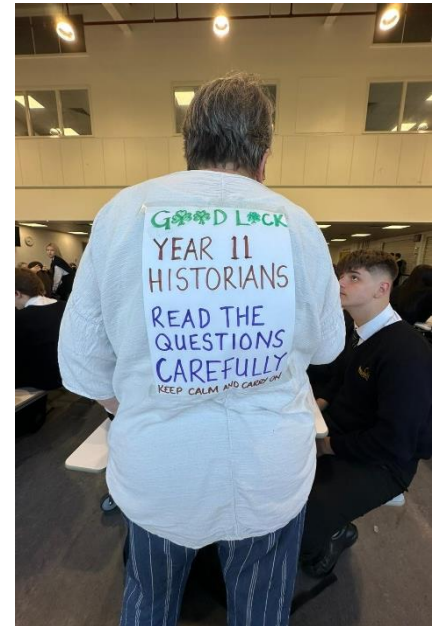


A message from Mrs Ebanks, Assistant Headteacher

"Where has this term gone?" I reflected with a colleague yesterday as we departed that we only had one week left of this term before the final half term break. It will soon be time to start the detailed planning for next academic year. This week has mainly centred around the Year 11 and Year 13 students completing their exams. We are so proud of them. They have been absolutely amazing.

There is this wonderful buzz in the sixth form centre and main canteen in the morning with groups of students huddled together talking about their knowledge of the subject, brainstorming answers, and encouraging each other with fantastic expressions of care, support, and optimism. At the time of writing, the students for West Wilts area trials have left for Dauntsey to compete and so we hope they will return later with stories of success.

Jon Jones (TWHF Secondary Education Lead) met with the Governors on Thursday evening to discuss the development in curriculum that is happening across the trust and the expected changes to the Ofsted inspection (the roll out of which has been delayed with us now looking at inspections re-starting in September 2026). We are really excited for this, as Melksham is a wonderful school filled with brilliant students and teachers, so we can't wait to showcase in a year's time just how far we have come.





SEND at Melksham Oak

Just a reminder that I will continue to have weekly 'SEND Clinic' appointments which will be a 15-minute online appointment to discuss your child and their SEND needs in school.

Book here— <https://MOCS.schoolcloud.co.uk/> - Miss H Ornov, SENCo

**Year 10 and 11
English Support**

Exam Skills Text Analysis Writing Skills

Thursdays / 3-4 / Ms Morris / U48

**CAN YOU HELP?
Donations
Needed:**

- PLANT POTS
- SOIL
- SEEDS
- GARDEN TOOLS
- WATERING CANS

Wiltshire SEND Local Offer

[Wiltshire SEND Support for 0 to 25 - Local Offer](#)

[Wiltshire Local Offer - English BSL](#)

The local offer explains what help and services are available for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities in your local area.

Supporting Literacy at Home

Every student has access to boost their literacy skills through our online literacy platform.

Go onto www.lexiapowerup.com

If asked to enter teachers email –

Ornovh@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk

Username: Your school email address – e.g.

24smitha@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk

Password: ABC1



Are you a leader?

Do you enjoy reading?

Do you like to support others?



**if YES then apply to become a Melksham Oak
LITERACY LEADER.**

**You will support Year 7 Reading. Library
events, Y6 Transition and other school
events.**

Open to Year 8s to apply.

Application forms available from U48.

Application forms to be handed in to U48.

Deadline for applications: 24.05.25





School Library

The library has a wide selection of fantastic new books for readers from KS3 through to Sixth Form. They are selected from the latest trending series and authors and are recommended by the School Reading List.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/secondary-ks3-ks4-reading-lists/>

Why not visit the library and check them out!



Science Club



Fridays | 3:10–4:00 PM | Room U91
With Miss Robertson & Mr Zaidi

Are you in Year 7 or 8 and love experiments?
Then *Science Club* is the place for you!



We've launched water rockets, built campfires, made boats that float (and some that didn't!), explored photography, and even had some magical Christmas science surprises!

🌟 Come get hands-on, boost your learning, and discover the fun side of science with exciting practicals every week! This term we are making chemical pictures and pinhole cameras for you to take home!

Join us and unleash your inner scientist!





Sparx Maths Leaderboard

A particular shout out to 8E this week with 3 students in the Top 10! Well done to all those students who continue to show such great commitment and effort with their Sparx Maths homework.

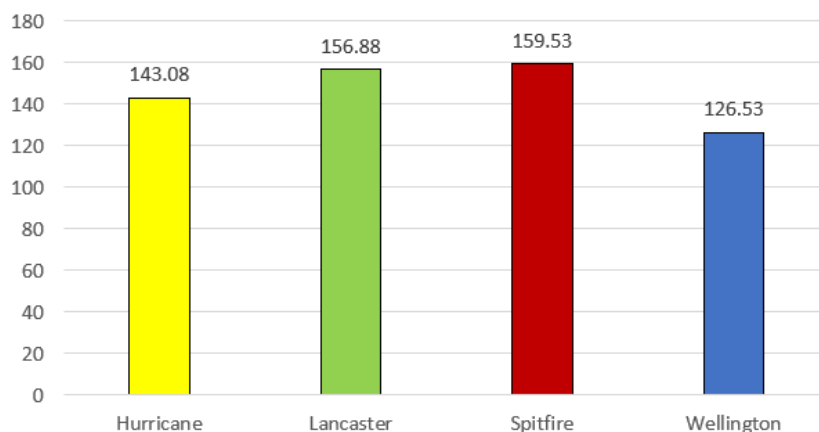
Do keep up-to-date with your Sparx homework. It will really support your understanding of content being taught during lessons research has shown that a student can jump a whole GCSE grade through regular, positive engagement with homework!

Weekly Leaderboard Monday to Sunday		
1	Evie 7A	3726 XP
2	Edward 7E	3655 XP
3	Noah 7M	3145 XP
4	Aleena 8E	2954 XP
5	Ella 8K	2532 XP
6	Kyla 9H	2518 XP
7	Hanna 8E	2449 XP
8	Sofia 7M	2345 XP
9	Precious 9S	2250 XP
10	Gowri 8E	1949 XP



Merits

Average Merits per Student



Key Contacts

In the first instance please contact your child's tutor, who will be best placed to answer your query or direct you to the best person who can give you an answer. Details of the pastoral team are below:

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Year 10	Mrs C. Hughes	hughesc@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk
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name>

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Upcoming Events

Thursday 22nd May: Year 10 Parents' Evening 16:00 to 19:00.



Safeguarding – Digital Resilience

We have talked several times recently about safety online. Internet matters have lots of useful resources including a suite of resources around Digital Resilience. They have developed a toolkit.

Just like teaching a child to ride a bike or cross the road, digital resilience is another way to highlight the need to help children cope with whatever the online world throws at them. Together with psychologist Dr. Linda Papadopoulos, they have created a number of age-specific resources to get you started.

Their toolkits are aimed at different age ranges-please check them out:

[Digital Resilience Toolkit: 6 – 10 year olds - Internet Matters](#)

[Digital Resilience Toolkit: 11 – 13 year olds - Internet Matters](#)

[Digital Resilience Toolkit: 14+year olds - Internet Matters](#)

If you have any concerns please reach out to us at school.