



# Hub 5 Newsletter

Summer 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We can't believe the end of the academic year is getting so close! With many of our pupils leaving this year we are concentrating on getting them (and parents) ready to make the transition to their next placements as smoothly as we can. All of the pupils now have placements pending or agreed but there are still some discussions with social workers, healthcare providers and other learning disability teams regarding funding and travel arrangements for September 2026. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support or guidance with this.

Meanwhile, we are completing the final elements of their qualifications (AIM, AQA or AQA UAS) so they can be awarded in the summer. We have an exciting new work experience opportunity this term in partnership with Bar 55 Wade Street, so if you fancy a bite to eat on Wednesday lunchtimes over the next few weeks pop by to taste our delicious dinners: <https://www.55wadestreet.co.uk/>

We have the same fabulous staff team and are in a good routine with daily outings and trips. Wendy and Lindsey continue to take the pupils out for those special WOW days into Birmingham and trips that are a bit more special! The pupils are thinking about where they would like their leavers' trip to take place – suggestions so far include karaoke at Wade Street, ice skating or the theatre. We will let you know once they have agreed!

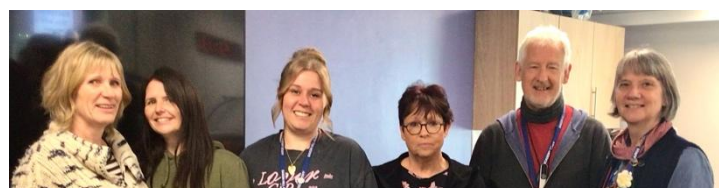
## General updates

Please use the Absence Reporting On-Line Form on the school website [Absence Reporting | Saxon Hill Academy](#) when your pupil will be absent. This is to ensure that the correct people know where your young person is and stops us calling you unnecessarily.

Messages will be sent out the day before a trip.

We will let you know what your child has been learning in school by uploading photos onto the Evidence for Learning app each week. It's a great opportunity to look at these at home and we love to read your comments. If you need support to access this, please let us know. Please start saving any photos that you like on EFL as once your pupil leaves school the EFL account will no longer be accessible.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office (01543 414892) or email via [office@saxon.set.org](mailto:office@saxon.set.org), [nicola.purkis@saxon.set.org](mailto:nicola.purkis@saxon.set.org) or [lindsey.waldon@saxon.set.org](mailto:lindsey.waldon@saxon.set.org).



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## **Curriculum News**

### **Communication**

We are continuing to work on strengthening our communication skills. The AQA UAS focus will be listening, engaging and communicating with others and the AIM focus will be on speaking and communicating out and about in the community using a variety of PODD and communication aids. AQA English is looking at 'My Future' and is taught by Lizzie on Mondays and Tuesdays in Hub 3.

We are reading *The Hound of the Baskervilles* as our pupils' choice for Gothic Fiction which are all enjoying.

### **Thinking and Problem Solving**

AQA UAS: practical maths through cooking. AIM: focus on Time and Money will be embedded in all work experience opportunities. AQA: statistics and money is taught by Lizzie in Hub 3.

### **Vocational Skills**

Our theme for this term is 'The World of Work', which most of our pupils will be learning about weekly. We will be focusing on pupils being ready for work, remembering to be clean and smart, and turning up on time! Pupils will still be working on their personal goals, identifying their qualities and skills to develop a plan to improve or learning new skills to prepare for their future.

AQA UAS: investigating jobs, taking part in more work experience in school, and helping to prepare Meal Deals for staff lunches. AIM: working towards goals, everyday food and drink preparation, and organic gardening.

### **Work Experience / Life Skills**

Work experience opportunities include: Dobbies, the Craft Barn, the Foodbank, the school café and the school pop-up shop, as well as life skills such as shopping, visiting places of interest, college / day care visits, and travel training.

We are aiming to be out in the community as much as possible and we will be rotating small groups to ensure safety and to maximise learning opportunities. However, we are planning for the whole class to be out on Thursdays either at the Craft Barn or the Farm so please ensure your young person is dressed warmly in layers. Please let us know if they have any appointments that they need to stay in school for or if they need to be collected earlier.

### **Physical Movement**

We continue to deliver exercise and movement through the pupils' physio plans, including daily standing, walking, and changing positions when they are in school. We also take part in a weekly exercise session using resistance bands and/or yoga for all pupils to join in. Pupils who are on work experience are improving their strength by lifting, stretching and general movement when working.

### **PSHE**

This term we are exploring how relationships change as we mature and become adults and what that means to us as well as looking at changes in law as adults.