

Newsletter

Easter 2023



1 Principal's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are most of the way through the year already. Spring is upon us and the days are becoming longer and brighter. Before we know it, the summer holidays will be within reach. That said, there is still a lot to pack in and this coming term is extremely important for all students, none more so than our Year 11s who are now just weeks away from their first exam.

It is important to remember that the next two months will be significant for our Year 11s and it is crucial that each of them approaches the exams with positivity and resilience. It has been great to see lots of our students coming in each day for Easter revision and there will be ongoing intervention in the lead up to each exam.

Attendance continues to be a priority; excellent attendance at school is important to allow a young person to fulfil their potential. Essentially, if students miss school, they miss out. Our new strategy of monitoring attendance streaks means that all students should feel motivated to build up the best streaks they can in order to make every day and every experience count. Streaks will, of course, be rewarded, but it is important to realise that the best reward we can offer for good attendance is that your child feels prepared and ready for their next steps in life.

I would like to thank all members of the SWS and local communities for your support in everything that we do to ensure that our students live out the SWS values of Opportunity, Community and Courage on a daily basis. Wishing you a joyful and safe Easter break,

Miss N Gregg

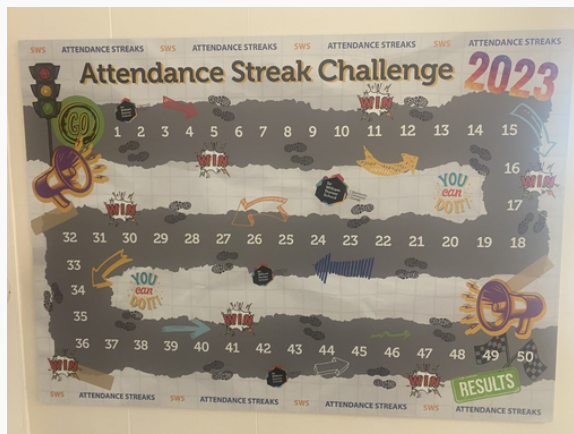
Attendance Matters

We have introduced attendance streaks this term and we are challenging all students to build up their streaks. Different streak levels will result in specific rewards.

We all know how importance attendance is to the progress and success of your child and so we will be monitoring their attendance streaks and rewarding accordingly.

Remember: you have to be in to win!

#AttendanceMatters



Careers and Work Experience

Sir William Stanier students explored career paths in Cheshire

Our Year 10 students have ventured into the world of work this term with many of them gaining exciting placements with local companies.

We would like to thank all those businesses who hosted our students and gave them a real insight into potential career paths. Other Year 10 students carried out a virtual work experience project set around designing a dementia-friendly ward in a hospital.

Students developed leadership, teamwork and time management skills along with a range of design and IT skills needed to land their projects. Amazing COURAGE shown by all students.



Kids Who Read Succeed

Over this last term, we have made it our priority to improve students' reading skills through the use of Accelerated Reader. All of our students have engaged with the programme and are enjoying their reading sessions each week.

The termly quiz points and word count competitions ensure that students are encouraged to read more and positively compete against each other. Visit the library to get yourself a Spring read!



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Calling all First Aiders!

#Opportunity in Years 9-11



We have a fantastic opportunity for students in Yrs 9-11 next term to train as First Aiders.

SWS will become a Quallsafe Award Centre which will allow us to train up the next generation .

If you are in Yrs 9 - 11 and this sounds like something you are interested in, please get in touch with Mr Pye after Easter.

Attendance Streaks and Pizza Feasts



Our highest attending forms in each year group won their end of term pizza reward again this half term. Each form group had to work as a community to ensure they supported each other with being in school every day. Mr Smissen is clearly pleased with Year 11 MHA who can be seen enjoying their reward on the last day of term. Congratulations to 7SWH, 8OBE, 9ABA, 10HAR and 11MHA.

Mr Smissen's Marathon Run Funds Student Tanzania Trip

Congratulations to Mr Smissen who completed his Brighton Marathon in 4 hours 20 minutes. Mr Smissen is currently helping students to raise money for a trip to Tanzania in 2024.

If you wish to donate you can still do this here:

www.gofundme.com/f/tanzania-2024-brighton-marathon



Congratulations, Mr Proctor!

The Commander's Coin for Excellence.

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Our very own Geography teacher, Mr Proctor, had had the honour of being presented with the Brigade Commander's Coin for Excellence.

He was the deserving recipient of this prestigious award on account of his pro-active leadership and productivity of online content during Covid for his Detachment (Banbury) on a weekly basis as well as for the Battalion (Oxfordshire) at large in his additional role as Adventurous Training Officer.

Mr Proctor's Detachment was the only one in the county to maintain a virtual presence with the same numbers that would be expected during face-to-face training.



Of the 6000+ Cadet Force Adult Volunteers (CFAVs) nationally, Mr Proctor is one of only 40 that were recognised at this level.

Well done, Sir!

The Most Important Meal of the Day!

Breakfast Club: Start the day right

Lots of our students are joining us daily from 7.45-8.30am for a **free** breakfast and hot drink!

Encourage your child to join us during Half Term 5.



Sir William Stanier Students Share the Stove with the Mayor and Mayoress

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Spring into Easter with the Fish Heroes

Wow, what another busy term in the Food department.

We celebrated World Book day in style with a visit from Mr & Mrs Twit!! Students enjoyed making Hairy Scary Worm Cakes and listening to extracts from the Roald Dahl Book 'The Twits'.

This half term also saw our Year 11s complete their final practical examination. They produced 3 dishes with accompaniments in the space of 3 hours. They all worked hard and we are very proud of them all!

Year 10 students visited Cheshire College South West and cooked using salmon that we had been selected to receive from the National Food teachers Centre #Fishheroes project. Students made a Baked Salmon with warm potato salad dish. It was great to work with college Chef Shane Guildford and also super exciting to be joined by the Mayor and Mayoress of Cheshire East who both rolled up their sleeves, put their aprons on and joined in with the session.

Our celebration week this half term was Easter. We looked at the Easter celebrations across the world and made our own multicultural Easter treats and traditional foods with students in the department. Students made Easter nests and Hot Cross Buns and donated to our charity cause 'Chance Changing Lives'

Wishing you all a Egg-cellent Easter break from Team Food – Mrs Randle, Miss Dzomba, Mrs Coombs and Mr Smissen.



A Message from our Safeguarding Team

On behalf of the Safeguarding Team, we wish all our families a safe and restful Easter. We would like to thank you for your collaboration and support. If you have any concerns, during school closure, please refer to the links we have provided here to support you. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the new term if you require any new or ongoing support.

Social Care daytime number (up until 5pm) : 0300 123 5012 Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) : 0300 123 5022

Child Line : 0800 1111

NSPCC : 800 800 5000

On-line counselling service : Kooth.com (24hrs and 365 days per year) Youngminds.org.uk

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CAMHs 24hr Crisis Line: 0800 145 64 85

Police : 101 (non-emergency) / 999 (emergency only)