



6th March 2026

Dear Families

It has been another busy, purposeful and exciting week at SNHS. As the weather starts to change and we see the firm signs of Spring, greater numbers of students have been enjoying their lunch and break times outside. Many are choosing to play sports on the courts and let off some steam, and I have really enjoyed spending my lunch duty interacting and chatting with them.

As always, there has been a lot going on at our school and I hope to share as much of this as possible in this week's newsletter.

What has happened at SNHS this week:

Welcoming our new Associate Assistant Headteacher (Maths)

I am delighted to share that Mr Tim Baguley will be joining SNHS as our new Associate Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Maths.

Mr Baguley brings with him a strong track record in outstanding maths teaching, subject leadership and wider senior leadership experience. We are thrilled to welcome him into our Maths team and look forward to the expertise, energy and strategic drive he will bring to the faculty and to the wider school.

Year 11 Mock Exams – Celebration and Well Done!

A huge well done to our Year 11 students who have worked incredibly hard through their final mock exam period. On Thursday afternoon, Mr Chapman hosted a small celebration during Period 5 - a chance for students to take a breath, acknowledge their efforts and reset ahead of the crucial weeks ahead. Their resilience has been excellent, and we remain proud of the focus they continue to show.

SAST Headteachers' Conference

On Thursday, SNHS was proud to host Headteachers from across SAST for a leadership conference. We reviewed the Government's latest White Paper and collaborated on best practice across our schools. It was a valuable day of sharing ideas, reflecting on the work ahead, and strengthening our collective commitment to delivering the very best education for every child in our Trust.

North Dorset Skills Day – Careers Trip

On Wednesday, a group of students visited the North Dorset Skills Day at the Sturminster Exchange. They took part in interactive workshops and gained insights into a wide range of sectors, including STEM, Social Care, IT and Technology.

Students had meaningful encounters with employers and training providers, helping them explore future career pathways. A big thank you to Mr Dodman for organising this brilliant opportunity.

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Governor Meeting – Working Together for School Improvement

Our Governors met on Thursday evening for a wide-ranging and thoughtful discussion about school improvement. We are fortunate to have a Governing Body with such diverse expertise - industry, business, education, hair and beauty, and more.

Each governor holds a portfolio area in school and works closely with staff and students to understand, challenge and support our continued development. Thank you to all our Governors for their time, expertise and dedication.

Football Fixtures

It has been another packed week of sport at SNHS, with our football teams in particular representing the school brilliantly.

Our Year 7 and Year 9 squads faced Shaftesbury in competitive fixtures. Their team spirit stood out, showing determination and respect for one another and living out our school values on the pitch. Both teams showed real resilience, working hard from the first whistle to the last. Well done to all involved; we are very proud of you.

Attendance Matters

Year Group	Attendance
Year 7	96.1%
Year 8	92.2%
Year 9	89.9%
Year 10	89.7%
Year 11	87.8%

Attendance remains a central part of our school improvement work. Every single day in school matters—not just for academic progress, but for confidence, friendships and establishing positive routines. Coming to school every day builds the resilience that students will rely on for the rest of their lives. When lessons are missed, gaps begin to form, and over time those gaps widen. The best way to prevent that is simple: turn up, every day, on time. Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing this message at home.

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What's coming up at SNHS next week

Tuesday – Year 11 Group School Photos

Year 11 students will have their group photographs taken—an important milestone as they move ever closer to the end of their SNHS journey.

Tuesday – Visit from our School Improvement Partner

We will be welcoming our School Improvement Partner to work with senior staff and middle leaders, visit lessons and speak with students. This forms part of our ongoing commitment to reflection, improvement and ensuring the highest standards across the school.

Thursday – Sixth Form Trip to the National Apprenticeship Show

Some of our Sixth Form students will be attending the National Apprenticeship Show, gaining invaluable insight into further training routes and future opportunities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Our school is firmly built around the knowledge that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and the strength of SNHS lies not only in our staff and students, but in the wider community around us - thank you for being part of our village.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and that the sunshine continues.

Warm regards

Mr M Motteram

Head of School





This week, Year 7 & 8 will be doing some investigations for Science Week. Mrs Fahey



Water Container

We are starting to get some warmer days - please remember to bring into school a water container, especially on the days that you have PE. They can be filled up with fresh water outside the PE Department. Thank you.



Payments for Activities & Normandy Trips

A quick reminder to keep up regular payments as per the instalment dates. Thank you

News from MFL

Latin Club - This continues to take place every Wednesday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm in Mrs Woods' room.

GCSE Business

Monday 9th March After School Revision

Y11 - GCSE Business 15:00 to 16:00 (G9)

This week: Theme 2 Review & Exam technique



Gardening Club

The days are getting longer and the weather is (hopefully) getting better, so it's time to continue work on our wellbeing garden. Please meet at Mr West's office at 3pm on a Monday for gardening club. Please bring some trainers or old shoes to change into and a coat if it is cold. See you there! Mr West



Football Clubs

Mondays 3pm - 4pm
Girls Football - All Ages
Boys Football - Year 7 - 9

Football fixtures (Boys and Girls) will mainly be on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 11 Science Revision

Thursdays 3-4pm

Biology/Chemistry/Physics sessions available - All welcome!



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Netball Club Thursdays 3pm - 4:30pm

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Spring English Revision Schedule

Monday 9th March Macbeth - JHA

Monday 16th March ACC - SW

Monday 23rd March Language P1 Q5 - JHA

MFL Year 11 Revision Sessions

Every Monday and Friday 3pm - 4pm (can be later if required and booked in) With Mrs Woods in G4.

GCSE History Revision

Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm in B5

For extra help/support in preparation for your exams. Miss Allen

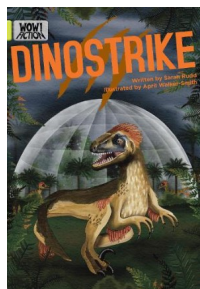


Astronomy Club - Year 10. Year 11 & 6th Form



Tuesday afterschool 3pm - 4pm in S4 - Open to Year 10, Year 11 & 6th Form. If anyone is interested please ask Mrs Fennell - Science Technician.

Dinostrike by Sarah Rudd



In the secretive DinoStrike facility, Lorcan trains Agnes, the smartest and most vicious of his velociraptor pack.

An upcoming critical mission means Lorcan must quickly earn her trust and respect or risk chaos and destruction.

Join Lorcan as he uncovers hidden secrets, fights to protect his raptors, and tries to survive in a world where past and future collide.

Can your parent or family member help?

If you know someone who works in any capacity for the NHS, Armed Services or the Police and would be happy to talk to a group of students about their job and career, we would like to hear from you. Please ask them to contact Mr Paul Dodman the Careers Lead at SNHS on 4179pd@mysnhs.net. Thank you.



A reminder

Mobile phones and smart gadgets **cannot** be used inside the school gates. They must be **away before** entering school site in the morning. They are not allowed out until you **exit** the school site. This could be 3pm or later. Do not get mobile phones out whilst you are leaving - they are not to be seen until you have **left!**

Normal rules will apply - They will be **confiscated** if you use your phone to contact parents etc during the day - phones will be **confiscated**. Please go to reception or a trusted member of staff, if there is an issue!



Do not use mobile phones

Year 11 & Year 13 RE Revision

Year 11 after school 3:15pm - 4:15pm on Fridays

Year 13 after school 3:15pm - 4:15pm on Wednesdays

