



5th June 2026

Dear SNHS Families

A very warm welcome back to all our students, families and staff following the half term break. Despite the changeable weather since we returned, it has been an absolute pleasure to see students return with such positivity as we begin our final half term of the academic year.

This is always one of the busiest yet most exciting periods in the school calendar. We have so much to look forward to, including activities week, sports day, work experience, trips, guest speakers, proms and more. It promises to be a fantastic half term full of opportunity, achievement and celebration.

What has happened at SNHS this week

It has been a strong and purposeful start to the half term.

Parents Evening and SLT Meetings

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome our Year 8 families into school for Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to see so many students, parents, carers and staff coming together to discuss progress and how we can continue to support every child to succeed. Thank you to all families for engaging so positively and for the ongoing partnership we value so highly.

On Wednesday, we held our Year 10 Senior Leadership one-to-one meetings following their recent mock examinations. These meetings are a vital opportunity for students to reflect on their performance, consider their progress, and begin to shape a clear action plan as they prepare to enter Year 11 – the most important year of their school journey. Thank you to all families who supported this process. We look forward to continuing these meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms next year.

OFSTED Report

Also on Wednesday, we were incredibly proud to share our confirmed Ofsted report with families. The report truly captures the essence of our school community and reflects the dedication, resilience and commitment of our students and staff. We will be sharing highlights from the report on our social media channels over the coming weeks. I would like to thank our families for their ongoing trust and support and commend our students for the way they embody our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience every day – it truly was a team effort.

Recognising Staff Success

In other news, we were thrilled to celebrate staff success beyond the classroom. Miss Norton and Miss Goodliffe had the incredible opportunity to play at Twickenham last weekend, representing Yeovil Rugby Club. Not only was this a fantastic personal achievement, but they also secured two wins on the day. We are extremely proud of them—what a brilliant example of dedication, teamwork and excellence.

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Exams and assessments

This is a significant period for many of our students.

Our A Level and GCSE examinations are continuing, and we are incredibly proud of the mature and focused way in which students are approaching these important assessments. At the same time, our Year 7–9 students are beginning their end-of-year assessments, which will take place over the next three weeks. In addition, Year 12 mock examinations begin next week (w/c 8th June).

Across the school, students are demonstrating excellent commitment, resilience and determination. Thank you to our families for the vital role you play in supporting students at home during this busy time—it makes a real difference and sets them up with the best possible chance to succeed.

Attendance matters

Excellent attendance remains essential to success, particularly during this important assessment period. This week's attendance figures are:

- **Year 7:** 96.1%
- **Year 8:** 91.2%
- **Year 9:** 90.8%
- **Year 10:** 88.9%
- **Year 11:** 86.4%

A particular well done to **Year 7**, who continue to set a fantastic standard. As we move through this key half term, it is vital that all students attend regularly to maximise their learning and achievement. Even small improvements in attendance can have a significant impact.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring students attend school every day and arrive ready to learn.

What's coming up at SNHS next week

There are several exciting opportunities and important events taking place next week.

We are very pleased to be launching a new girls' rugby club, starting on Monday 8th June (3–4pm). This club, led by Ms Norton and Ms Goodliffe, is open to all year groups and is designed to introduce students to the sport in a fun, supportive and inclusive environment. Sessions will focus on engaging games, with safe introduction to physical elements over time. With both staff currently playing competitively—and fresh from their recent success at Twickenham—this is a fantastic opportunity for students to get involved and be inspired. We strongly encourage any interested students to attend.

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Year 12 mock examinations will also begin next week, marking an important milestone in their Sixth Form journey.

On Friday, we will be hosting the catch up Teenage Booster and HPV vaccination programme for those parents who have been contacted, ensuring students continue to receive important health support.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Mr M Motteram
Headteacher

