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Dear SNHS Families

Welcome to this week's Newsletter. As we reach the end of another busy and successful week, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on some of the fantastic experiences our students have enjoyed and look ahead to another exciting week.

At SNHS, we continue to see our students demonstrate our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, whether in the classroom, on educational visits, through sporting events or in the way they support one another each day. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of these values in action this week.

What has happened at SNHS this week

Year 6 Meet the Senior Leadership Team Evening

On Wednesday evening, we were delighted to host our rescheduled Year 6 Meet the Senior Leadership Team Event.

This was a brilliant opportunity to welcome our incoming Year 7 students and their families to the SNHS community and begin building the relationships that are so important to a successful start in secondary school. Our vision is that *"it takes a village to raise a child,"* and evenings such as this are a vital part of ensuring that the village we build around our young people starts with strong foundations before they even walk through our doors in September.

Students brought along items and artefacts that they were particularly proud of, and it was wonderful to see such a wide range of talents and achievements on display. Artwork, medals, trophies, handmade crafts, photographs, schoolwork and many other personal achievements gave us a fantastic insight into the interests, passions and personalities of our newest students.

It was equally valuable to spend time meeting families, making connections and learning more about what makes each child unique. This information will be shared with tutors and our Head of Year 7 as we continue to nurture the green shoots of the strong pastoral relationships that are so important to us at SNHS.

Year 10 Visit to the Royal Society, London

On Thursday, a group of our Year 10 students travelled to London to visit the Royal Society, the United Kingdom's independent academy of sciences and one of the world's most prestigious scientific institutions.

The visit provided students with an inspiring opportunity to engage with scientific thinking beyond the classroom, explore cutting-edge developments in science and gain insight into the work of leading researchers. Experiences such as these help broaden horizons, raise aspirations and demonstrate the many exciting pathways available through the study of science.

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Year 12 Visit to Solent University

Also on Thursday, our Year 12 students visited Solent University in Southampton as part of their higher education programme.

The visit gave students the opportunity to explore university life first-hand through campus tours, taster lectures and seminars. Exposure to higher education institutions is an important part of helping students make informed decisions about their future pathways and aspirations. We hope the experience provided plenty of inspiration and valuable insight into the opportunities available beyond Sixth Form.

Sixth Form Geography Field Trip to Swanage

On Wednesday, our Sixth Form Geography students visited Swanage for an important fieldwork opportunity.

Fieldwork remains a vital part of geographical study, allowing students to apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings, develop investigative skills and deepen their understanding of key concepts. Swanage provides an excellent environment for geographical enquiry, and students benefited enormously from being able to experience their learning first-hand. The weather was also a lot cooler than last week!

Year 7 and Year 8 House Sport

Monday and Tuesday saw our Year 7 and Year 8 students competing in House Sport, taking part in Rounders and Pickleball competitions.

There was a fantastic spirit shown throughout the events. Students demonstrated Respect for opponents and officials, Responsibility in representing their Houses positively and Resilience when faced with challenge. It was wonderful to hear students cheering one another on, encouraging teammates and showing loyalty and pride in their Houses. This is also pertinent as we build up towards Sports Day, held on the last Tuesday before we break up for Summer.

Year 7 Church Visit

On Monday, our Year 7 students visited St Peter's Church in Hinton as part of their Religious Education studies.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for students to experience first-hand the context behind their classroom learning. Being able to explore a place of worship and engage with its history, symbolism and significance helps bring learning to life and deepen understanding.

Year 11 Prom

Thursday evening saw our Year 11 Prom, and what a wonderful celebration it was!

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Students arrived in style, with an impressive array of vehicles making for some memorable entrances. The students looked incredibly smart, and it was fantastic to see them enjoying the evening together in such a positive and celebratory atmosphere. Their behaviour was impeccable and we received a number of complements from the staff working at the Royal Chase Hotel on their conduct and politeness.

Prom provided a fitting opportunity to recognise and celebrate a fantastic year group as they reach the end of their time at SNHS. We are immensely proud of everything they have achieved and would like to thank all staff and families who helped make the evening such a success.

What's coming up at SNHS next week

Year 9 House Sport

On Tuesday, it will be Year 9's turn to take part in House Sport, competing in Rounders, Softball and Pickleball.

We are looking forward to seeing the same fantastic levels of participation, teamwork and House spirit demonstrated by our younger year groups this week. These events provide a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves, support one another and continue showcasing our values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

Year 6 Step-Up Day

Tuesday also sees our eagerly anticipated Year 6 Step-Up Day.

We cannot wait to welcome our new students to SNHS for a fun, action-packed day as they begin preparing for their transition to secondary school. Students will have the opportunity to orientate themselves around the site, meet key staff, take part in a range of activities and begin forming friendships ahead of September. It promises to be an exciting and memorable day. We then host their parents for an Information Evening, sharing key and important updates and continuing our work on building strong foundations ahead of their September start. We look forward to welcoming one and all on this day.

Annual Awards Evening

On Thursday, we will host our Annual Awards Evening.

This is always one of the highlights of the school calendar, providing an opportunity to celebrate the exceptional achievements of our students. Awards will recognise academic excellence, outstanding attitude to learning, commitment, effort, personal growth and contribution to the wider life of the school.

We are incredibly proud of the many students who continually strive to do their best and embody the values of our school community. We look forward to celebrating their achievements alongside their families.

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Warm Weather Reminder

The forecast suggests warmer weather is set to return next week, although temperatures are expected to be lower than those experienced recently and there are currently no weather warnings in place. We will therefore continue with our normal school uniform expectations and full school days and do not anticipate any change to this.

Students are reminded to:

- Bring a water bottle to school each day.
- Wear a hat during social times if desired.
- Apply sun cream before coming to school.

Attendance Reminder – England v Mexico

We would like to wish the England's World Cup Team every success ahead of their fixture against Mexico in the early hours of Monday morning.

However, I would also like to politely remind families that attendance expectations and procedures remain unchanged. Students are expected to attend school at their normal time, and late arrival will not be authorised.

Attendance Matters

Last week, attendance was more variable than usual due to the exceptionally hot weather. We appreciate the challenges that families faced during the heatwave and thank everyone for their support in ensuring students attended school wherever possible.

As we look ahead to the final weeks of term, our focus is firmly on getting attendance figures back up and ensuring that any learning missed is quickly recovered. Every lesson counts, and with important curriculum content, assessments, and enrichment activities still taking place, regular attendance remains the single most important factor in helping students achieve their best.

We encourage all students to attend every day, arrive on time, and make the most of every learning opportunity. By working together, we can ensure that any lost learning is minimised and that all students finish the academic year positively and successfully.

Thank you once again for the continued support you have shown to the school this week. As always, I wish all our school community a lovely weekend.

Warm regards

Mr M Motteram
Headteacher

