



17th July 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Members of our SNHS Community

As we approach the end of another academic year, this week has perfectly captured so much of what makes SNHS such a special place. Our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, have been evident in abundance throughout a fantastic Activities Week.

What has happened at SNHS this week?

Activities Week 2026

This week our school has been transformed into a hive of enrichment, adventure, personal development and new experiences as students have taken part in Activities Week.

There is simply too much to fit into one newsletter! Across the week, students have embraced opportunities to learn beyond the classroom, develop new skills, make lasting memories with friends and staff, and challenge themselves in unfamiliar settings. Whether taking part in visits, practical activities, team challenges or creative experiences, students have represented the school fantastically and have demonstrated the values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience throughout.

As just a small selection, we have offered students opportunities with; Harry Potter World, Legoland, Go Ape High Ropes, Corfe Castle, Archery, Laser Tag, Reptiles, Water Fights, Martial Arts, Water Park, Mud Run and much much more!

Activities Week is an important part of our commitment to developing the whole child. The experiences students gain help build confidence, independence, teamwork and character.

Thank you to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly to organise and deliver such an extensive programme of opportunities for our students.

Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience

This week has also seen our Year 10 and Year 12 students out on work experience placements across the local area and beyond.

Work experience provides an invaluable opportunity for young people to gain first-hand insight into the world of work, explore possible future careers and develop the employability skills that employers value so highly. We have received excellent feedback from many placements, with students demonstrating professionalism, enthusiasm, reliability and maturity.

I would like to thank all of the businesses, organisations and employers who have supported our students by offering placements.

We are really proud of our students for stepping outside their comfort zones, embracing new challenges and representing SNHS so positively.

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I also would like to thank families for supporting this process - whether that has been driving students to placements, adapting meal-times or supporting their young person as they experience new levels of fatigue after a week at work!

French Trip 2026

Our students and staff on the French Trip have enjoyed an unforgettable experience exploring the rich history, culture and traditions of Northern France.

The group has visited a number of significant and fascinating locations, including Caen, Rouen, Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery, Honfleur and the magnificent Mont Saint-Michel. They have also had the opportunity to experience the celebrations and atmosphere surrounding Bastille Day, providing a unique insight into French culture and national identity - although slightly dampened by the French Football Team

These visits bring learning to life, helping students deepen their understanding of language, history and culture whilst developing their confidence, independence and global awareness. We are delighted that students have embraced every opportunity and have been excellent ambassadors for both our school and community.

What's coming up at SNHS next week?

The Last Week of Term

It is hard to believe that we have reached the final week of the academic year. Please take note of the following important arrangements:

Uniform Arrangements

As Activities Week concludes, students should return to wearing their summer blue school polo shirts on Monday. For this final week of term, we will continue with our adapted warm weather uniform arrangements, meaning PE shorts are permitted.

Please note that Year 10 are permitted to wear their own (appropriate) clothing on Monday as they are having their Sixth Form Experience day.

Monday - Year 10 Sixth Form Experience Day

Monday will be a normal school day, with students following their usual timetable and attending lessons as normal. The exception will be Year 10 students who have their Sixth Form Experience day. The Sixth Form experience day promises to be an exciting opportunity to showcase and sample subjects that we offer our students in Key Stage 5 and to experience life as a Sixth Form Student. We also have a number of 100 Club Reward Activities taking place across the day and congratulate students for their achievements in our rewards system.

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Tuesday – Sports Day

Tuesday is our eagerly anticipated Sports Day.

Students have already signed up for events and we encourage everyone to get involved, support their House and contribute to what is always one of the highlights of the school year. We look forward to seeing whether Barnes, Hardy, Raleigh or Thornhill emerge victorious when the final points are counted!

A reminder that Sports Day is not a public event. In line with previous years, families and members of the public are not permitted to attend as we do not have a designated spectator area available. We appreciate your understanding and support with this arrangement.

Students may wear their PE kit on Tuesday for Sports Day. Please be aware that we will also be fundraising with an ice cream/lolly sale just before Period 5 so students are welcome to bring in money for this.

Wednesday – Last Day of Term

Wednesday is the final day of term, and school will finish at 1:00pm.

The canteen will be open earlier in the day to allow students to purchase food before leaving site.

School transport arrangements have been amended, and bus services will operate at the earlier finish time. Students should wear their summer blue school polo shirts on Wednesday.

Attendance Matters

As we enter the final few days of the academic year, every lesson still matters. The final week provides valuable opportunities for reflection, celebration and preparation for September.

Thank you to all families who have supported strong attendance throughout the year. Consistent attendance remains one of the most significant factors in ensuring academic success and enabling students to feel fully connected to school life.

As we head into our final week, I would like to thank our students, families, staff and wider community for their continued support throughout the year. Activities Week has reminded us of the tremendous opportunities available to our young people and the strength of the community that surrounds them.

We look forward to a fantastic Sports Day and a positive finish to the term before students enjoy a well-deserved summer break. Please also be aware that I will write to families one final time next week to close the summer term.

Have a wonderful weekend

Warm regards

Mr M Motteram
Headteacher

