



# Parent/Carer Bulletin

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

## Thank you

We are delighted that so many parents and carers engaged with last week's newsletter and took the time to share their feedback with us. It was great to hear so many positive comments, and we appreciate your recognition of the hard work taking place at the school—it means a great deal to us.

A few issues were also brought to our attention, and we want to assure you that we are committed to addressing these. As we mentioned last week, if we know about something, we can deal with it.

We always encourage open communication and would much rather work together directly to find solutions. By doing so, we can continue to foster a strong, supportive school community.

On a different note, it has been another busy week in school with Year 11 and 13 mock examinations underway and activities around National Apprenticeship Week.

The next two newsletters will be 'special' editions, which will focus on a particular topic in depth – next week it is **SEND** and then **attendance** the first week back after half term.

## Keep feeding back

Thank you to those parents/carers who completed our feedback form. We will keep this open for the foreseeable future. Remember, for anything more urgent, you can always contact the school reception, who will put you in touch with the right person.

You can access the new form [HERE](#)

## Some quick feedback:

A couple of things we were able to quickly fix this week, thanks to your input, are:

Updating the 'dates for your diary' section of the newsletter with parents' evenings for the rest of the academic year.

Including the extra-curricular timetable in this issue so parents/carers know what is on offer for your children.

We will have 'special' bulletins that focus on what your children will study in each subject; the website contains some detailed information too, [Curriculum | Teesdale School and Sixth Form](#)

## Safeguarding update

Last week, our Year 8 students worked with St John's Ambulance to complete 'First Responder' first aid training which taught them how to manage a situation that required CPR, as well as how to practically support people if they were injured.

The students were exceptional and showed maturity and high levels of concentration and conduct. We are immensely proud of them.

In the future, we will be rolling this training out to other year groups. Watch this space!

## Extra-curricular clubs – is your child getting involved?

Extra-curricular clubs play a vital role in a well-rounded education, offering students the opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence, and form friendships outside of the classroom.

They also provide a healthy balance to academic studies, helping to reduce stress and improve overall wellbeing and most importantly they allow your children to have fun!

We offer lots of **FREE** activities and clubs for your children including sports, music, drama, academic clubs and lots more. The most up to date timetable can found [HERE](#).

### Fun time, lunch time

In addition to our regular clubs, we also we have 'fun time, lunch time' that provides students with the opportunity to try different activities over lunch.

**Years 7, 8 and 9** can attend the gym for 'garden games', they can go outside or go to the Vibrancy area/ N block to play board games.

**Years 10 and 11** can go to the main hall to play board games, or they can engage in 'garden games' or head outside.

### NSPCC Numbers Day

Last Friday, we encouraged students and staff to get involved in the NSPCC's 'Numbers Day'. This day was planned by our maths department. Students had the opportunity to take part in numerical games, activities and 'Dress up for Digits' and all to raise money to support the NSPCC's vital services like 'Speak out, Stay safe' and 'Childline'.

Together we raised £415.49p for the charity. An extended thank you must go to all those who donated cakes and made a donation.

Mrs Bevan said that she had 'literally never experienced a cake sale like a Teesdale cake sale!' – long may the cake eating continue!

### Dates for your diary, including parents' evenings:

Date	Event
Week of the 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 11 and 13 mock exams (2) continue You can find timetables for these: <a href="#">Exam information   Teesdale School and Sixth Form</a>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	All students break up for half term at 3:05pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	All students return to school at 8:40am
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	<b>Year 7</b> Parents' Evening (details to follow)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<b>Year 10</b> Parents' Evening (details to follow)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025	<b>Year 12</b> Parents' Evening (details to follow)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	<b>Year 8</b> Parents' Evening (details to follow)