John Spence
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



2nd October 2026

Weekly Parent Bulletin

As promised, below are a range of photos from our Pledge day last Friday - enjoy!



Some pupils spent pledge day just hanging around!



Gorgeous quayside views



Enjoying the grounds of Seaton Deleval Hall during Pledge Day



Didn't complete your homework...into the stocks you go!



Talk about a bad hair day...



We've got our hats at the ready!



Enjoying the great outdoors



Having fun about Town!



Learning about careers in the medical field

Key Notices



Year 9 Assessments

Year 9 students will sit their first cycle of subject assessments during the week of **October 19th**.

- **Tested Subjects:** Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, MFL, Technology, Music, and Computing.
- **Revision Period:** Starts October 5th. Teachers will set revision tasks in class and teach specific revision strategies.
- **Tracking Tasks:** Revision details and deadlines will be posted on Google Classroom and should also be noted in students' blue form books (kept in school bags daily).
- **Support:** While students are encouraged to show independence and resilience, parental encouragement and support are greatly appreciated.



Ready to Learn Routines: Equipment & Punctuality

Equipment

Student equipment available to purchase in school: Pencil case - £1. Pencil case with 2 pens, pencil, rubber and ruler - £1.50.

Please note, if a child attends school without a pencil case for multiple days in a row, we will provide them with one and inform you so you can pay via Parent Pay.

Punctuality

A reminder for students to be in by 8.25am so they are not late to Form. Any time after the 8.35am bell is late and results in a pastoral lunch detention.

Celebration of Good News

Y10 first GCSE Practical

A fantastic start for our Year 10 GCSE Food students in their very first practical! They made individual meringues from scratch and styled them with stunning, bakery-worthy detail. We are so impressed with their creativity and professional finish!





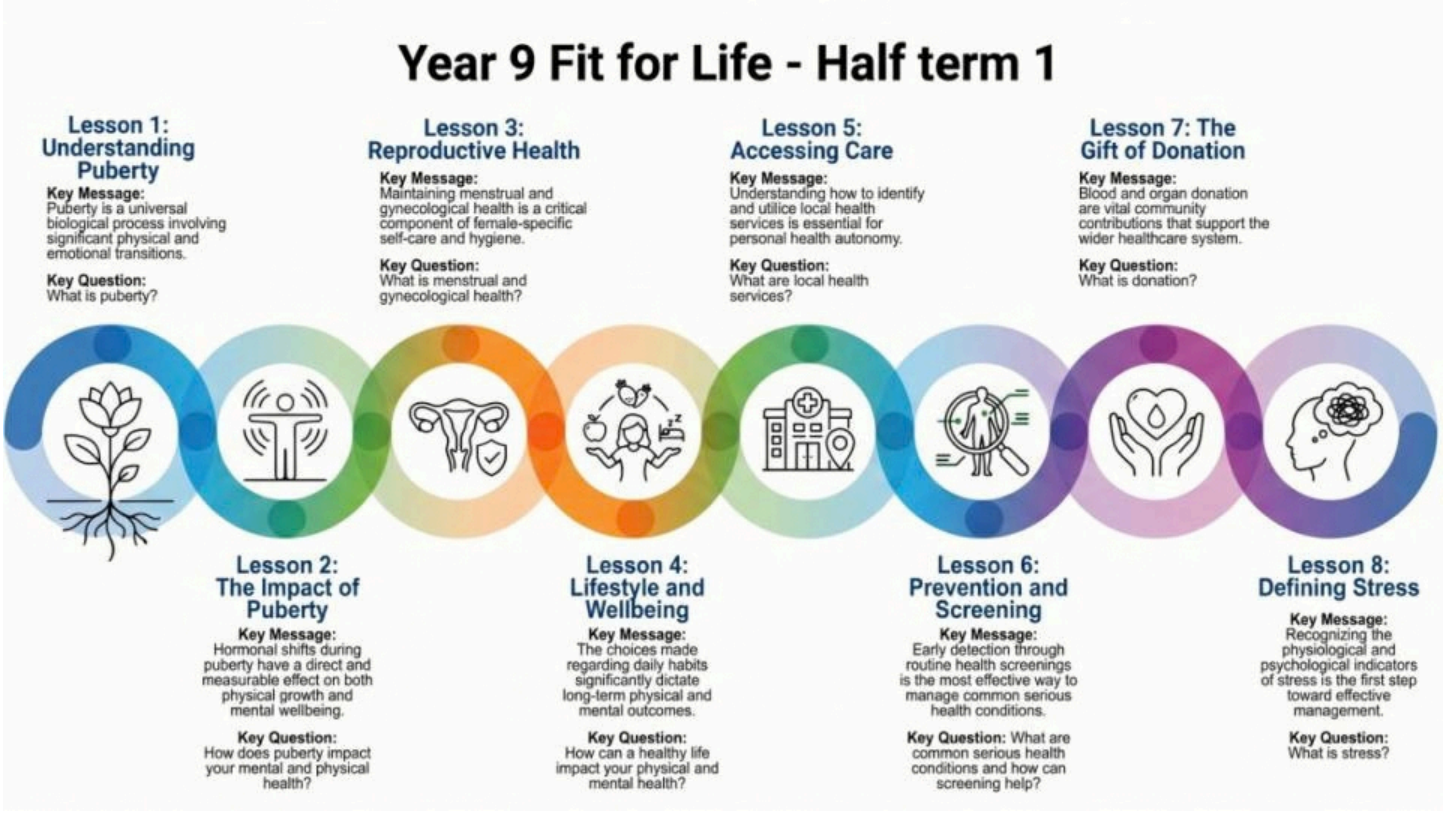
Fantastic Start for Our U15 Girls!

Our U15 Girls Football team kicked off their National Cup campaign in style on Wednesday with a brilliant 4–2 victory over a tough Bede Academy side! With the first win under their belts, they're officially through to the next round. After last season's incredible run all the way to the final, the big question is: can they do it again?

Fit for Life Lessons

Fit for Life: Weekly Curriculum Insights

This Week's Spotlight: Year 9 - Over the course of Half Term 1, Year 9 will explore key aspects of growing up, focusing on essential topics around puberty, health, and personal wellbeing. Take a look at the full lesson breakdown below:



Upcoming Events and Trips



Fit for Life Transition Programme

A quick note for Year 9 Fit For Life transition programme families: students in this cohort will be taking part in a cycling activity this Tuesday morning, running Periods 1–4.



Year 11 Information and Post 16 Options Evening

As your child prepares for their next big steps, we invite you to join our Year 11 Information Evening on Wednesday 7th October 5-6pm. It's a great opportunity to check on their progress, prepare for upcoming exams, and explore Post-16 pathways. Please complete this form if you will be attending.

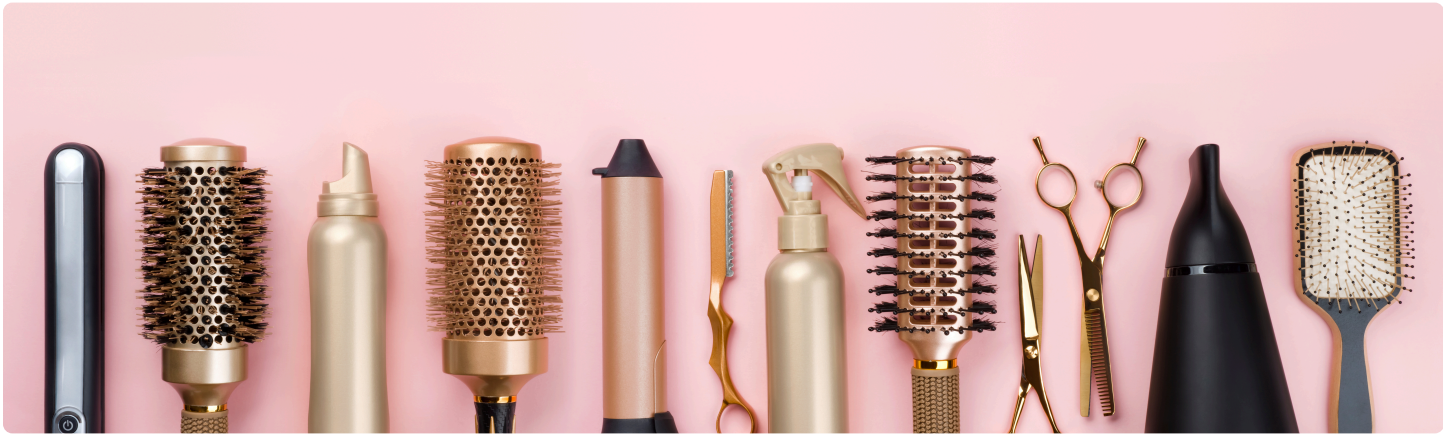
Student Opportunities





Thrive with Mrs Crowe

In my Thrive groups this week, we have been playing a brilliant game called 'Taco, Cat, Goat, Cheese, Pizza'. It helps the students with turn-taking, working memory and speaking in front of others, all while having a good laugh!



Beauty therapy enrichment for SEN

Every Wednesday lunchtime, Ms. Stallard hosts a popular Beauty Therapy enrichment class. Open to all students, this session is especially meaningful for our young people with special educational needs (SEN). By blending hands-on practical learning with essential communication and life skills, the class

gives students a wonderful space to build confidence, recognise their unique strengths, and celebrate their achievements.

With attendance regularly hitting the high 20s, it has quickly become a highlight of the week! It is a joy to get to know each student individually and see them truly thrive in a warm, relaxed environment.

Key Dates





Key Dates for this half term

- W/C Monday 5th October Y8 exams
- Wednesday 7th October Y11 post 16 options evening
- W/C Monday 12th October - Y11 Snapshot 1 exams
- W/C Monday 19th October Y9 exams
- Tuesday 20th October - Y7 BAE Systems STEM Roadshow (P1)
- Thursday 22nd October - Awards Evening
- Monday 26th - 30th October Half term

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