

SUMMER TERM 1 NEWSLETTER 2026



SCHOOL NEWS

Reflecting on a fantastic Summer Term 1...

Spring Term 2 gave us a wonderful foundation to carry into the summer, with students returning after Easter full of energy and ready to learn. Summer Term 1 has been an incredibly positive and productive half term, with students continuing to grow in confidence, independence and resilience.

Huge congratulations to all students who sat their NCFE Functional Skills Entry, Level 1, and Level 2 exams this term. The dedication and hard work shown in preparing for these qualifications have been outstanding, and we are extremely proud of every student who rose to the challenge. Well done!

Thank you to our dedicated staff and supportive families for their continued support. Together, we look forward to an exciting Summer Term 2 as we head towards the end of the academic year.

Mr Birkenhead, Headteacher.

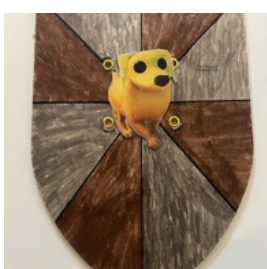


Outstanding Achievements

Throughout Summer Term 1, our Outstanding Achievement Awards highlighted students who went above and beyond in their learning and engagement. Staff nominated learners who stood out in History, Physical Education, Art and PSHE, to mention a few.

We also saw many pupils showing enthusiasm and a can-do attitude when completing their DoFE, Outreach sessions and across the school. It's uplifting to see so many achievements across our broad curriculum. We're excited to build on this success as we move into the summer term.

Well done to everyone recognised...



Yr 7 History



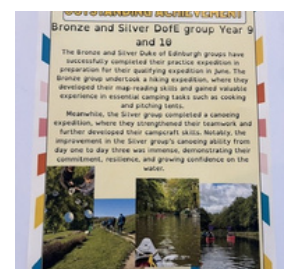
Yr 7 PE



Yr 9 Art Award



Yr 9 PSHE



Yr 9/10 DoFE

Events Calendar

The RHS Summer Term 1 calendar has been full of engaging and memorable events, highlighting our school ethos, active participation and shared passion for learning.

St George's Day - Encouraging creativity, imagination and celebrating British culture.

To celebrate St George's Day, students took part in a "Design a Dragon" competition. The entries showcased an impressive range of creativity, imagination, and artistic talent. Students carefully designed unique dragons, each with its own distinctive features, colours, and characteristics. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and originality demonstrated throughout the competition, and all participants should be proud of their imaginative creations



Design a Dragon Competition

World Earth day- Helping students to understand and care about the planet we live on.



We celebrated World Earth Day by engaging our students in hands-on, creative, and environmentally focused activities. In Art, students designed and built bird boxes, bee hotels, and colourful decorations to enhance our woodland area and support local wildlife.

At breaktime, students also took part in a school litter pick, helping to keep our grounds clean while learning the importance of caring for their environment. Together, these activities encouraged teamwork, creativity, and a shared commitment to protecting our planet.

Mental Health Awareness Week- Educate and empower students to understand and care for their mental health and well-being.



We celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week with our students in a variety of meaningful ways. On Thursday, 14th May, staff and students wore something green to show their support. Throughout the week, we also used PSHE and Art lessons to promote understanding and encourage open conversations about mental health.

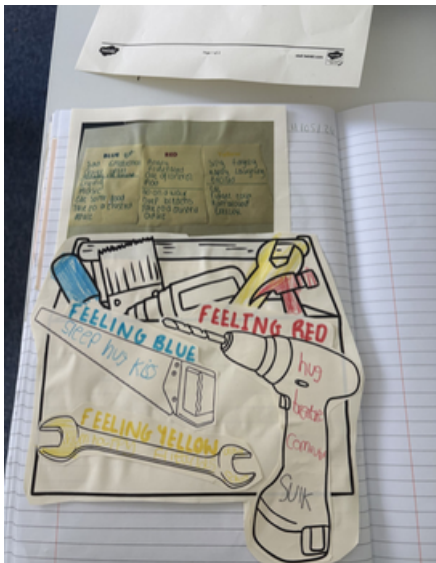
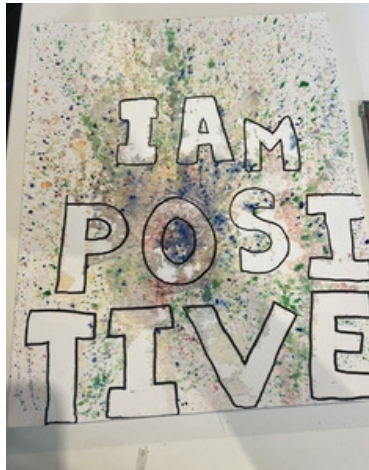
On Friday, we hosted an outdoor breakfast picnic for staff and students, where everyone enjoyed pastries, fruit, and yoghurts. Staff also joined students in a range of outdoor games, helping to create a positive, supportive atmosphere for the whole school community.



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Artwork and PSHE lessons focusing on Mental Health Awareness Week.

Educational Visits

Year 8 pupils took part in a successful school trip to the Liverpool World Museum, where they explored exhibits that supported their Key Stage 3 curriculum in history, science, and world cultures. They engaged thoughtfully with the displays, asked insightful questions, and showed a strong interest in extending their classroom learning. The visit provided a memorable and meaningful opportunity to deepen their understanding of the topics they are studying.



Liverpool World Museum

Celebrating Sport and DofE success

The KS3 Football team competed in the AP Football League organised by The Lancashire Alternative Provision Sports Network. The fixtures were held at Accrington Stanley Sports Hub. The boys represented the school with a fantastic attitude and competed against schools from across Lancashire. Throughout this term, our Year 7 class took part in Lancashire's SEND Cricket Event at Farington's impressive new cricket ground. The students represented the school with pride, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. After competing in several challenging innings, they finished the tournament in 6th place – a result that reflects their effort, resilience, and positive attitude.



Football Tournament



Cricket Tournament



DofE



DofE

The Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups have shown strong commitment this year, making excellent progress across their physical, skills and volunteering sections. In May, both groups completed their practice expeditions, with the Bronze group undertaking a two-day walk and overnight camp—often for the first time—and the Silver group completing a three-day canoeing expedition with two nights camping, impressing staff with their determination, resilience and growing enjoyment of the outdoors.



Careers and Post 16 Support...

During Summer Term 2, our KS4 and KS5 students will have an extended opportunity to take part in a series of activities designed to help them prepare for life after school. These will include practice 'mock' interviews, guided sessions on completing college and job applications, and supported time to explore different pathways available to them.

Students will spend time creating or updating their CVs and personal statements, making sure they clearly show their strengths, experiences, and future goals. These sessions will help students feel more prepared and confident when making decisions about further education, training, or employment. Our mock interviews will give them the chance to build communication skills, ask questions, and gain real insight into what to expect in the next stage of their journey.

Summer Term – Transitions and Final Steps

- Transition Support: Continued help with college visits, transitions and travel arrangements.
- Lancashire SEND Liaison: Continue to work with Lancashire SEND services to ensure a smooth transition.
- Final Updates & Reassurance.

Please see the careers roadmap for Years 11 to 14.

If you have any questions, the school office can arrange a call with the post-16 and careers team.



Supporting our families

We want to remind parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) that support is available throughout Lancashire.

Lancashire County Council's SEND Local Offer also provides a wealth of resources for families, including activities, SEN support in schools, and advice on Education, Health and Care (EHC) plans. Explore their full range of services here: lancashire.gov.uk/SEND.

For additional support throughout the year, you may wish to check local family hubs, SEND parent groups and community events listed on the Local Offer. This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents and share experiences, and remember, you're not alone.

Please email the school office if you have any questions in relation to additional support for you and your family.



Looking ahead to Summer Term 2...

A massive thank you to our students, parents and staff for their continued dedication and hard work. Your passion, commitment and positivity are what make our school community so vibrant and inspiring.

As we move into Summer Term 2, there is plenty to look forward to. Our calendar will include:

- **Pride Month-** Pride Month is celebrated in our school to promote equality, respect, inclusion, and support for LGBTQ+ students, staff, and families.
- **Environment Day-** Environment Day is celebrated in our school to promote environmental awareness and inspire students to care for and protect the environment.
- **D-Day -** D-Day will be commemorated in our school to remember the bravery and sacrifice of the soldiers who took part in this important event in History.
- **National School Sports Week-** National School Sports Week will be celebrated in our school to encourage physical activity, teamwork, and healthy lifestyles among students.
- **World Cup Football-** We will celebrate the FIFA World Cup 2026 in our school through various activities to share the excitement of the tournament and encourage a love of football among students.
- **Duke of Edinburgh-** Students will complete their Bronze, Silver or Gold Expeditions.

In addition, a variety of other exciting activities and events are planned to inspire, engage and celebrate our students.

We're excited for all the wonderful things the Summer Term will bring