



Sheffield Springs Academy Newsletter

MAY HALF TERM 2026 EDITION

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Message from the Principal

Welcome to this half term's newsletter, and what a half term it has been!

I would like to say a huge well done to our incredible year 11s who have shown so much ambition and determination in their GCSE exams so far. I am incredibly proud of them all.

This time of year is always bittersweet when it comes to year 11; on one hand I am so proud of them and looking forward to seeing them move on to college and sixth form but on the other hand I will miss them when they leave, they are an incredibly special year group.

On the subject of exams, I would also like to wish year 10 lots of luck for the next half term as they begin their mock exams and prepare to become the next year 11 cohort.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, especially as we are being promised a long-awaited heat wave. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Monday 1 June at the normal time.

Warm Regards,
Claire Cartledge
Principal





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Key Dates for your Diary

Students return to school - Monday 1st June

Y9 Warner Brothers Trip - Monday 1st June

Duke of Edinburgh Trip - 5th June - 6th June

Y10 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Trip - 12th June - 13th June

Holderness Coast Trip Y8 - Monday 15th June & Wednesday 17th June

Y10 Mock Exams Start - Monday 15th June

Y7 Careers Workshop - Thursday 25th June

Y10 Mock Exams & Y11 Exams End- Friday 26th June

Y10 Work Experience Week - Tuesday 30th June - Friday 3rd July

Y10 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip - Monday 29th June

Y11 Prom - Wednesday 1st July

Y7 Nebula Stempfest - Thursday 2nd July

Springs Summer Showcase - Thursday 2nd July

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Expedition - Thursday 2nd July - Sunday 5th July

Sports Day - Tuesday 7th July

Y6 Early Risers - Wednesday 8th July - Thursday 9th July

Thornbridge Trip - Monday 13th July - Wednesday 15th July

End of Summer Term - Friday 19th July

**You can now view all our term dates
for 2026-2027 on our website!**

[Click here to view](#)



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Welcoming our Future Year 7 Students!

Our Year 6 Welcome Evening was a tremendous success. It was wonderful to welcome so many pupils and families to our academy as they began their transition journey with us. The enthusiasm and excitement shown throughout the evening reflected the strong sense of community we are proud to foster.

A big thank you to our current students who helped welcome and facilitate the evening alongside some of our key staff, you represented the academy with pride!



Our Year 6 pupils are now in the middle of their SATs assessments, and we would like to wish them every success during this important time. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, resilience, and positive attitude.

We gathered a few of our staff and current Year 7s to say a huge GOOD LUCK to you during this time, [click here](#) to give it a watch!





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A Busy Half-Term for our Careers Team!

This half term, our careers programme has focused on supporting Year 11 students with their next steps, while helping Year 10 prepare for work experience.

Year 10 recently took part in **Mock Employer Interviews**, impressing business volunteers with their confidence, presentation skills and preparation. It was fantastic to see them developing key employability skills and beginning to think about their future pathways.

We continue to support students in securing placements for **Work Experience Week (29th June – 3rd July)**. As the **placement confirmation deadline of 29th May approaches**, we encourage families to ensure arrangements are finalised. Students without a confirmed placement will be expected to attend school as normal. Our careers team remains available to support anyone still needing to secure a placement.

Finally, a reminder that our careers team **continues to support Year 11 students after they leave**, offering guidance on post-16 options, applications and interviews.

Please keep an eye on our social media channels for the latest updates and opportunities.





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Celebrating Student Character and Community Connecton

At Sheffield Springs Academy, we are incredibly proud of the way our students continue to demonstrate outstanding character while making a meaningful difference in our local community. Over recent months, our young people have embraced opportunities to grow, give back, and represent the academy with pride.

One of the highlights has been our exciting partnership with **Titans Boxing Gym**, where students have taken part in community boxing sessions. These sessions have not only supported physical wellbeing but have also helped build resilience, discipline, and confidence - qualities we value highly across the academy.



We have also been recognising and rewarding positive character in a special way. Students who have been "caught" demonstrating kindness, integrity, and responsibility have been awarded **tickets to Sheffield United games**. This initiative has been hugely popular and serves as a reminder that positive actions are noticed and celebrated.



Our Year 11 students have shown exceptional commitment this year, with many successfully graduating from the **Access to Sheffield** scheme. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects their hard work, ambition, and readiness for the next stage of their journey.



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Beyond the classroom, our students have made a significant impact in the community. We have seen fantastic engagement in activities such as:

- **Litter picking**, helping to keep our local environment clean and cared for
- **Volunteering at the Spires Dementia Café**, where students have shown compassion and respect supporting members of the community
- **Working in community gardens**, contributing to shared spaces and learning valuable life skills

These experiences are helping our students understand the importance of service, empathy, and being active citizens.



We were also delighted to welcome **Andrew**, a motivational speaker from the hit TV show **The Traitors**, who shared his inspiring journey with our students. His message about perseverance, self-belief, and resilience resonated strongly and left a lasting impact on everyone who attended.

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch our **Community Health Walks**. These walks are open to everyone and will provide a fantastic opportunity to come together, stay active, and discuss important issues affecting our local community. We hope to see many of our families and neighbours joining us as we continue to strengthen our connections.

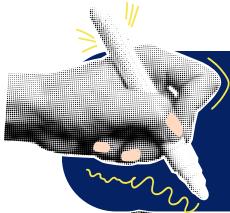
At Sheffield Springs Academy, we remain committed to developing not just academic success, but strong character and a deep sense of community. We are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to seeing even more positive impact in the months ahead.



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Make This Half Term Count

Year 11 students have been great so far in their GCSE exams. Below are a few tips to help students over the half-term break to prepare for the remaining exams -



Revise SMART

Test yourself regularly (flashcards, quizzes etc.). Don't just re-read notes - make your brain work and focus on topics you find difficult.



Manage Your Time

Revise in 30-45 minute chunks and make sure you're taking short breaks in-between



Understand the Exam

Make sure you know command words.

Describe = what

Explain = why/how

Evaluate = both sides & judgement



Look After Yourself

Sleep 7-9 hours every night, eat properly, and stay hydrated. Make sure you're taking breaks and managing stress.



During the Exam

Make sure you read every question carefully, use the marks to guide how much you write. Start with questions you feel confident with and if you get stuck, move on and return later. If you have time, check through your answers.



Final Message

Stay consistent. Do the basics well. Believe in your effort.

Your preparation now will make the difference - *you've got this!*



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Pride of Yorkshire - Meet our Lion Cub!

Meet Bluebell - our Sheffield Springs Academy lion cub 🦁

We've been involved with **Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity** Pride of Yorkshire trail. Our students have painted our lion cub using inspiration from the ancient woodland of Sheffield and our protected native bluebells.

We're seeking to raise £1000 to support Sheffield Children's Hospital, if you'd like to support then you can [click here](#).



Stop the Bleed UK 2026

This term we were joined by some visitors for Stop the Bleed Day UK.

All our Year 7 took part in vital training on how to respond to catastrophic bleeding. This session taught our students lifesaving skills, including applying pressure, packing wounds and using tourniquets.

A big thank you to our visitors and staff who helped make this day happen!





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Movefest 2026

What an unforgettable experience!

Mrs Head and 23 incredible performers took to the stage at the Crucible Theatre and absolutely shone. Performing as part of Movefest, their piece “We’re All In This Together” celebrated teamwork, unity, and the power of performance - and they delivered it brilliantly.

We are so proud of every single student for their confidence, commitment, and passion on such a prestigious stage.





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