Sherburn High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful break. We are very much looking forward to what is always a vibrant, productive, and event-filled Half Term 2 - including my very first Sherburn High School Christmas Dinner Day!

This half term, we are delighted to welcome three new members of staff to our team: Phillippa Lee and Evie Bolton, who join us as Teaching Assistants, and Molly Barnett, our new Receptionist. Notably, both Evie and Molly are former students of Sherburn High School. It was an absolute pleasure to interview them both and to welcome them back to our school community in a professional capacity.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 7 parents and carers joining us in school for the Maths Parent-Student Project morning just before the half-term break. Collaborative events like these play a vital role in supporting students as they settle into high school life.

Spotlight on Post-16: Thank you to everyone who attended our Post-16 Open Evening on 15th October. The turnout was fantastic. Our long-standing consortium with Tadcaster Grammar School enables us to offer an exceptionally broad and flexible curriculum to students across both schools. Looking ahead, our Sixth Form students are looking forward to their residential trip to Edinburgh on 25th and 26th November. Our Year 12 cohort have settled into their studies with great maturity, and we look forward to welcoming Year 13 parents to our upcoming in-person Progress Evening to discuss preparation and revision strategies for this summer's A-Level examinations.

Year 11 Progress & Support: We are completing the final few days of the Year 11 PPE examinations. The conduct, focus, and sheer hard work shown by Year 11 over the past few weeks have made us incredibly proud. As highlighted during our Supporting Success evening, Year 11 is demanding, but the hours of dedication and revision will undoubtedly pay off when results day arrives next summer. Next Thursday, Year 11 students will take part in our Post-16 Discovery Day, offering them hands-on experience in potential Post-16 subjects. To ensure every student receives personalised guidance for their next steps, myself, Mr Ralphs, and Miss Jackson will also be scheduling dedicated appointments during the Year 11 Parents' Evening in January.

Sporting Success at Sherburn

In addition to strong performances from our Netball and Football teams, with multiple year groups advancing into the later rounds of the County Cups, our Rugby teams have celebrated significant success, please read the message from Mr Worsley below:

Sherburn High School Rugby | Yorkshire Cup Qualification

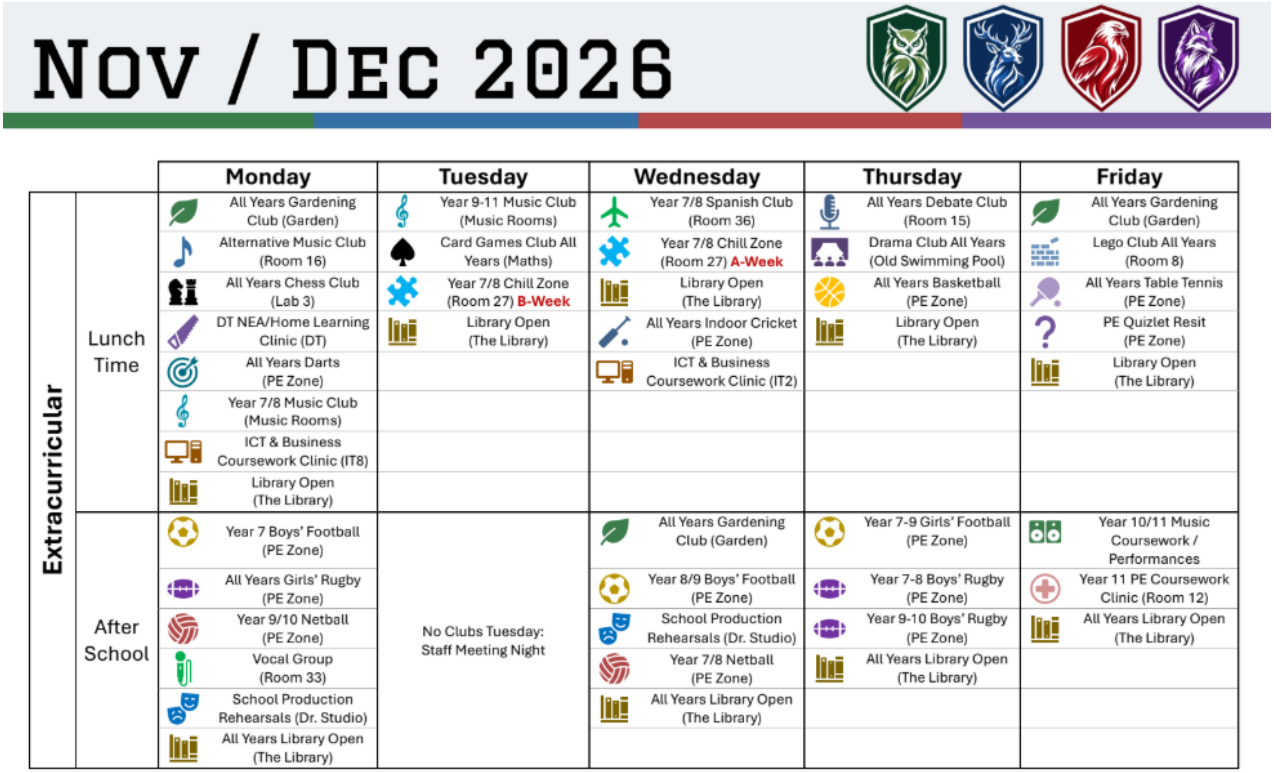
Last year, Years 7–9 entered the Yorkshire Plate, marking the first time the school fielded multiple teams in a county-wide rugby competition. Following impressive performances in the York Knights competitions, our Year 7, 9, and 10 teams have all qualified for the prestigious Yorkshire Cup! This achievement represents a significant milestone for our boys' rugby programme, allowing our students to test themselves against the finest school teams in Yorkshire. Should any team exit the Cup, they will join our Year 8s in the Yorkshire Plate, ensuring continued competitive 13-a-side fixtures. This progress is a testament to the dedication of our students and coaching staff.

Facilities Update: Looking ahead to the summer months, we are currently working to look to install additional air conditioning units in selected classrooms to ensure a more comfortable learning environment

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during potential summer heatwaves. With this in mind there also will be some small changes to our Summer Uniform starting in Half Term 6 (June–July), we will be transitioning away from coloured polo t-shirts back to our standard school uniform without blazers, with shorts continuing to be optional. Full details will be shared before Christmas.

Enrichment: Please find below the updated Extra-Curricular and Enrichment timetable for Half Term 2. We encourage all students to participate in at least one club or activity.



+ Dissection Club this half term, date TBC (Year 10-13)
+ Year 11 Rewards Trip 4th December 2026

Key Dates for Your Diary - Half Term 2

Date	Event
Friday 6th November	Year 12 Reports Issued
Thursday 12th November	Year 11 Post-16 Discovery Day
Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th November	Year 11 Examined Business Studies Pitches
Friday 20th November	Year 10 & Year 13 Reports Issued
Monday 23rd November	SEND Coffee Morning [times TBC]
Monday 23rd November	Year 13 Progress Evening
Tuesday 24th – Wednesday 25th November	Sixth Form Residential Trip to Edinburgh
Friday 27th November	Training Day (*School Closed to Students*)
Friday 27th November	Year 11 Reports Issued [including PPE results]
Monday 30th November & Wednesday 2nd December	Year 11 Art & Photography Practical PPE Exams
Thursday 3rd December	Year 9 Reports Issued
Friday 4th December	Year 11 Reward Trip to York
Tuesday 8th December	Year 11 Drama PPE Practical (Periods 5 & 6)

Date	Event
Wednesday 9th December	Sixth Form Ice-Skating at McArthur Glen (4:30pm)
Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December	Year 7 First 50 Days Celebration Event
Friday 11th December	Year 11 Priority Deadline for Sixth Form Applications
Monday 14th – Friday 18th December	Year 13 PPE 3 Examinations
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 18th December	Last Day before Christmas Break (school will close at 12.25)
Tuesday 5th January	All students back to school for start of HT 3

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Thank you for your ongoing partnership and continued support of Team Sherburn.



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