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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we rapidly approach the end of the academic year, it has been an incredibly busy and productive few weeks across all year groups. From essential exams to enriching field trips and milestone celebrations, our students have shown immense dedication, especially during our most recent heatwave! Our Humanities departments have been making the most of the summer weather to bring learning to life outside the classroom:

- The Year 10 Geography Rivers Trips Students headed out in separate groups over two days to conduct vital fieldwork, investigating river features and putting their classroom theory into practice.
- Our Year 8 Geographers visited the stunning landscape of Malham Cove to study limestone scenery, demonstrating fantastic curiosity and teamwork.
- The Year 10 Historians stepped back in time across two separate days this week, exploring the rich heritage of Temple Newsam to support their upcoming exam modules.
- Our Sixth Formers visited Leeds Beckett University to explore higher education options, apprenticeships, and career pathways, giving them plenty of inspiration for their next steps.

Exams and academic progress

- The Year 7 academic reports were issued to Year 7 families. We hope you enjoyed celebrating their progress and identifying targets for the remainder of the year.
- Our Year 9 students showed great maturity and focus as they sat their mastery exams, a key milestone as they prepare to transition into Key Stage 4.
- Year 12 have been undertaking their second round of Pre-Public Examinations this week. Their focused attitude in the exam hall has been exemplary.

Celebrations

- Year 11 Prom - A massive congratulations to our Year 11s, who celebrated the end of their exams in style at their Prom at Hazelwood Castle on Tuesday evening. They looked spectacular [see below]. We wish them a well-deserved summer break!



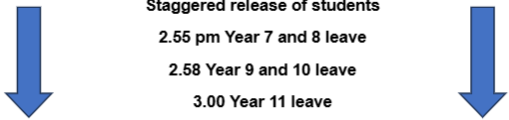
Looking Ahead: Preparation for Next Academic Year

A core priority for us moving forward is ensuring that we are rewarding our students consistently for their hard work, kindness, and brilliant daily contributions to school life. To ensure excellence never goes unnoticed, we will be utilising ClassCharts much more dynamically to track and celebrate positive behaviour in real time. We want our students to feel proud of their achievements every single day, which is why we are focussing on the following:

- A New Approach to 'Super Sixes': We are revitalising this initiative to spotlight students who consistently model our core school values.
- Queue Jumps & Reward Breakfasts: Popular everyday perks, including midday lunch queue-jumps and special celebratory breakfasts with leadership teams, will be regularly awarded.
- Tangible Recognition: Keep an eye on your emails and school bags! We will be actively celebrating milestones with formal certificates and personalised rewards postcards sent directly home to families.
- Hot chocolate with the Headteacher: A weekly opportunity for me to celebrate our students' hard work.

As we look toward the new academic year, we are committed to continually refining our school day to ensure the best possible environment for our students. Before the summer I will be sharing our new Daily Routines Booklet, which outlines our expectations, timetables, and structures for September. Please take some time to review this with your child, we will be running assemblies during the first day back to explain these changes to systems and structures in person. You will notice a move to a single lunchtime across school and an extended lunch and break time.

Timings of the school day 2026 - 2027

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Lesson 1	8:30 a.m.	to	9:00 a.m.
Lesson 2	9:00 a.m.		10:00 a.m.
Lesson 3	10:00 a.m.		11:00 a.m.
Break	11:00 a.m.		11:20 a.m.
Lesson 4	11:20 a.m.		12:20 p.m.
Lunch	12:20 pm		1:00 p.m.
Lesson 5	1:00 p.m.		2:00 p.m.
Lesson 6	2:00 p.m.		3:00 p.m.
 <p>Staggered release of students 2.55 pm Year 7 and 8 leave 2.58 Year 9 and 10 leave 3.00 Year 11 leave</p>			

To give you a preview of some positive changes ahead, we will be trialling a single, unified lunchtime during the final two weeks of this term. Moving away from "split lunches" will dramatically reduce disruptions to learning, as students will no longer be moving around the corridors while other classes are learning. Crucially, this allows us to open up the entire school site and launch a significantly expanded extra-curricular timetable. These will include a wider variety of opportunities including the below:

- Academic and Enrichment: NEA Intervention, Homework Club, Debating Club, KS3 History club, Exam Prep & Revision, Reading/Book Club, Diversity Club.
- Creative: Music, Drama & Arts, Film Club, Games/Lego Club, ICT & Coding Access, Gardening Club, PE Clubs/teams and football every lunchtime for all year groups.
- Wellbeing and Support: Mindfulness Sessions, Mental Health Groups, "Chill Zones" & Relaxed Spaces, ELSA Drop-in Sessions.

A full timetable of enrichment opportunities will be shared with students and parents in September. We are incredibly excited about the opportunities this broader offer will bring to our community, and we look forward to seeing our students thrive during a wider range of extra-curricular opportunities next year.

I will be writing to all parents again before the summer break to share some staffing updates and some more important changes for 2026-27, alongside some proposed building developments as our school continues to grow in student intake every year.

Key Dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Tues 30th June	Yr 10 Discovery Day
Wed 1st and 2nd July	Yr 6 Transition Days
Fri 3rd July	Yr 8 reports issued
Fri 3rd July	Yr 13 Prom
w/c 6th July	KS3/4 Celebration breakfasts
Thurs 9th July	Team Sherburn Summer Showcase
Fri 10th July	Yr 9 reports issued
w/c 13th July	Yr 12 work experience
Tues 14th July	SPORTS DAY
Wed 15th July	The Sherbies awards evening
Thurs 16th July	Rewards Trips

As always I encourage you and others within our community to follow our **social media pages** to see students' success stories and daily updates.

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

Have a great weekend,



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