

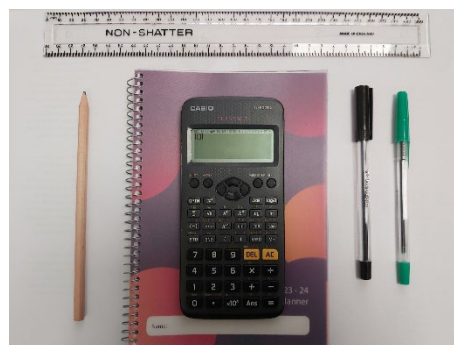


15th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am wishing you a Happy New Year and I am pleased to report it has been a really positive return to school in term 3. This term we are having a focus on equipment and routines during tutor time and are checking students' equipment every day, so that we ensure that they have the right equipment to learn. We have given tutors and Heads of Year spare equipment, so students never arrive to lessons unequipped. A reminder that students should have the following:

- A black or blue pen and green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Planner
- Calculator



If your child regularly attends without the correct equipment, your child's tutor will give you a follow up call to inform you. Students are expected to put their equipment on an "equipment mat" at the start of every morning tutor time. An example of the mat is above.

Lunchtime spaces

As the weather becomes colder, we have given dedicated indoor spaces to each Year group, so that they have a warm and dry place to sit each lunchtime and breaktime.

Year Group	Location
Year 7	A9
Year 8	Main hall and foyer
Year 9	Main hall and foyer
Year 10	H1 and H2
Year 11	H3 and H4

Assemblies and upcoming Ofsted visit

Last week I delivered assemblies on our school values, and I reminded students about the new equipment and spaces they have available to them at break and lunchtime. I also talked about our upcoming visit from Ofsted, which will happen any time from next term. I talked about what Ofsted asked us to improve during their last visit in December 2022 and what a crucial part the students had to play in the outcome of the inspection. When we get the notification, I will write to you to let you know where you can give feedback about the school, its leadership and the experience your child gets. You also have an important role to play in completing the Ofsted questionnaire.

Rescheduled Inset Day

Due to the number of changes that I have made since my arrival, I have had to reschedule a training day into this term, and this will be on Friday 9th February. This has been moved from Thursday 11th July, which was Turnaround Day 1 (all students will now be in school on Thursday 11th July). Rescheduling the day will enable

me to have dedicated time with my staff to ensure the whole school priorities are delivered and that students continue to get a great experience. This inset day will focus on explicit vocabulary instruction and how best to support students who are vulnerable and on the SEND register. During this day, some SEND students and their parents will be invited in to review their child's SEND plan and carry out a review of their provision.

New Antibullying policy

We have written a new antibullying policy that is due to go to governors later this term, and we would like feedback from our parents and students. The policy can be found [here](#) and any comments can be emailed to this email address. bullyingpolicy@sheldonschool.co.uk

Term 3 extra-curricular clubs

These should now be found on Epraise over the next week or so, and a list, location and times of the 40+ clubs this term can be found below. Students can just turn up to these clubs or sign up on Epraise.

Sheldon School Lunch Clubs - Term 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chess Club A1, 12:30pm-1pm All Year Groups MMH	Chess Club S2, 12:20pm-12:40pm Y7 EMS	Chess Club Library, 12:30pm-12:50pm All Year Groups TBR	Chess Club A2, 12:30pm-1pm All Year Groups Mr Sandford	Chess Club A11, 12:20pm-12:50pm All Year Groups Youth Group
Table Tennis A1, 12:30pm-1pm All Year Groups EMS	Table Tennis S2, 12:20pm-1pm All Year Groups EMS	Table Tennis Library, 12:30pm-1pm All Year Groups CLP	Table Tennis A2, 12:30pm-1pm All Year Groups CLP	Table Tennis A11, 12:20pm-1pm All Year Groups CLP
Multi-faith Prayer Space Open daily in V17 from 12:20pm-12:50pm and 3:00pm-3:30pm	Multi-faith Prayer Space Open daily in V17 from 12:20pm-12:50pm and 3:00pm-3:30pm	Multi-faith Prayer Space Open daily in V17 from 12:20pm-12:50pm and 3:00pm-3:30pm	Multi-faith Prayer Space Open daily in V17 from 12:20pm-12:50pm and 3:00pm-3:30pm	Multi-faith Prayer Space Open daily in V17 from 12:20pm-12:50pm and 3:00pm-3:30pm

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Sheldon School After School Clubs - Term 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chess Club A2, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Chess Club S2, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Chess Club Library, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Chess Club A2, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Chess Club A11, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP
Table Tennis A2, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Table Tennis S2, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Table Tennis Library, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Table Tennis A2, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP	Table Tennis A11, 3pm-4pm All Year Groups CLP
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Homework timetable

The new homework timetable launched last term will continue this term, a small survey will be sent out towards the end of the term to gauge feedback from parents and students.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Key Stage 3	Week 1	English Geography	ICT* PE**	Mathematics Languages	Science History	PSRE* Drama
	Week 2	English Art	DT Music	Mathematics Languages	Science Dance	
Key Stage 4	Weeks 1 and 2	English Option A	PE Option B	Mathematics Option C	Science Option D	PSRE*

* Homework will be set 2 times per term for this subject

** Homework will be set at the end of units of study for this subject

Finally, I want to wish our Year 11 and Year 13 students all the best this week in their mock exams and hope they are being the best they can be.

Best wishes



Pete Lynch
Headteacher

Key Dates document

Term 3 begins for pupils	Thursday 4 January 2024	SDD Days School Open for staff Tues/Wed 2-3 Jan 2024 9 th Feb 2024 SDD DAYS School Closed Mon/Tues 22-23 July
February half term	Friday 9th Feb 2024 – Fri 16 Feb 2024	
Easter holiday	Fri 29 March 2024 – Fri 12 April 2024	
Half term break	Mon 27 May 2024 – Fri 31 May 2024	
Summer term ends	Fri 19 July school finishes 12.30pm	

Open Mornings 24-25 Jun 2024	Parents' Evenings Years 7-9 - 4:00pm – 6:30pm all f2f Year 7 L side Tues 23 Apr 2024 Year 7 R side Thurs 02 May 2024 Year 8 L side Thurs 09 May 2024 Year 8 R side Mon 13 May 2024 Year 9 L side Weds 21 Feb 2024 Year 9 R side Mon 26 Feb 2024 Years 10-13 – 3:45pm – 6:45pm (f2f) Years 10-13 – 4:00pm – 7:00pm (virtual) Year 10 Tues 16 Jan 2024 (virtual) Year 11 Tues 19 March 2024 (f2f) Year 12 Thurs 18 April 2024 (f2f) Year 13 Weds 27 Mar 2024 (f2f)	Parent Information Evenings Year 13 Thurs 18 th Jan (tbc) Year 8/9 Thurs 25 Jan 2024 All Years Tues 26 March 2024 Year 7/8 Tues 30 April 2024 Year 12 Tues 18 th June (tbc) Year 9/10 Tues 25 June 2024 Year 6 Open Evening Weds 26 Jun 2023 Year 9 Options Evening Thurs 1 Feb 2024
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Children's Mental Health week W/C 05 February 2024 Year 10 Work Experience Weeks Fortnight beginning 03 June 2024 Year 12 Work Experience Week W/C 8 th July 2024 (tbc)	Year 11 mock weeks W/C 15 January 2024 Year 13 mock weeks W/C 29 January 2024 Year 10 Exam week tbc Year 12 Exam week W/C 6 th May 2024
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