



# Sheldon School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There was so much going on this term at Sheldon, that it is almost impossible to choose what to include in this Term's Newsletter. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have demonstrated excellent behaviour and a mature attitude throughout their mock examinations. It has been wonderful to see Year 11 and 13 students fully embracing the process, and the additional rewards and Prom tickets awarded in assemblies have been a real highlight.

If you would like to see regular updates on what students are doing, please ensure you are following our [Facebook page](#) and [Sixth Form Instagram](#) but for those of you that don't access social media, please keep up to date with all things Sheldon on our Website [here](#), this is where we share all the amazing achievements and events taking place each day.

## **Summer Term -Uniform update**

As we enter the final two terms of the school year, I would like to thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards at Sheldon School. With the warmer months approaching, students are not required to wear their school jumper in Term 5 and 6. However, we continue to expect full adherence to the school uniform policy and appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations at home. During periods of prolonged hot weather, we will update the uniform standards.

I would like to draw particular attention to footwear. Students must wear black, sturdy school shoes with no logos. Trainers of any kind are not permitted, including those that are black or designed to resemble school shoes. Please ensure over the Easter break that students have appropriate school shoes ready for their return to school.

Finally, we often see issues with nails, eyelashes and piercings following school holidays. Please support us by ensuring that false nails, acrylics, gel nails, and false or extended eyelashes are removed before students return to school. And piercings are done during the six week holidays to avoid issues with them being unable to be removed. Full details of the Sheldon School uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/home/information/uniform/>

## **Phone Free School**

Thank you to all parents and carers who responded to our recent consultation on mobile phone use and the introduction of Yondr pouches. We received over 350 responses, and we are grateful for the thoughtful feedback. Over 80% of respondents expressed strong support for strengthening our approach, though we also recognise the concerns raised. These will be addressed at the parents' event on 14<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in the Sixth Form Study Room. To ensure we get this right, members of the leadership team have visited several schools already using Yondr to learn from their implementation and impact. Staff and parent feedback in these schools was overwhelmingly positive, with reported improvements in behaviour, engagement, attendance, attainment and, most importantly, student wellbeing. These visits have strengthened our ambition to move towards becoming a phone-free school this year. A reminder that the Parent Information Evening is on **Tuesday 14th April at 6.00pm** in the Sixth Form Study Centre. At this event we will share our findings, outline proposed logistics, and answer any queries or concerns.

## **Parent Survey**

We would be very grateful if parents and carers could take a few minutes to complete our online parent survey. Working in partnership with families is extremely important to us at Sheldon School, and your feedback helps us to continually improve the provision we offer and the experience our students and parents get. The results of the survey will be shared once collated, and we encourage all parents and carers to have their say. The deadline for completing the survey is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April after the Easter holidays. The link to the survey is [here](#).

## **Hall of Fame Opening and 50th Year Anniversary Tour of the School**

As some of you are aware from recent visits, we have started to move our Hall of Fame to a more central location in the school, which coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Sheldon School in 1976. We are delighted to share that the official opening of the newly refreshed Sheldon Hall of Fame will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. The Hall of Fame celebrates the remarkable achievements of former students and staff and serves as an inspiring focal point for our current community. The event is an invite only, but there is an opportunity to meet ex-students, former staff and tour the school during that evening from 5.00pm. We are fortunate that Tyrone Mings, Tom Dunn and Fore Bros, all alumni of Sheldon, will be attending and talking about their Sheldon Experience. More details will follow next term.

## **Be Kind**

The student body selected Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance as their chosen charity for the year, and year teams have been working hard to raise funds through a range of events. Alongside this Thursday's non-uniform day, money has so far been raised through a Year 8 Halloween Disco, our Christmas Jumper Day, a Sixth Form and Year 10 cake sale, and a Year 9 fundraiser, which saw students running, walking and rowing 1159 metres - one metre for every mission completed by the charity last year. Next term, fundraising efforts will continue with a Year 7 fundraising event, followed in Term 6 by sponsored walks for Years 7, 8 and 9. Miss Owen and Mr Wolff are also taking on the Corsham 10km to support the cause, and donations can be made [here](#). We have raised over a fantastic £2000 so far - thank you for your support.

## **Friends of Sheldon School (FOSS)- thank you for your help**

The Friends of Sheldon School is a registered charity that raises money to support students to cover the costs of extracurricular activities, educational trips and equipment. Many of these valuable opportunities would not be possible without the support of the fund. They recently raised over £2000! Thank you to everyone who entered the FOSS Spring Prize Draw and congratulations for those who won.

## **Be Brave**

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

A reminder that the Year 10 work experience weeks are the w/c 16th June or w/c 23rd June. It is not dependent on sides of the year, but more about when it is convenient for the employer and student. All students should have recorded their placements on Unifrog by now. They can log in using their school email and password. Students have had an assembly, visits to tutor groups and emails to show them how to use Unifrog. Please contact Mrs Tillotson if you or your child are having issues on [ttillotson@sheldonschool.co.uk](mailto:ttillotson@sheldonschool.co.uk)

## **Lessons from Auschwitz Programme**

Congratulation to four of our Sheldon Sixth Form students who were selected and travelled to Poland this term as participants in the Lessons from Auschwitz programme organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust. They attended seminars and online learning sessions to prepare an in-school project about the Holocaust and its relevance for today. We look forward to them sharing their experiences when they deliver assemblies and PSHE lessons over the upcoming terms.

## **Ski Trip**

We wish all the students heading off to the Alps over Easter a safe and enjoyable trip, if you would like to attend the ski trip in 2027, please find the information [here](#) and pay the deposit on Parent Pay.

## **Young Musician of the Year**

Auditions for the Young Musician of the Year Award will begin after the Easter break on 13<sup>th</sup> April. If your child plays a musical instrument, please encourage them to be brave and sign up for an audition on the sheet outside A1 to secure the opportunity to compete in one of the three categories. If you or your child have any questions, please speak to Mrs Hall in the Music Department.

## **Step Into it Dance showcase**

Tickets are now on sale for our annual dance show, Step Into It! Whether your child is performing or you simply fancy an evening of entertainment, we would love to see you there on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open at 6.00pm, with the show beginning at 6.30pm. Good luck to all the dancers who will be rehearsing over the holidays!

## **Be the Best You**

### **Young Carers**

We are very pleased to announce that the school has been formally recognised for its work in supporting pupils with caring responsibilities, having achieved the Young Carers in Schools (YCIS) Award from Wiltshire Council. We were delighted to welcome Cllr Jon Hubbard from Children's Services, who presented the award to both the students and me during a small presentation. If your child is a young carer and would like more information, please encourage them to speak to their tutor. We offer a range of lunchtime and after-school clubs, as well as additional support they can access; recently, a group visited Jamie's Farm for a day of outdoor and farming activities. We are incredibly proud of all the work our young carers do to support their families, and we are committed to ensuring that Sheldon is a place where they can flourish.

## **Varsity return**

It was lovely to see the return of the Sheldon Sixth Form Varsity competition this term. This long-standing Sheldon tradition had been quiet in recent years, but it made a spectacular comeback with matches scheduled over lunchtime so the whole school could watch and show their support. Our Year 12 and 13 students went head-to-head in football and hockey, with both closely contested matches ending in a draw.

The next Varsity matches will be on Wednesday 15 April with a football rematch and a mixed rounders game.

## **Congratulations**

Well done to Sophia, Sophie and Layla, who achieved an outstanding milestone last weekend when they represented Wiltshire at the Schools Cross-Country National Championships, held at Sefton Park in Liverpool.

## **Revision Opportunities**

As we move into Term 5, each subject is offering Year 11 students revision opportunities during lunchtime and after school. Please encourage your child to be Brave and attend. Also, before each exam subject areas are offering booster sessions, where they will do a quick recap of key points and reminders about what to do in the exam. The expectation is that all students attend. The timetables can be found [here](#)

## **Year 11 and 13 Exam Preparation**

After a very successful Mock examination period at the start of the term, students have received their results and feedback, so they are now refining their revision in preparation for the summer. A reminder that all resources can be found [here](#) on our website or on your child's Epraise. I hope the students continue to work hard over the Easter break, but do use the time to get some rest and recovery.

### **Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers' Day and Proms reminders**

- **Year 13** Last Day is 8<sup>th</sup> May and their Ball is 30<sup>th</sup> June
- **Year 11** Last day is 22<sup>nd</sup> May and their Prom is 17<sup>th</sup> June

All Year 11 and 13 Exam information can be found [here](#). This includes exam start and end dates. All students have been sent copies of their exam timetable, so can start planning their revision accordingly. However, exams begin on the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> May.

We appreciate that some exams start before Leavers' Day, but the evidence suggests that students who stay in school and maintain their normal routines perform better in exams than those who take early study leave. The school will provide revision sessions before school for morning exams and will utilise Periods 3 and 4 for afternoon exam preparation.

Thank you again for all your support this term. We hope you have a great break, and we look forward to welcoming back our students on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes



Pete Lynch  
Headteacher

# Sheldon School Term Dates 2025 – 2026

<b>Academic year begins</b>	Mon 1 September 2025 (students return on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept)	<b>SDD Days School Open for staff</b> Fri 27 Mar 2026
<b>October Half term</b>	Thurs 23 October 2025 – Fri 31 October 2025	
<b>Christmas holiday</b>	Fri 19 December 2025 (finish 12.35pm) – Mon 5 January 2026	<b>SDD DAYS School Closed</b> Mon 20 Jul 2026
<b>February half term</b>	Mon 16 February 2026 – Fri 20 February 2026	
<b>Easter holiday</b>	Fri 27 March 2026 – Fri 10 April 2026	
<b>Half term break</b>	Mon 25 May 2026 – Fri 29 May 2026	
<b>Summer term ends</b>	Fri 17 July 2026 school finishes 12.35pm	

<p><b>Open Mornings</b> 22-23 Jun 2026</p> <p><b>Year 6 Open Evening</b> Weds 24 Jun 2026</p>	<p><b>Parents' Evenings</b> <b>Years 7-9 - 4:00pm – 6:30pm (f2f)</b> Year 7 L side      Thurs 14 May 2026 Year 7 R side      Tues 19 May 2026 Year 8 L side      Thurs 30 Apr 2026 Year 8 R side      Tues 05 May 2026</p> <p><b>Years 10-13 – 3:45pm – 6:45pm (f2f)</b> Year 10              Thurs 11 Jun 2026 Year 12              Thurs 26 Feb 2026</p> <p><b>Year 12 Parent Information Evenings</b> <b>Post-18 Options</b> Tues 9 Jun 2026</p> <p><b>New Year 7 Parents' Evening</b> Thurs 9 Jul 2026 6-9pm</p>	<p><b>Year 9 &amp; 10 Assessment Weeks</b> w/c 08 June 2026 (<b>Y9 only</b>) w/c 15 June 2026 (<b>Y9 only</b>)</p> <p><b>Year 10 &amp; 12 Mock Weeks</b> <b>(Sports Hall)</b> w/c 20 April 2026 w/c 27 April 2026</p>	<p><b>Year 10 Work Experience Weeks</b> Week beginning 15 June 2026 Week beginning 22 June 2026</p> <p><b>Year 12 Work Experience Week</b> Week beginning 06 July 2026</p> <p><b>Year 11 Prom</b> Weds 17 June 2026</p> <p><b>Year 13 Ball</b> Tues 30 June 2026</p> <p><b>Summer Concert</b> Tues 07 July 2026</p>
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Reports Home schedule			
	Settling Report	Interim 1 Report	Interim Plus Report
<b>Year 7</b>	Mon 24 November 2025		Weds 22 April 2026
<b>Year 8</b>		Weds 19 November 2025	Tues 21 April 2026
<b>Year 9</b>		Weds 17 December 2025	Weds 08 July 2026
<b>Year 10</b>	Mon 13 October 2025	Tues 13 January 2026	Weds 19 May 2026
<b>Year 11</b>		Weds 12 November 2025	Thurs 05 March 2026
<b>Year 12</b>	Thurs 16 October 2025	Mon 26 January 2026	Thurs 20 May 2026
<b>Year 13</b>		Mon 03 November 2025	Weds 04 March 2026