

St Dunstan's School

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Weekly Newsletter 2025-6

Dear Parents and Families

This weekly newsletter serves as your essential guide to supporting your child, providing a central place for key dates, event details, and school information. Please take a few minutes each week to read through these updates to ensure you do not miss a thing.

It was wonderful to see so many Year 11 families at our Exams Information Evening last Thursday. As the exam season comes into view, we want to ensure every student feels fully supported and prepared.

We are encouraging students to use the upcoming Easter break to create a sensible study schedule. The goal is balance: focused revision paired with time for relaxation and recovery. To help provide structure, we are hosting free revision classes during the second week of the break. We highly recommend these sessions to all students looking for extra academic support.

Our designated exams webpage is your go-to hub for information. We will be updating it frequently with guidance on how to navigate the next few weeks. We recommend checking in regularly for the latest news and advice.

[St Dunstan's School | Information on Exams](#)

Each week, we look forward to sharing more highlights from this academic year. If you have any "good news" stories or student achievements from home that you would like us to celebrate, please feel free to reach out. Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

P. Balkwill

Headteacher



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Key Dates

Monday 30 March- Year 9 Mental Health Awareness day- Millfield school

Tuesday 31 March- Collaborate digital KS4

Wednesday 1 April- Cybercon Trip

Thursday 2 April- End of Term

Wb 13 April- Year 11 Easter Revision sessions

There will also be celebration events and assemblies taking place across the week

Monday 20 April- Summer Term Day One

Wb 27 April- GCSE French speaking final exams & Art final exams

Thursday 30 April- Year 8 Parents' Evening





Weekly Attendance Update

What does my attendance look like so far? Term 4 Week 6

Band	Percentage	Number of days attended this year to date	Potential Days of Absence across the year if this continues	Potential hours of lost learning	Classification
1	100%	125	0	0	Perfect
2	98% to 100%	123	4	20	Excellent
3	96% to 98%	120	8	40	Good
4	93% to 96%	117	14	70	Requires Improvement
5	90% to 93%	113	38	190	Concerning
6	Below 90%	112	40	200	Persistent absence

Well done to all our students with 100% attendance this week. In total there were 400 students. To mark the occasion, we've already handed out 20 Easter eggs to our first round of lucky winners.

Our end-of-term celebrations are just around the corner, and we can't wait to recognise each year group for their fantastic efforts. We are especially excited to celebrate both perfect attendance and the amazing improvements so many of you have made. It's brilliant to see so many students on track to beat their Term 1–3 attendance figures!

As March draws to a close, we will be celebrating students who achieved 100% attendance this month. Ms. Haden is currently finalising the data for our Wheel of Names draw. Winners will receive their £10 Amazon vouchers before we break up for the Easter holidays.

Next week, we launch our final competition of the term! There may be fewer eggs up for grabs—but they'll be much bigger! Beyond the prizes, these final four days are critical for your academic momentum. Finishing the term strong ensures you don't leave "learning gaps" that make it harder to catch up in the new term.

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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Discover the benefits of consistent attendance

PERFORMANCE

Consistent attendance leads to improved academic performance and higher grades over time.



TEAMWORK

Regular attendance fosters better teamwork skills, enhancing group dynamics and collaboration among peers.



RELIABILITY

Consistent attendance builds a reputation for reliability, making you a valued member of any team.



BE PRESENT

Commit to showing up for success and growth.



It's about building the habit of resilience and ending on a high note.

Please remember that just 7 days of absence across the entire school year is enough to take your attendance record below 96%. Maintaining a level above 96% is the benchmark for success, giving you the best statistical chance of achieving your target grades. Every day truly does count!

Well done to everyone who has pushed themselves this term—your effort has been fantastic!

Keep up that commitment for these final few days—we can't wait to see who wins those easter eggs!

Your attendance shapes your future!

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Attendance League – Weekly Update

Just to let you know the results from this week...

Years 7 & 8 League Winners

1st- 7CPe

2nd- 8JBe

3rd- 7GLe

Years 9&10 League Winners

1st 10JAN

2nd 9HWA

3rd 9SGR

Well done to everyone this week!



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On Track Update

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!



333,678 POINTS ACHIEVED

SINCE SEPTEMBER

Can we hit the 350,000 mark before Easter break?
4 days to go

**KEEP UP THE
AMAZING WORK!**



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Year 10 Mock Interviews



What an amazing day we had this week! Our Year 10 students stepped up with confidence, presenting their CVs and talking about their chosen career path with passion.

We were delighted to welcome a fantastic range of businesses and organisations, including: Heidelberg Materials, Somerset Rural Life Museum, SS&L – Changing Lives Through Learning, Kier Construction CPCAB, Millfield and Quirky Cottons.

A huge thank you to all of our interviewers for giving their time and support - it truly made a difference. And a big well done to our Year 10 students for their positivity, enthusiasm and professionalism. You should be very proud!



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Revision Star



Our brilliant Revision Star this week is a student who took an early lead this week and continued steadily over the last 7 days.

She has worked on a range of subject areas, all independently, extending and reviewing her knowledge across her curriculum areas. We know that all of this is in addition to a whole range of extra curricular sporting commitments which also compete for her attention.

Well done to all of Year 11. Your commitment to revision and to the Power Hour is impressive but huge congratulations to our Revision Star.

Who will win the top spot next week?



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St Dunstan's Library presents...

THE BOOK NOOK

National Shakespeare Week

This week was all about Shakespeare! Every day in tutor we announced a new phrase of the day and challenged students to see if they could use it in a sentence. Now try this bingo (as naturally as you can!)

SHAKESPEARE BINGO

Use these Shakespearean phrases in a sentence (as naturally as possible! Don't make it obvious that its for bingo)

<input type="checkbox"/> Break the ice <i>from The Taming of the Shrew</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> In my mind's eye <i>from Hamlet</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Full circle <i>from King Lear</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart of Gold <i>from Henry v</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Good riddance <i>from Troilus and Cressida</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> In a pickle <i>from The Tempest</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> For goodness' sake <i>from Henry viii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dead as a doornail <i>from Henry vi Part ii</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Method in my madness <i>from Hamlet</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Green-eyed monster <i>from Othello</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Without rhyme or reason <i>from The Comedy of Errors</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> As luck would have it <i>from The Merry Wives of Windsor</i>



Local Events



Join the first ever Blue Youth Summit! It is **free** and taking place on **Saturday 28th March**, this summit is perfect for anyone between **11 and 18 years** old to discover more about what it means to be an Ocean Optimist and support a healthy Ocean for all. Whether you aspire to work in marine science and conservation or you are just interested in the sea, there really is something for everyone!

From panels, keynotes from special guests such as Steve Backshall and hands-on workshops, there will be plenty to see and do for those with an interest in the Ocean.

Book your free place here:

<https://nationalaquarium.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/74751?catID=70063&>



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OPEN EVENT

CANNINGTON COLLEGE | Wed 29 April | 6pm - 8pm

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!

BRINGING OUT YOUR BEST



PART OF UCS COLLEGE GROUP

STREET CRICKET CLUB

1 WEEK TO GO!

JUNIOR SIGN-ON EVENING

WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL • 6:30PM
VICTORIA CLUB, STREET

PRE-LOVED KIT SALE

CAKE SALE

PLUS MORE!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

ONE CLUB. ONE COMMUNITY.

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The Bishop's Palace

OPEN DAY

Sunday 26th April 2026

FREE ENTRY!

HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR EASTER!

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

4 SESSIONS PER CHILD ONLY

GET A BOOKING CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 2ND MARCH

FOOD INCLUDED!

Find and book **FREE** local activities by visiting: www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays or scan the QR code!

EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS

STRODE COLLEGE, STREET

DATE: 7TH - 10TH APRIL 2026

9AM-3PM

5-13 YEARS

SPORTS, CRAFTS & GAMES

SWIMMING INCLUDED

FREE LUNCH

*****FULLY FUNDED**

BOOK TODAY! HEAD TO [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Z3NEF2TW](https://tinyurl.com/z3nef2tw) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

EGG HUNT

****FOR THOSE ON BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

sasp Somerset Activity Support Partnership

Somerset Council

Department for Education

happy holidays SOMERSET

EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

5 - 16 YEARS

FUN • SKILLS • CONFIDENCE • FRIENDSHIPS

MINI TENNIS (5-10) 9:30AM - 12:00PM	WEEK 1 7 - 10 APRIL £52.50 MEMBERS / £61.50 NON-MEMBERS
JUNIOR TENNIS (11-16) 1:00PM - 3:30PM	WEEK 2 13 - 17 APRIL £60 MEMBERS / £70 NON-MEMBERS

BOOK NOW - LIMITED SPACES!

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