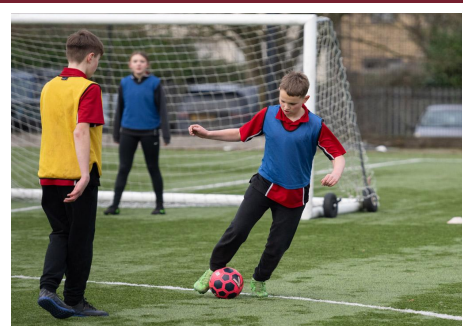


# Somervale School

## Newsletter: Term 5



# Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

It is starting to look like summer is finally on its way and I think we are all looking forward to the long sunny bank holiday weekend.

Year 11 have been fantastic and have approached the start of their final external exams with dedication and confidence. The teachers have done a fantastic job in preparing them for the exam season and the numbers of students staying after school every day to access additional lessons has been overwhelming. We have had a lovely time with the students this afternoon marking the half way point and signing their shirts.

The students have been approaching the exams as a triathlon. The first stage 'The Swim' was September to November Mocks. Stage 2 'The Bike' November Mocks to March Mocks and Stage 3 'The Run' March Mocks to the final exams. The students were issued with tokens for completing each stage. Anyone with all tokens today received a 'Headteacher Curly Wurly' as a reward.

Pain au chocolat are being consumed in vast amounts whilst last minute revision takes place every morning. It has been really lovely listening to them all testing each other for last minute prep and generally supporting one another.

They have already sat on average over 15 hours of exams. With just over two weeks of exams left we are onto the final push and it is fabulous to see that so many of them have signed up to sessions during the half term.

When they return after half term Year 11 will continue to attend full time as normal. A copy of the remaining weeks of their timetable is later on in the newsletter. Full attendance is compulsory. If your child is unable to attend any of these sessions please ring in the absence as per the normal policy. Please note that medical evidence is needed for any absence so that this can be provided to the exam board.

Year 10 students have been busy as well and are preparing for their assessments that start after the half term break. Year 9 have finalised their subject options for September and we are in the final stages of confirming these before we can send out the final confirmed choices. A massive thank you to all of your support and understanding during this process.

We are very much focusing on looking forward next term. We are welcoming 150 students into Year 7 in September and the process of carrying out all of the primary visits, transition day and evening and summer school are all well under way.

We have also spoken to our fabulous students this afternoon about how we are expecting an OFSTED visit next term. Our last OFSTED was in June 2022 and was our third consecutive strong good judgement. I will update you one we have had the call.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and wish you your families a relaxing and sunny half term.

Best wishes

Ms Postlethwaite

*Joanna Postlethwaite*



# Attendance

*Attendance continues to be a priority for us at Somervale and we are particularly proud of our students' push to improve and maintain high levels of attendance across all year groups. This term has been a chance for students to look at how their own attendance directly impacts their learning with targeted sessions for students designed to support them in removing or overcoming barriers with the support of their trusted adults and the wider school.*

*One example of this has been through a peer mentoring programme involving Year 10s and Year 7s.*

*I am delighted to share that over 235 students improved their attendance between Term four and Term five, and an impressive 402 students (over 50% of the school) having achieved an overall attendance for term five above our target of 97%! It has been great to share these successes and send out certificates and recognition to our students for their great attendance this week.*

*Looking Ahead to term 6.....*



*With Glastonbury festival taking a break this year, here at Somervale we will be bringing the festival spirit to our attendance. The aim as with previous campaigns such as Egg'cellent attendance challenge and the 12 days of christmas, is to bring a sense of joy and additional experience to the school day alongside building belonging across the year groups.*

*Students will be able to become involved in competitions, activities and events linked to the summer theme and with a festival twist.*

# Attendance

The lineup is being finalised as we speak with each 'act announced a clue to the events that will be taking place'... Students will receive their 'summer showdown ticket on the first day back and tutors will have weekly lanyards provided to them which provides further information about the events that week.

Can any of you guess any of the events from the line up so far. Here is a clue.

**Band name** =Hoppers Paradise **Event this represents** = Sack race

We can't wait to finish the Academic year with lots of fun and positive events that bring the school together and add to the want for them to attend every day.

**Punctuality** - We will be continuing to develop the importance of students arriving at school on time. At Somervale our expectation is for students to be sat in their tutor room at 8.50am. So all students need to be arriving through the school gate no later than 8.45am to avoid being marked as late. As parents/careers please continue to support us with this and if you are dropping students off to school please take into account the traffic in the local area and leave with enough time to avoid your child being late.



# Attendance

# SUMMER SHOWDOWN

SOMERVALE  
SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

THE LINEUP IS LIVE!  
UNLOCK YOUR SUMMER

HEADLINING THE MAIN STAGE:  
**YOU**

COMPETITION, CHALLENGES AND PRIZES

ACTS ANNOUNCED SO FAR INCLUDE:

The Neapolitans • Shattered Shells • Massoeke  
Wobble Effect • Stiff Cotton • the Slipstream Drift  
THE STAKING STONES • HOPPERS PARADISE • DUSTY DERBIES • THE VOLLEY OF HOPE

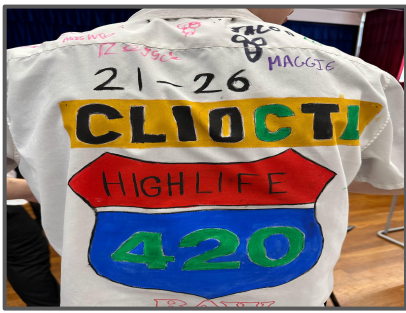
**A FESTIVAL OF  
DAILY PRESENCE!**

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE AND ASPIRATIONAL  
LET'S HAVE A SOMERVALE SUMMER THROUGHOUT TERM 6.

# Year 11 Attendance

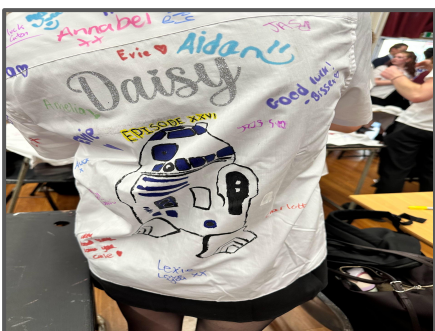
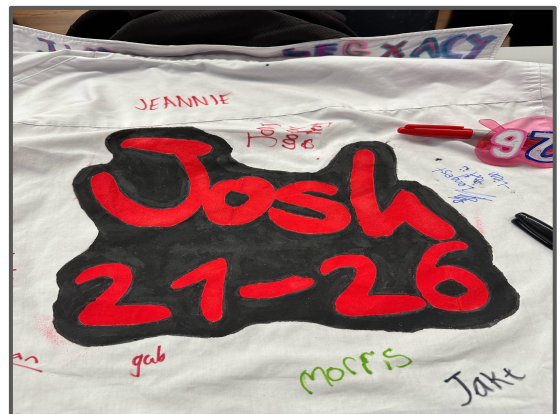
Year 11 students have been absolutely amazing over the first two weeks of the exams. We have had 100% to all exams with students being in school early to eat their pain au chocolat and go through last minute revision tips. Subject booster are running during the holidays for students and the expectation is that whilst they need to get some R&R they will be continuing to complete a schools days worth of revision each day. All students are expected to attend full time for the remaining two week. Please is a copy of the timetable the the remaining days.

Half Term				
A	Monday 1st June	Maths Booster	History Booster Any remaining students in the Hall supervised carrying out independent revision (JPO)	Physics Booster
	Tuesday 2nd June	Physics Paper 1 (Combined and Triple)	Statistics Booster Any remaining students in the Hall supervised carrying out independent revision (BPE)	Statistics Paper 1
	Wednesday 3rd June	Maths Paper 2 (Calculator)	Geography Booster	Geography Paper 2
	Thursday 4th June	History Paper 2	French Booster	French Writing
		Any remaining students not taking History paper in MM9 and MM3 supervised by MGR and LWI carrying out independent revision	Normal Lessons	Language Paper 2 Booster
	Friday 5th June	English Language Paper 2	Music Booster	Music - Written
			media Booster	
			Normal Lessons	Biology Booster
	Monday 8th June	Biology Paper 2 (Combined and Triple)	Spanish Booster	11A/Gg, UT8, EDY, 11A/Sp, MM9, LWI
			Normal Lessons	media Exam Any remaining students in the UT4 (BPE) and UT8 supervised carrying out independent revision
Spanish Listening and Reading		Maths Booster	11D/Dt, T4, SPL, 11D/Gg1, UT8, EDY, 11D/Da, MG3, LWI 11D/Gg2, UT7, HCO	
Normal Lessons			Any remaining students in the Hall supervised carrying out independent revision (JVA)	
Wednesday 10th June	Maths Paper 3 (Calculator)	Geography Booster	Design Technology - Written	
		Any remaining students in the Hall supervised carrying out independent revision (BPE)	Normal Lessons	
	Thursday 11th June	Geography Paper 3	Catering Booster Dance Booster	Chemistry Booster
Physics Booster		Chemistry Booster		
Friday 12th June	Chemistry Paper 2 (Combined and Triple)	Statistics Exam for Dance/H&C Clash Students	Dance	
		Statistics Booster	Hospitality & Catering Statistics Paper 2	
Monday 15th June	Physics Paper 2 (Combined and Triple)	Spanish Booster	Off Site	
Tuesday 16th June	Spanish Writing			



# Year 11 Triathlon

SWIM	BIKE	RUN
<p><b>PHASE 1</b> COMPLETED</p> <p>69 SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED</p> <p>14 WEEKS OF LESSON 7'S COMPLETED</p> <p>25 DIFFERENT EXAMS PAPERS COMPLETED</p> <p>53% OF THE YEAR GROUP ARE PREDICTED TO ACHIEVE ABOVE THEIR TARGETS IN ALL SUBJECTS</p> <p>"SWIMMING IS NOT ABOUT BEING THE BEST, BUT ABOUT BEING BETTER THAN YOU WERE YESTERDAY"</p>	<p><b>PHASE 2</b> COMPLETED</p> <p>115 SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED</p> <p>24 WEEKS OF LESSON 7'S COMPLETED</p> <p>38 DIFFERENT EXAMS PAPERS COMPLETED</p> <p>97% ATTENDANCE FOR BOTH WEEKS OF MOCKS</p> <p>"LIFE IS LIKE RIDING A BICYCLE. TO KEEP YOUR BALANCE, YOU MUST KEEP MOVING"</p>	<p><b>PHASE 3</b> COMPLETED</p> <p>153 SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED</p> <p>33 WEEKS OF LESSON 7 COMPLETED</p> <p>2 SETS OF MOCK WEEKS COMPLETED</p> <p>YEAR GROUP ATTENDANCE HAS IMPROVED BY 3% SINCE YEAR 10</p> <p>"RUN WHEN YOU CAN, WALK IF YOU HAVE TO, CRAWL IF YOU MUST, JUST NEVER GIVE UP"</p> <p>"SUCCESS ISN'T HOW FAR YOU GET, BUT THE DISTANCE YOU TRAVELLED FROM WHERE YOU STARTED"</p> <p>WE ARE PROUD OF EVERY SINGLE IRON STUDENT</p>
<p><b>Full Distance 140.6 miles</b></p> <p>Swim 2.4 miles September to November   Bike 112 miles December to March   Run 26.2 miles April to June</p>		



# Uniform

## School Uniform Expectation Reminder

As we approach the end of term, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of Somervale School's uniform expectation.

- Black trousers (Not jersey material)
- Black pleated skirt (which should be knee length and NOT rolled up)
- Black socks (with no branding or logo)
- A white shirt that buttons to the neck
- A house school tie
- A school jumper
- Black leather or synthetic leather shoes

Our uniform expectations can be found on our website.

[School Uniform Expectations](#)

**Please can we ask that you use the half term to ensure all uniform fits and is correct. Anyone that returns to school in the incorrect uniform is at risk of sanctions.**



**School Trousers: Black school trousers**



**School Skirt: Black box pleated school skirt, measuring a reasonable length, ideally to the knee**

# Student Voice

## Student Voice Feedback: May 2026 (352 responses)

93% of students said that their teachers help them to do their best

94% feel safe at SVS

92% of students reported that they enjoy school

91% feel they are making good progress at SVS

92% of students reported that they enjoy school

90% feel they are well taught at SVS

93% feel that their teachers make sure they have the additional support they need to learn well or stay in school

93% feel that the feedback they get from teachers helps them to improve

90% feel they have a trusted adult to go to

84% feel that the school teaches them about their place in the wider world

91% said that they felt the school was well led and managed

92% would recommend this school to another student

90% feel that other students behave well around the school

51% of students have never experienced any form of bullying and 40% said they had experienced a form of bullying once and 9% more than once. Only 20% said they had reported it

# Humanities Department

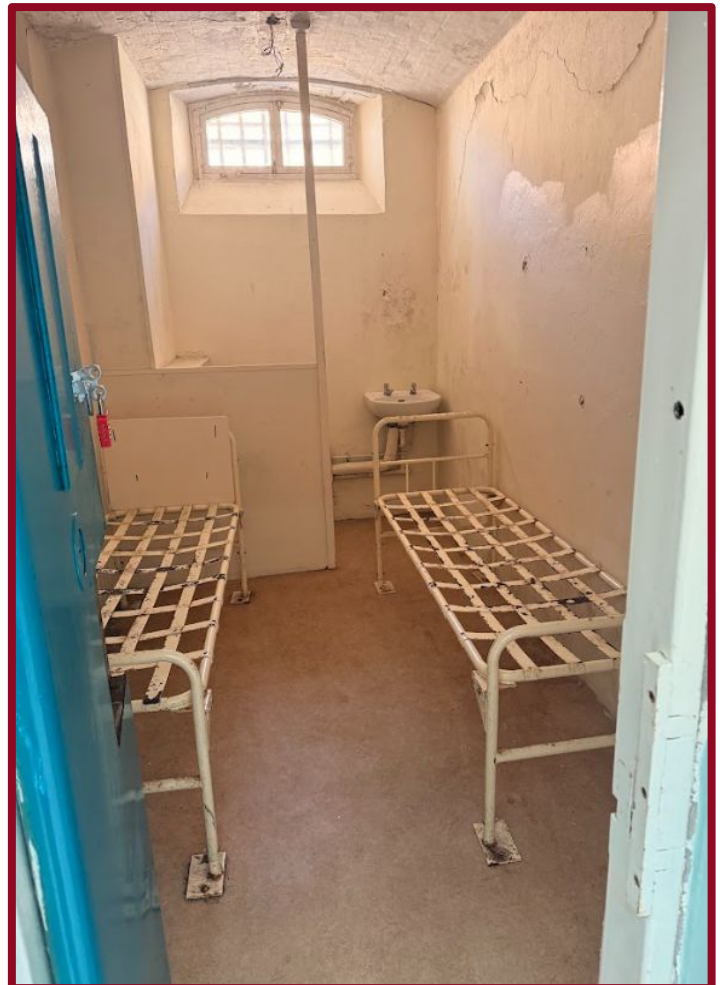
## Year 9 Humanities Trip - Shepton Mallet Prison

At the start of this term we took our Year 9 students to visit Shepton Mallet Prison. This included a guided tour which the students thoroughly enjoyed. We learnt how the prison was used and the ethical debate around capital punishment. Student got to see how crime and punishment has changed over the past 400 years.

We finished our trip with an escape room experience. Students were split into 2 groups, group 1 had to crack the codes to escape 'The Cell' whilst group 2 had to escape 'The Hole' in complete darkness. Students really enjoyed this mission.



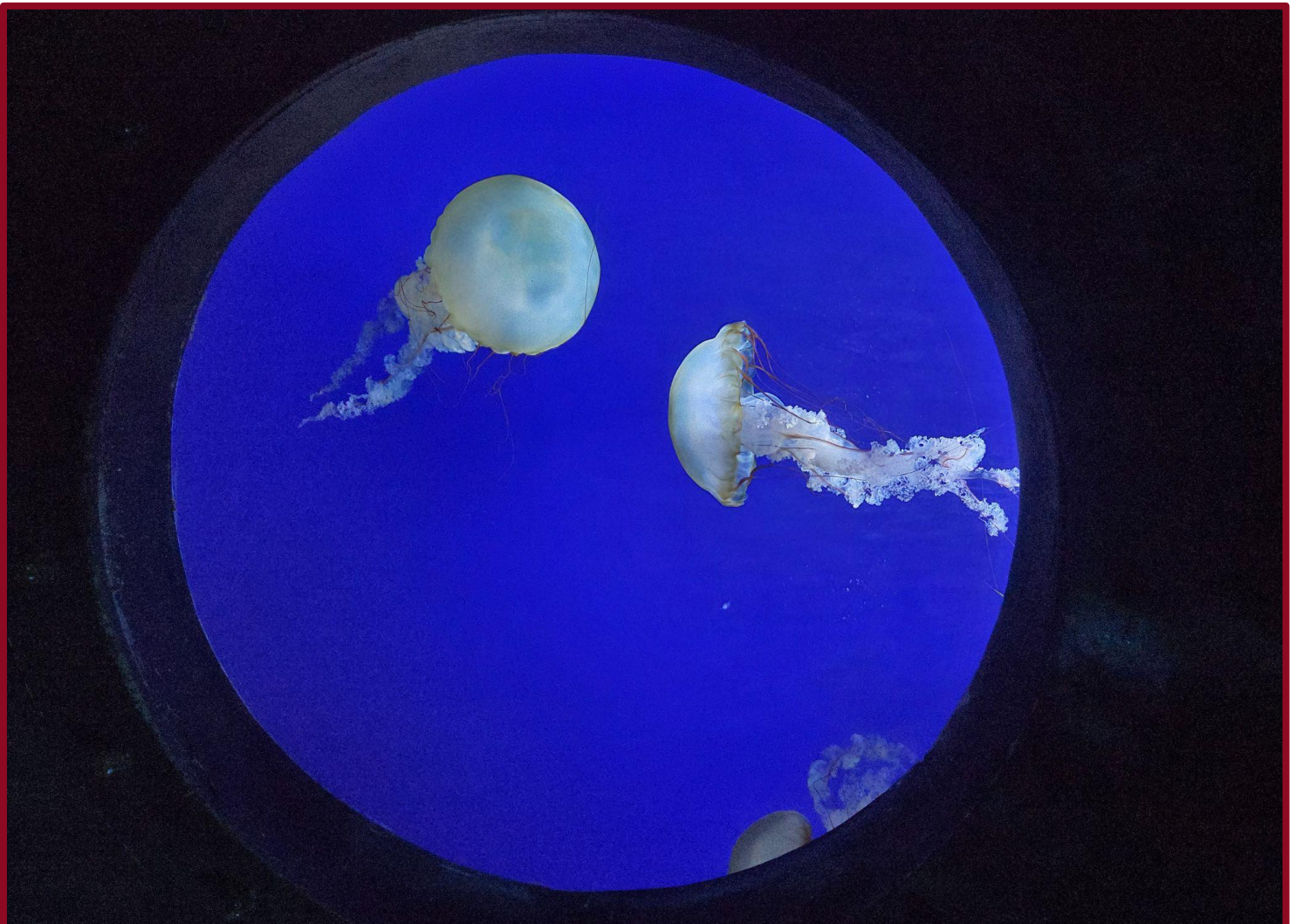
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## Year 9 Humanities Trip - Bristol Aquarium

The Year 9 Humanities trip continued with a visit to the Aquarium. This included a guided tour with in depth talks on all the species, students were able to ask questions and study the sealife. Afterwards we spent some time participating in different workshops for ecosystems within the marine biome. Students were then able to use what they had learnt to explore the aquarium to investigate different flora and fauna. We were even lucky enough to catch different species being fed throughout the day.



# Humanities Department



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## Holocaust Workshop

Students in Years 9 and 10 recently took part in a powerful workshop run by the Holocaust Educational Trust. Using virtual reality (VR) headsets for the Testimony 360 project, they were able to look around historical sites and listen to the real stories of Holocaust survivors. The students showed great maturity throughout the day. They were extremely well-behaved and asked thoughtful questions, making a fantastic impression on the visitors. By using VR headsets to bring history to life, the workshop helped the students understand a difficult topic in a really meaningful way.



# Geography

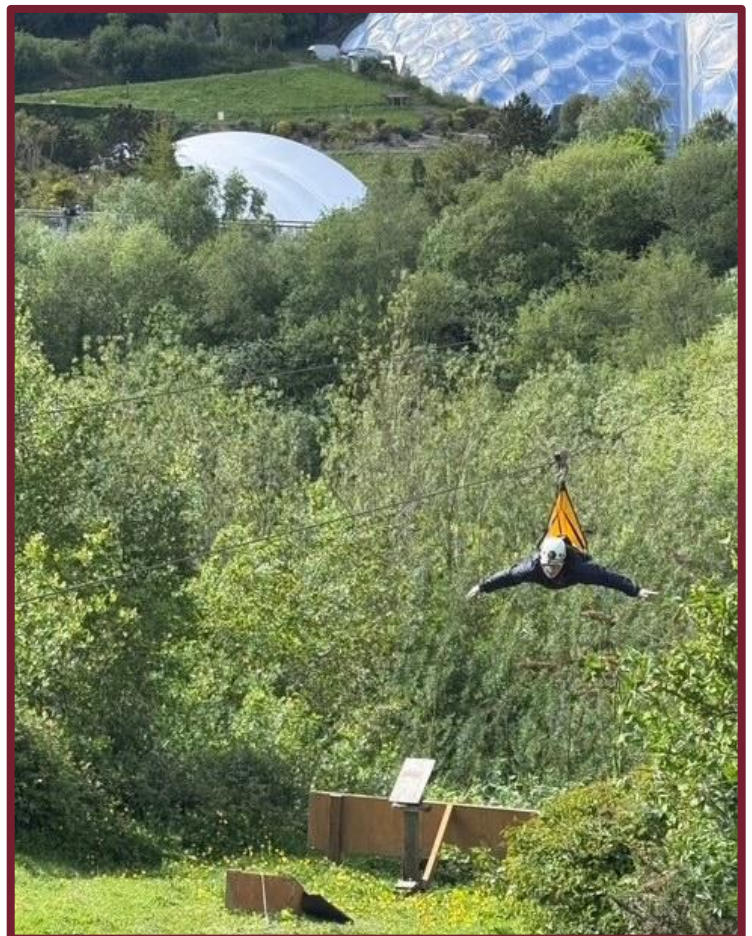
## Year 10 Trip to The Eden Project

30 GCSE Geography students had a trip to The Eden Project where they took part in 2 workshops with staff from the site. These were looking at tropical rainforests, in particular the adaptations of plants and animals, the challenges these environments face, and the characteristics of the rainforest. In between the workshops they also took part in activities at Hangloose, completing the longest zipline in England, the high ropes course and the big air swing. To finish the trip they also took a surf lesson at Watergate Bay.

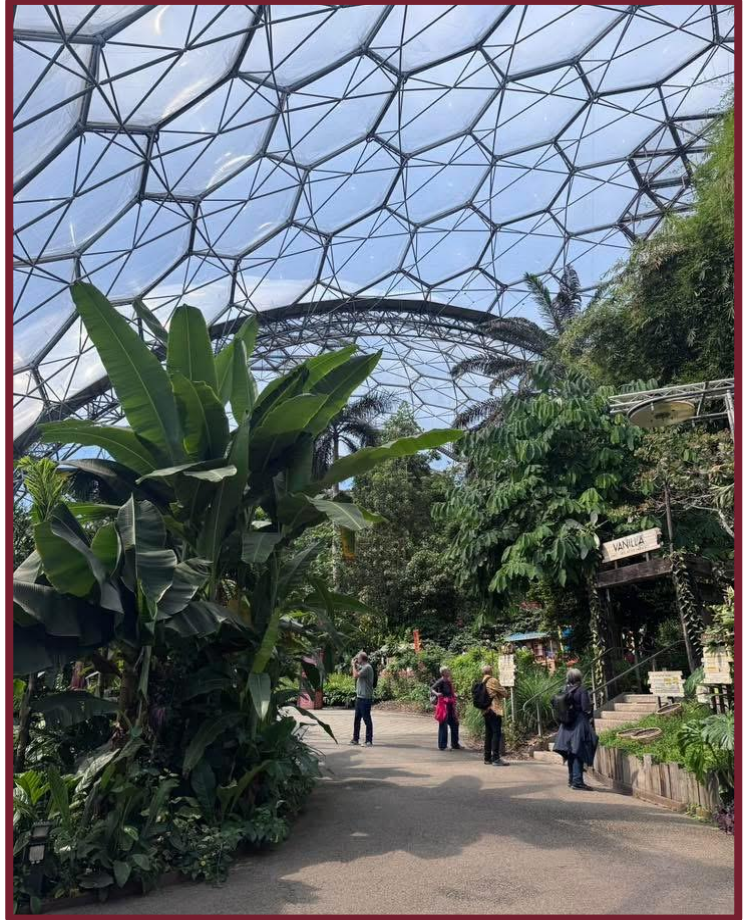
Mr Cornish, Mrs Day and Mr Caton would like to thank them all for their behaviour and attitude during the few days away. All of them were excellent and represented the school and themselves incredibly.



# Geography



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# Student Achievements

## My Sea Cadets Adventure by Joe R -Year 8

In April, I undertook a week-long voyage with sea cadets on T.S John Jerwood. I went from Weymouth to Portland, then to Poole and then back to Weymouth. We were meant to go back to Portland to refuel but the wave swell was 1.5 metres so we were stuck in Weymouth for 3 days. We had 7 officers and 12 cadets on board.

### Day 1

I boarded TS Jerwood at 1515 hrs on Sunday and was greeted by a Petty Officer I knew from T.S Achilles (Trowbridge unit). I headed to the cadet mess deck where we eat and spend our free time. We were told to head to the sleeping quarters to make our beds. The foot space in our mess for 6 people was no bigger than the size of a school desk, and we had to keep all of our belongings for a week in a tiny locker. The rest of the day was getting used to the ship's systems and getting to know the crew.

All hands to pits 2200hrs

### Day 2

All hands to turn out 0700 hrs

We got up, got ready and headed up to the cadet mess. That day I was duty engineer which means I, along with two other cadets, would be responsible for the ships engines, watering the ship, making sure the generators were making enough electricity and checking propeller shaft heat. My duties started at 0900 hrs when I had to do engine pre-sea checks, which included starting engines, checking propellers and bow thrusters. We couldn't set sail until our sister ship had left port.

# Student Achievements

Set sail 1200hrs

1 hour after we left port, I was at the bridge on lookout when someone yelled man overboard. It was our drill. We threw the dummy over the side, stopped the engines and got him back on board.

About 1 hour later we were headed for port and I was at the helm. I had the responsibility of taking her into port. Thankfully, we docked safely and I didn't run her aground.

All hands to mess deck 1830 hrs

All hands to sunset 1900 hrs

All hands to pits 2200hrs

## Day 3

Tuesday we sailed to Poole from Portland. It was very choppy, with waves swell at 0.8 metres. It took us 6 hours to get to the place we anchored at, which was just outside Poole harbour. We had to wait for Petchey to leave as they were in our dock. Once in port we had 1 hour of shore leave and then went back to TS Jerwood.

## Day 4

0400hrs

We were woken up by the harsh rocking of the ship. Watch leader Jake yelled "everyone alright" as some people had fallen out of bed, including me! The staff hadn't told us about the night sail so whilst we were all sleeping they left port and headed back to Weymouth on a night sail. A night sail was the safest option because if we sailed in the day the wave swell was due to be 1.5 metres with a wind speed of 36 knots, but at night the waves were just 0.8 metres with a wind speed of 16 knots and even then we nearly capsized! For 30 minutes we stayed awake chatting and eventually some of us got back to sleep.

0700hrs out of pits

# Student Achievements

We woke up again to start the day in Weymouth port, during breakfast the captain came to tell us we couldn't sail for the rest of the trip because of the worsening weather.

The rest of the day (and the week) was spent washing and cleaning the ship, with shore leave and cadet lessons.

## Day 7

0700 hrs out of pits

We packed up our things and got ready to leave T.S John Jerwood, after a brilliant adventurous week!

0900 hrs disembarkation and homeward bound!



# Student Achievements

## Team Bath Athletics Club

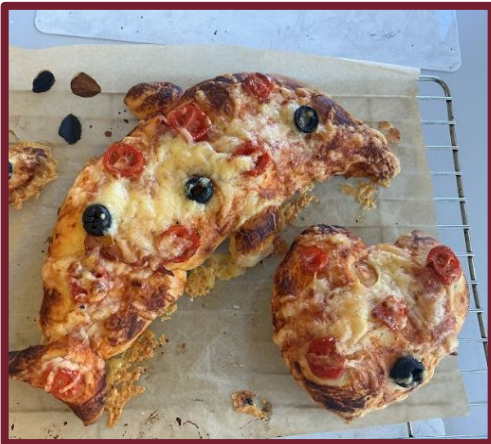
Somervale's very own Will V opened his account for Team Bath Athletics Club with a stunning throw at the Yeovil Olympiads Spring Open meeting. In his first competition for the club, Will smashed his personal best to win the under-14s discus with a throw of 37.15m, which currently puts him top of the UK Rankings in his age group. Well done Will!



# Design and Technology

## Year 7

These Year 7's finished their third rotation with their Scone Based Pizzas assessments. Aren't these amazing! A big thank you to all the parents and carers at home that ensure our students have all their ingredients at the right time on the right day. We appreciate your support.



Year 7 have also been creating 'Bags for Life' from calico with a design using heat transfer coloured paper. What lovely bags! Well Done Year 7!



# Design and Technology

## Year 9

Year 9 finished their third rotation and here are some of the things they made - Design a cushion



Year 9 students have also been busy creating table lamps using practical skills in woodwork, plastics and electronics.



# Design and Technology

## Year 10

Year 10 were asked to 'Design a dish for an elderly person or a Bristol University student'. Here's what they did. Ms Hoyle and Mrs Smith enjoyed trying everything. They were all amazing.



## Year 11

Good Luck to all our Year 11's with their exams. Design Technology is on Wednesday 10th June and Hospitality & Catering is on Friday 12th June. Mrs Piddock, Mrs Ellett and Ms Hoyle will be thinking of you.



Good Luck. You can do it!



# Art

## Artist of the Term



Sophie W-R Y10

Amazing Sophie has created this piece as part of her year 10 coursework!  
Keep up the hard work Sophie

# House News

## Charity Week

**Ammerdown** events were a great success with roughly 100 students taking part in the house rounders tournament and lots of students enjoying the virtual competitions at lunchtime like flaggle!

**Greyfield** had some great participants for their tug of war event and their blooket quiz which students really enjoyed.

**Harridge** events were very competitive and messy with their main event being the weetabix eating competition. Well done to the Year 8 boys team (Will V's team) for taking home the win! The photography competition was also a great success with Thomas R, James R and Elliot M coming 1st, 2nd & 3rd for their entry!

**Stockhill** events included the ever-successful bake sale, as well as an opportunity for students to throw water balloons at some Somervale teachers - thank you to all of the staff for being such good sports.

**Overall, we raised £173.38 for Leukemia UK!**



# House News

## KS3 House Rounders Tournament

It was great to see so many students taking part in our KS3 house rounders tournament! All students showed great sportsmanship, performances and behaviour.

**1st: Harridge**

**2nd: Greyfield**

**3rd: Ammerdown**

**4th: Stockhill**



## House Elections

**Greyfield** = Congratulations to Lucy W and Liviyana J for becoming the new Greyfield Captain and Vice Captain!

# House News

**Stockhill** = We had some fantastic candidates, with a huge congratulations going to Christine M and Jacob B for becoming the new House Captains for Stockhill! Thank you to everyone who voted, giving Stockhill a brilliant voter turnout!

**Ammerdown** = It was a brilliant election with lots of students voting and interacting with our candidates. A huge well done to Poppy M and Emily M for becoming the new house captains for Ammerdown. Thank you to everyone who voted!

**Harridge** = A huge thank you and well done to all 4 candidates, the campaign videos were each unique and you all fought a close battle! The biggest well done goes to Ethan HP and Grace C who will be our house captains next year! Great turnout by the Harridge students, so thank you!

## House Members Of The Term

**Stockhill** = Josh H, 11LGE - Of all Year 11 students in Stockhill, Josh has accumulated the most house points over his time at Somervale - a fantastic achievement!

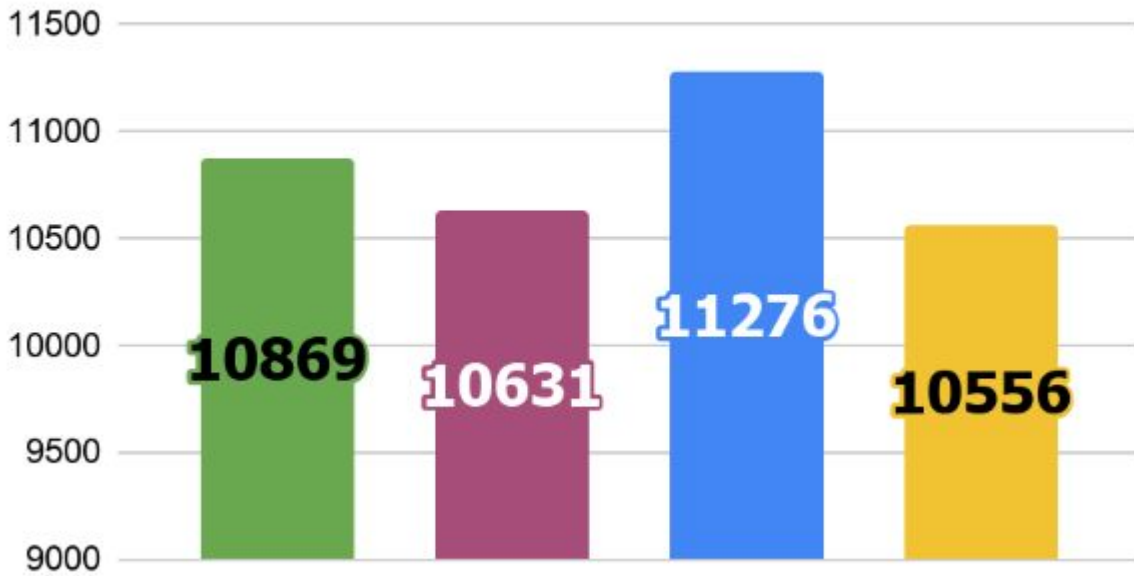
**Ammerdown** = Poppy W, 7BST - For always showing great resilience and bringing your A game to all lessons and extra-curricular activities!

**Harridge** = Ronnie A, 8SPI - Helping with all the events of charity week and always being present at house meetings!

**Greyfield** = Kian B, 7BCH - For making posters for Greyfield and his excellent house point totals!

# House News

## Achievement Points



### House Points

1st: Harridge

2nd: Ammerdown

3rd: Greyfield

4th: Stockhill



### Attendance Percentages

1st: Stockhill

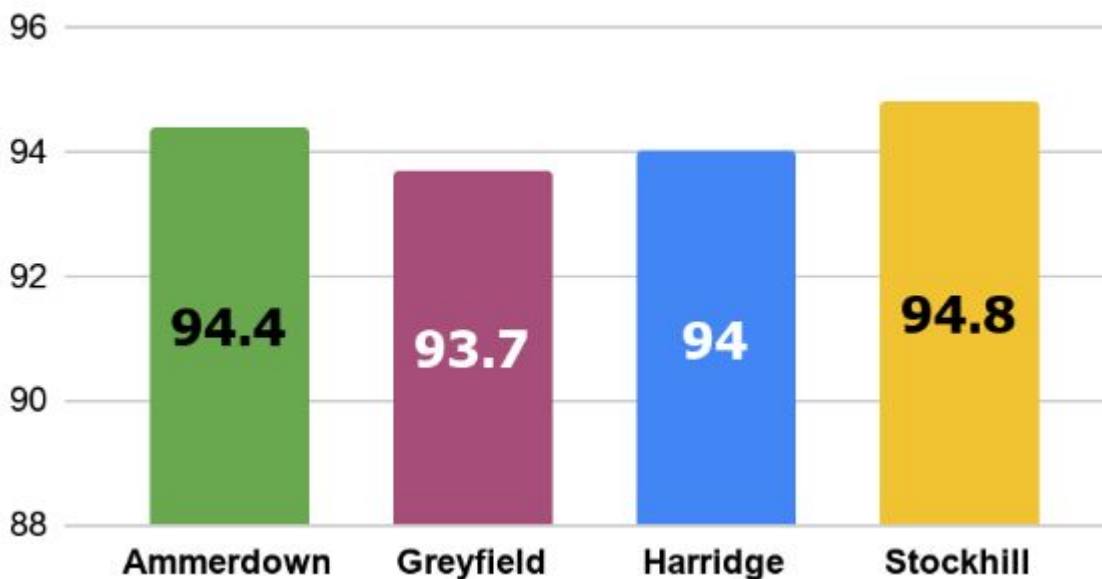
2nd: Ammerdown

3rd: Greyfield

4th: Harridge



## Attendance %



# Library News

## Sponsored Readathon

Thank you to everyone for supporting this year's sponsored Readathon for the charity, Read for Good. We managed to raise £315.00 for the charity!

Every student who took part and helped raise money was automatically entered into our two prize draws, which took place on the last day of Term 4.

Congratulations to our two winners; who went home with an Easter chocolate hamper, and two tickets to see children's author, Katie Kirby in Bath!

Well done!



# Library News

## Tom Palmer Author Visit

Students in years 7 & 8 were lucky enough to meet one of the UK's best-selling children's author, Tom Palmer, on Tuesday 21st April, as part of a week-long mini-tour of some schools in our Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership.

Students listened and enjoyed an assembly style presentation hosted by Tom; where he spoke with students all about his struggles with reading as a child and how he overcame this by engaging in sport - football in particular, and reading comics and sports magazines all about his beloved team, Leeds United!

He informed students that as he grew more confident with his reading he started to explore history and in particular the World Wars; leading to him eventually write fiction stories covering the second world war and sports stories; hoping that these stories will engage students who also feel like they struggle with their reading.

Tom then hosted a workshop in the library, where a group of students could hear more about Tom's research for his stories and also take part in an author Q&A session.

Tom's latest book 'If the Invader Comes' is out in the shops now!



# Library News

## The Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Library Book Awards 2026

On Thursday 23rd April, Somervale School students attended this year's Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Library Book Awards Ceremony. Our student panel enjoyed lunch in the sunshine, followed by the Award Ceremony itself at Frome College in their Merlin Theatre.

Guest author, Tom Palmer spoke to the audience about his favourite childhood books and his latest novel; followed by a Q&A session with the authors; finishing with the students hearing all about the inspiration behind this year's shortlisted books.

Students waited, eager to find out who would be the overall winner, with the winning book announced as...

'Mondays Are Murder' by Ravena Guron. Congratulations!

Special thanks to all the authors on this year's shortlist: Young Gothic by M. A. Bennett, Not for The Faint of Heart by Lex Croucher, Fear Files: Hide and Seek by Christopher Edge, Mondays Are Murder by Ravena Guron, The Zombie Project by Alice Nuttall and The Scream of The Whistle by Emily Randall-Jones.

These Library Book Awards, now in their second year, are organised by library staff across the MNSP Trust, to highlight and celebrate a love of reading!



# Library News



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Somervale  
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## YEAR 11 STUDENTS

A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM

# THE LIBRARY

Please return **ALL** your school library books by  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June!

Returns are easy - simply post your book into the  
library return box.

We have lots of overdue year 11 library books!

*If you hand your book to Mrs Cornick or Mrs  
Carpenter at the library desk - you'll receive a  
chocolate treat!*

## THANK YOU!



# Physical Education

## MAT Sport Festival

On Thursday 14th May our Year 7-10 students made their way to Millfield School to take part in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Sports Festival. This festival involved inviting 10 students from each year group where they will compete in a mixture of track and fielding events, dodgeball and ultimate frisbee. The students showed some great sportsmanship and performed extremely well! Unfortunately, the day was caught short due to thunder and lightning. Well done to all students who represented the school and competed alongside the other schools! In addition to this, a huge well done to the students who gained a podium place in their events!

### Year 7s

3rd: Year 7 Girls Relay  
3rd: Ella M 800m  
3rd: Myles B High Jump

### Year 10s

2nd: Mackenzie K Shot put  
2nd: Minnie T Javelin  
3rd: Hugo P High Jump  
(No track events completed due to event being called off early)

### Year 8s

1st: Dodgeball  
1st: Will V Discuss  
1st: Will V 200m  
2nd: Erin 100m  
2nd: YR8 Girls Relay

### Year 9s

1st: Lloyd 100m  
2nd: Holly H 300m  
2nd: Henry B 300m  
3rd: Ultimate Frisbee  
3rd: Sam P 800m  
3rd: Charlie G 200m

# Physical Education



# Physical Education

## Rounders

Rounders has been a hit this term! We have some brilliant students turn up to training who have showed some excellent rounders batting and fielding skills. Students have been learning different tactical plays in training and have enjoyed the nicer weather. Our YR10 students have played a recent friendly against Norton Hill where they showed some great play! Well done to all students who took part! Our YR8 team have also played Wells Blue and Norton Hill where Bow H achieved 2 player of the matches and Isla K achieved coaches player! Well done all!



# Physical Education

## Sports Leaders

During this term our sports leaders ran an 'Inclusive Multi-Skills Festival' for Year 4 students over at Midsomer Norton Cricket Club. The students led a variety of games like end ball, roller hockey, throw rounders, different variations of tag games and many more. Parents, students and teachers of the students they were delivering the sessions to spoke very highly of our students and they led each session with confidence, enthusiasm and professionalism. A huge well done to all of sports leaders who took part! The sports leaders of the term this term are:

Year 8: Will V

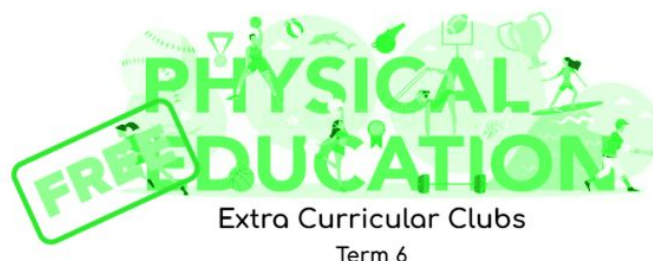
Year 9: Ava P



# Physical Education

## Extra Curricular Clubs Term 6

Below is our extra-curricular timetable. Please get involved all of our clubs so that you can then represent the school and compete against other local schools. As we are in the summer terms, we are offering a mixture of summer sports and we look forward to seeing lots of old and new members!



	Lunchtime (12.40-1.25pm)	Afterschool (3.30-4.25pm)
Monday	Astro Turf open to all year groups. <i>Studded boots or astro boots required.</i>	SVS Run Club! <i>Tramplining Club*</i>
Tuesday	Astro Turf open to all year groups. <i>Studded boots or astro boots required.</i>	
Wednesday	Astro Turf open to all year groups. <i>Studded boots or astro boots required.</i>	Rounders Club & Tennis Club
Thursday	Volleyball Club	Dance Club
Friday	Astro Turf open to all year groups. <i>Studded boots or astro boots required.</i>	

# Careers

## Careers Term 5 news

This term has focused on finalising Post 16 destinations for Year 11 students, with additional appointments with our Careers Adviser, Ros Windsor. Year 10 students have also started their Careers Appointments, looking forward to their own possible choices for next year.

Work Experience has now been finalised for all students who have found or been provided with a placement. Next term, after the mock examinations, there will be Health and Safety briefings for students attending Work Experience, as well as contact being made to employers to ensure that the programme that will be in place for them will allow for a meaningful experience of the workplace where they students are based,

For KS3 students, there have been opportunities to evaluate our Careers Programme. This has been done as part of the tutor programme and includes the "World of Work" video that is shown to students on a Friday registration. These videos allow for students to gain a further understanding of roles within specific career sectors.

We also held a workshop for Year 7 students, which explored Further Education. This is due to our partnership with Bath Spa University and students participated in activities to broaden their knowledge of degrees and university life.

Finally, we have posted on our Facebook page a link to developing our Alumni Network. If you, or any member of your family, are former Somervale Students, please complete the Google Link to let us know about your own destinations!

# Careers



We would love to hear

**FROM YOU!**

We are inviting all former Somervale students to complete a short google form to let us know their journey since leaving school.

Your update can help:



Inspire our current students



Build our ex student community



Support careers education and opportunities

→ [Google Form](#) ←

Thank you! ★

We can not wait to see what you've achieved and celebrate your success

# Extra Curricular Programme

## Term 6 Clubs

### Monday Lunchtime

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Library	Library	10	Library	Library open to Year 10
D&D Five Dice Club	Library	7, 8 & 9	Library	Student-led Dungeons and Dragons Club
IT club	IT	All	MM3	Learn new IT skills
Astro	PE ↑	All	Astro	Astro turf open to all year groups <i>*studded boots or astro books required</i>

### Monday After school

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Trampolining	PE	7, 8 & 9	Gym	Trampolining with a professional coach
Homework Club	SEN	All	MM5	Student support to complete homework
Library	Library	All	Library	Open for reading and studying until 4pm
Cooking Club	DT	7, 8 & 9	MM6	Learning to cook new dishes
GCSE Higher Statistics	Maths	10	MT4	Higher Statistics session
GCSE Coursework	Music	10	Music	GCSE coursework support
Drama Club	Drama	All	Studio	Begin to explore characters and look at staging, ready for next year's show!
Run Club	PE	All	Hall	Run in the local area!

# Extra Curricular Programme

## Tuesday Lunchtime

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Homework Club	SEN	All	MM5	Student support to complete homework
Library	Library	7 & 8	Library	Library open to Year 7 & 8
Library	Library	7 & 8	Library	World Cup Football Reading Club
IT Club	IT	All	MM3	Learn new IT skills
Astro	PE	All	Astro	Astro turf open to all year groups <i>*studded boots or astro boots required</i>
Practice Rooms	Music	All	Music	Practice your band/instrumental skills. Book a room in advance with Mr Kehoe
Royal Academy of Art Club	Art	All	MM7	Royal Academy summer show workshop
Radio Club	Media	All	Radio	Learn radio, podcasting and film production
Boardgames Club	Science	All	MG7	Come along and play some games!

## Tuesday After school

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Club Rock	Music	All	Music	Band rehearsals
Library	Library	All	Library	Library open for studying/reading until 4pm
Photography	Art	10	MM7	GCSE Photography skills
Cricket Club	PE	All	Astro	Cricket Club

# Extra Curricular Programme

## Wednesday Lunchtime

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Library	Library	9 & 10	Library	Library open to Year 9 & 10
Library (Week B)	Library	All	Library	Library Creative Crafts Club
Astro	PE	All	Astro	Astro turf open to all year groups <i>*studded boots or astro books required</i>
Practice rooms	Music	All	MU2	Group and band rehearsals

## Wednesday After school

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Library	Library	All	Library	Library open for studying/reading until 4pm
Clay Club	Art	7	T1	Be creative using clay making new models
Rounders	PE	All	Astro	Rounders all welcome!
Tennis	PE	All	Courts	All abilities welcome!

## Thursday Lunchtime

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Library	Library	7 & 8	Library	Library open to Year 7 & 8
Library	Library	7 & 8	Library	World Cup Football Reading Club
Astro	PE	All	Astro	Astro turf open to all year groups <i>*studded boots or astro books required</i>
Choir	Music	All	MU2	Learn to sing pop and music theatre in harmony
IT club	IT	All	MM3	Learn new IT skills
Radio Club	Media	All	Radio	Learn radio, podcasting and film production
Duke of Edinburgh	Geography	9	UT8	DofE Award support

# Extra Curricular Programme

## Thursday After school

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Library	Library	All	Library	Library open for studying/reading until 4pm
Dance Club	Dance	All	Hall/Gym	Learning choreography to "We're All in this Together", ready for next year's show!
Creative Writing	English	All	UG5	Experiment with different forms and play with your creative craft
Photography	Art	10 & 11	MT7	Homework and coursework support

## Friday Lunchtime

Activity	Department	Year	Room	Activity Overview
Attenborough Club	Humanities	All	UT8	Wildlife documentaries
Library	Library	9 & 10	Library	Library open to Year 9 & 10
Astro	PE	All	Astro	Astro turf open to all year groups <i>*studded boots or astro books required</i>
IT club	IT	All	MM3	Learn new IT skills
Radio Club	Media	All	Radio	Learn radio, podcasting and film production
Chess Club	Science	All	MG2	Learn how to play, and play chess!

# School Office

SOMERVALE SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM BANK

We are setting  
up a School  
Uniform Bank

Please can you  
support and  
donate any  
unwanted  
school uniform  
you have

Please donate any of the  
following:

School Jumpers

School Ties

School Coats

School Skirts

School Trousers

PE Kit

[www.somervaleschool.com/key-information/school-uniform.htm](http://www.somervaleschool.com/key-information/school-uniform.htm)

Please drop  
off at the  
Main School  
Reception



# School Office



03 458 686 688

# WHG

We are looking for welcoming  
**Host Families**

Earn up to £350 per week per student  
full support from Local Guardian  
access to free safeguarding course  
all families DBS checked



For more information contact Sue

☎ 0 7 939 211 193 ✉ [avon@localguardians.co.uk](mailto:avon@localguardians.co.uk)

or visit <https://whitehouseguardians.co.uk/host-family>



# White House Guardians

# Important Dates

## Term 5

Monday 1st June - Return to School week A

Thursday 4th June - Silver DofE

Monday 15th June - Year 7 Humanities Trip Day 1

Tuesday 16th June - Year 7 Humanities Trip Day 2

Tuesday 16th June - Year 9 Vaccinations Session 2

Wednesday 24th June - Sports Day

Thursday 25th June - Year 11 Leavers Day and Prom

Friday 26th June - DofE Bronze Final

Monday 13th - Friday 17th - Activities Week

Friday 17th July - Last Day of Term

Monday 20th July - Inset Day

Tuesday 21st July - Inset Day

# Term Dates 2025-2026

## Term Dates Academic Year 2025/2026



Midsomer Norton  
Schools Partnership

### **Term 1**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### **Term 2**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### **Term 3**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### **Term 4**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

### **Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

### **Term 6**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026  
*(Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July last day for students)*

## INSET DAYS

### **Inset day 1**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

### **Inset day 2**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

### **Inset day 3**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### **Inset day 4**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### **Inset day 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### **Inset day 6**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

### ***National Bank Holidays:***

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025*

*Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026*

*Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

*Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026*

# Term Dates 2026-2027



Midsomer Norton  
Schools Partnership

## Term Dates Academic Year 2026/2027

### **Term 1**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

### **Term 2**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2026  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

### **Term 3**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

### **Term 4**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2027  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

### **Term 5**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2027  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027

### **Term 6**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2027  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027

## INSET DAYS

### **Inset day 1**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026

### **Inset day 2**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

### **Inset day 3**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

### **Inset day 4**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

### **Inset day 5**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2026

### **Inset day 6**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

### ***National Bank Holidays:***

*Friday 25th December 2026  
Saturday 26th December 2026  
Monday 28th December 2026  
Friday 1st January 2027  
Friday 26th March 2027  
Monday 29th March 2027  
Monday 3rd May 2027  
Monday 31st May 2027  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2027*