

**17 April 2026**

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## MESSAGE FROM..... MRS H WATTS, EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back to the Summer Term! I hope you and your families had an enjoyable break.

As we move further into the academic year, I would like to take a moment to highlight the importance of organisation and effective revision skills for our students. These habits are not only essential for academic success, but also help to build independence, confidence, and resilience—qualities that will benefit children well beyond their time in school.

Developing strong organisational skills enables students to manage their time, keep track of their work, and approach their learning in a structured way. Similarly, effective revision is not simply about re-reading notes, but about actively engaging with material—testing understanding, practising retrieval, and revisiting topics over time.

You play a vital role in supporting these habits at home. Simple steps can make a significant difference: encouraging your child to use a planner or checklist, helping them establish a consistent study routine, and providing a quiet, distraction-free space for learning. Asking your child to explain what they have learned, rather than just what they have completed, can also deepen their understanding.

It is equally important to promote balance; regular breaks, a good night's sleep, and positive encouragement all contribute to effective learning.

By working together, we can help our students develop the skills they need to succeed not only in their studies, but in all aspects of life.

**THEME & WORD OF THE WEEK**  
for week commencing 20 April 2026  
**THEME – “Is space travel inspirational?”**  
**WORD – Process**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **23 April** – HHS Wellbeing Event – Sports Hall and Field (3.00pm – 5.00pm)



## GENERAL NEWS STORIES

**1000 Merits** – We’re incredibly proud to celebrate a truly outstanding achievement from one of our students, Esme, who has become the first student this school year to reach an amazing 1000 merits!

This milestone reflects Esme’s consistent hard work, positive attitude, and commitment to excellence across all areas of school life. Earning 1000 merits is no small feat; it takes dedication, resilience, and a genuine enthusiasm for learning.

Esme, you have set a fantastic example for your peers and shown what can be achieved through determination and effort. We are all so proud of you and can’t wait to see what you accomplish next!



## GENERAL NEWS STORIES

**Saxon Air** – There are few places available on our upcoming INSPIRE: Innovate Saturday. As always, their Innovate sessions explore STEM skills through hands-on, practical activities designed to inspire and build confidence.



### Upcoming Innovate sessions:

**Saturday, 25 April 2026, 9:45am–2:00pm (ages 14–18)**

**Saturday, 16 May 2026, 9:45am–2:00pm (ages 14–18)**

The Saxon Air INSPIRE: Innovate Programme is a hands-on STEM innovation experience that brings together industry, education and young people to explore real-world challenges. Through practical projects, collaboration and creative problem-solving, learners develop future-focused skills and gain insight into how science, technology, engineering and maths shape the world around them.

The April Innovate will focus on sustainability and future skills, with partner organisations Aviva and Stirling X. Students will carousel through activities including drone and flight simulators, drone flying, a business analytics challenge developed by Aviva, and a solar panel activity.

The May Innovate explores Emergency Response and includes partners such as Air Ambulance, NARS, Bloodbikes and the Coastguard.

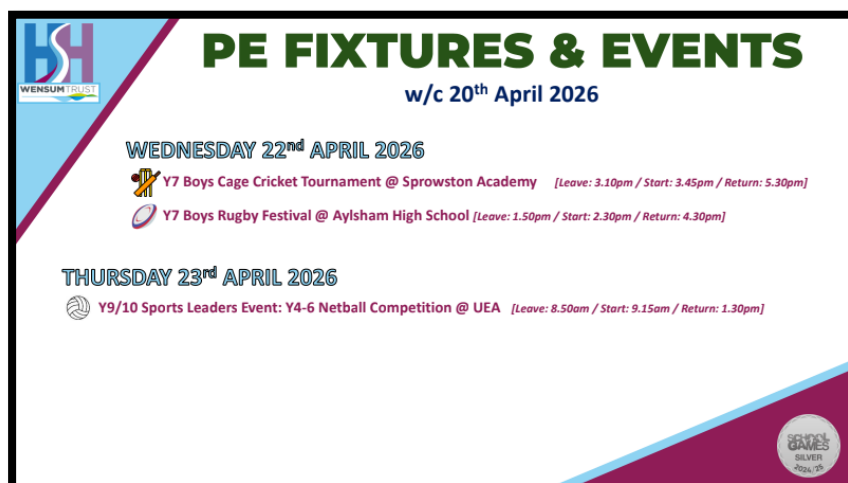
To help us continue delivering high-quality, hands-on experiences, we've introduced a small attendance fee of £11.

[INSPIRE:Innovate | Saxon Air.](#)

Saxon Air will be joining us at the Wellbeing Event on Thursday, 23 April so parents and students can find out more information there!



**PTA Lottery** - [Results.](#)

## PE UPDATE





**PE FIXTURES & EVENTS**  
w/c 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2026**

-  Y7 Boys Cage Cricket Tournament @ Sprowston Academy [Leave: 3.10pm / Start: 3.45pm / Return: 5.30pm]
-  Y7 Boys Rugby Festival @ Aylsham High School [Leave: 1.50pm / Start: 2.30pm / Return: 4.30pm]

**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026**

-  Y9/10 Sports Leaders Event: Y4-6 Netball Competition @ UEA [Leave: 8.50am / Start: 9.15am / Return: 1.30pm]



## ATTACHMENTS

- Lego Church Poster
- HHS Wellbeing Event



## NEWS FROM OUR SIXTH FORM

**Alumni is fundraising for the charity, Dig Deep, by climbing the tallest mountain in Africa.**

In August this year, Harry Reed (former student), will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro to raise money for Dig Deep, a UK-based charity working to improve access to clean water, safe toilets, and hygiene in Bomet County, Kenya.

Harry was inspired to support Dig Deep after learning that two-thirds of people in Bomet lack access to clean water. Over half of the population also live without safe toilets. Dig Deep delivers both practical solutions and long-term change, including clean water systems, school sanitation projects, and community education programmes. Your support will help provide these communities with the basics they need, improving health, education, and opportunities, especially for women and children, and ultimately enhancing their quality of life.

Harry is aiming to raise £2,990 by June, and he is grateful for any support - whether it is a donation or simply sharing his fundraising page with others.

Find out more about the cause here: [Dig Deep \(Challenges\): Mount Kilimanjaro 2026](#).

**Welcome back to the Summer Term. It promises to be a busy one!**

A big thank you to all those staff and students who attended the Easter revision sessions. These were well attended and, talking to students, really focused them on their next steps for the upcoming exams. In terms of the next few weeks and revision, the key is to keep going. As the old saying goes - "I can't promise it will be easy, but I can say it will be worth it" - Mr Taylor, Director of Sixth Form.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday, 6 May - Y13 Celebration Conference  
 Monday, 11 May - A Level Exams commence  
 Monday, 8 June - Y12 UCAS Discovery event at Norfolk Showground  
 Tuesday, 9 June - Y12 progress exams commence  
 Friday, 19 June - Y13 Leavers Ball  
 Monday, 22 June - New Y12 Induction day  
 Tuesday, 23 June - Y10 Future Focus day  
 Monday, 13 – Friday, 17 July - Y12 Careers/Work Experience week.



### Attendance Matters



We're committed to working with parents and carers to ensure your child feels happy and safe in school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

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