

Week beginning	12 th January 2026		Week	A	B	Menu Week 2
Personal Development theme (extended form is Friday)	7	Girls and puberty part 1		10	Cultural differences in relationships	
	8	LGBTQ+ What is it		11	Pregnancy & parenthood	
	9	What are female reproductive organs		6 th Form	12 – Relationship values 13 – Unintended pregnancies and options	
Theme of assemblies	Various; year group specific			Year Leader Assemblies		House Assemblies
Career of the week: Risk Manager	Here is our career of the week! Our hope is that you will watch this short clip with your child and discuss it together. JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #109 - RISK MANAGER					

News and messages from Mr McArthur

Welcome back and welcome to 2026. Unusually, I am sending the Paulet post on Thursday this week as I want to give some information that may or may not prove important tomorrow. The Met Office has issued an amber warning for our area for late afternoon and early evening due to Storm Goretti. We are monitoring the advice closely and will continue to follow guidance from the Met Office and other relevant agencies.

Should we receive substantial snowfall please be assured that the school will endeavour to remain open in the first instance. Closing the school is a decision that will only ever be taken as a final resort. However, such a decision must take into consideration a range of factors, not just the amount of snow on the school site. These include the safety of our students, parents and families travelling to and from school, the ability of staff to travel safely (many of whom journey considerable distances through remote areas) as well as the weather warnings and official Met Office advice.

If a decision is made to close the school, we will communicate any closures or changes to arrangements using our text messaging and email services. We will also update our Instagram page with this information. We will endeavour to decide as early as possible to help parents and carers make any necessary arrangements as we appreciate this can be challenging with your own work commitments.

We very much hope that a closure will not be necessary. In the meantime, we kindly ask that everyone takes extra care on their journeys to and from school during this period of cold and potentially hazardous weather.

Have a great weekend when it comes and, if we do get snow, please enjoy it as it is a rare treat for us!



Ian McArthur
Headteacher.

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Noice:
Mrs Lancaster	Parents/Carers	All parents / carers – Please can you confirm we are aware of all medical conditions for your child(ren) so that we have the latest medical information and that its regularly confirmed and any changes are noted. You can do this via email to office@phs.jtmat.co.uk we will ask for this annually but would appreciate an update as and when things change.
Mrs Gadsby	Blackheart Manor cast	Students who have been cast in the school production of 'Blackheart Manor' rehearsals are EVERY Thursday night in the school hall from 3-4.30pm.
Mrs Ireland	Parents	If you have a career that you would like to share with our students, please email me to come in and do a lunchtime talk. We would like to restart our 'lunch with a...' careers talks as they proved very popular last year. k.ireland@phs.jtmat.co.uk
Mrs McArthur	Parents/Carers	Staffordshire Council have launched a new campaign to raise awareness about attendance. There's lots of support for parents on their new website: https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education-welfare/Im-here/Im-Here-Secondary-attendance-campaign.aspx As always, if you have any worries about your child's attendance, please get in touch with an email to attendance@phs.jtmat.co.uk . We are here to support you.
Miss Gordon	11	French GCSE revision for Year 11 students after school on Thursdays at 3pm until 3:45pm
Mr Peach	11 & 12	We are running our bi-annual trip to New York City and Washington DC in February 2027 Any current Yr11s or Yr12s who are interested in the trip should collect a letter from Mr Peach which gives details of the trip If Yr11s who sign up for the trip and then don't stay at our 6th Form are still welcome to take advantage of this trip of a lifetime.
Miss Dalby	KS3	All students need a reading book for silent reading during English lessons. This is also part of their school equipment and should be in their bag. Students can visit the library to check out a book if they don't have one.
Parish Council	All	Free CPR and AED training for the community – see poster below
Mrs Farrimond	11	Chemistry drop-in sessions run Monday Lunch time in SC1 with Mrs Farrimond. This is for combined and separate chemistry students.
16 th Burton Scout Group	Parents	The 16th Burton Stapenhill Group only have a temporary leader so are looking for 2 Beaver Leaders to take over. (see below)

Reminders and key dates	15 th January – 6 th Form Interview Evening 29 th January – Year 12 Parents' Evening 5 th February – Year 10 Parents' Evening 10 th February – Safer Internet Day 12 th February – Group photos – 6 th form; Year 11; Prefects Week beginning 16 th February – Half Term 23 rd February – back to school @ 8.27am
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Click the link to see what clubs are on next week:



Extra-Curricular Opportunities	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; (Mr Gilmour and Mr Turner)							
Coding Club; Thursday 3pm to 4pm; IT1 (Mr Peach)							
Gaming Club; Monday to Thursday lunchtime; IT1 (Mr Ashraf)							
Chess Club; every day; Library (duty SLT)							
Drama Club; Wednesday 3pm to 4pm; PA2 (Mrs Gadsby / Miss Boston)							
Pokémon Club; Monday Lunchtime; SC2 (Mr Parker)							
Library Club; lunchtimes; Library (duty SLT)							
Cadet Club; Wednesday 3pm to 4pm; Atrium (Mr Crisp)							
Lego Club; day TBC; GS4 (Mr Suleman)							
Creative Writing Club; Wednesday lunchtime; EN4 (Miss Baker)							
STEM Club; day TBC; 3pm to 4pm; DT2 (Mr Allsopp)							
Art Club; Thursday 3pm to 4pm; AR2 (Miss Dartford)							
Year 11 GCSE Art Club; day TBC; lunchtime; AR1 (Mrs Sargent)							
Science Club; Thursday 3pm to 4pm; SC2 (Mr Parker)							
War Gaming Club; Friday 3pm to 4pm; GS7 (Mr Goodall)							
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Future Pathways Club; Autumn Term only; Tuesdays 3pm to 4pm; GS3 (Dr Banks)							
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The School Day – 2025-26

(A CONTINUOUS SINGLE TONE SIGNIFIES LOCKDOWN)

School Day		
		
Movement Bell	8.27	8.27
Form Time	8.30 – 9.00	8.30 – 9.20
Lesson 1	9.00 – 10.00	9.20 – 10.00
Lesson 2	10.00 – 11.00	On a rolling basis, throughout the two-week timetable, there will be a weekly 50-minute Personal Development (PD) Lesson... Week 1 – Monday; Week 2 – Tuesday etc.
Break	11.00 – 11.20	
Lesson 3	11.20 – 12.20	
Lesson 4	12.20 – 1.20	
Lunch	1.20 – 2.00	
Lesson 5	2.00 – 3.00	
Bells at: 8.27; 11.00; 11.20; 11.23; 1.20; 2.00; 2.03		



Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
OPEN Wed. 3 rd Sept - Yr7 Thur. 4 th Sept - all students	OPEN Monday 5 th January	OPEN Monday 13 th April
Last day of half term Friday 24 th October	Last day of half term Friday 13 th February	Last day of half term Friday 22 nd May
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
OPEN Monday 3 rd November	OPEN Monday 23 rd February	OPEN Monday 1 st June
Last day of term Friday 19 th December	Last day of term Friday 27 th March	Last day of term Friday 17 th July

Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2025 – School Closed
 Training Days: Monday 1st September 2025; Tuesday 2nd September 2025; Friday 3rd October 2025; Friday 3rd July 2026; Monday 20th July 2026


JOIN OUR TEAM

BEAVER LEADER!

Preparing young people with skills for life.



16TH BURTON - STAPENHILL SCOUTS

 gsl@stapenhillscouts.co.uk

JOIN NOW!

LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE!

Date: 17th February 2026

Time: 14:00 – 16:00

Venue: The Grove

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Hands-only CPR techniques
- How to use an AED
- Recognizing cardiac emergencies
- Steps to help adults, children, and infants

WHY ATTEND?

- Gain life-saving skills
- Boost your confidence in emergencies

