

Week beginning	2 nd November 2026	Week	A	B	Menu Week 1
Personal Development theme	7	Careers and futures	10	Celebrating equality and diversity	
	8	Staying safe online and offline	11	Relationship and sex education	
	9	Rights, responsibilities and British Values	6 th Form	Y12 – Renting vs buying a house Y13 UCAS reflection of Personal Statements	
Theme of assemblies	'Movember'/positive masculinity (Spitfire House Assembly on Friday)			Year Leader Assemblies	House Assemblies
Career of the week: Health Visitor	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 #146 - HEALTH VISITOR				

News and messages from Mr McArthur

Happy Friday everyone

We've made it to the end of the longest half term of the year and I for one am looking forward to a break. Next half term will be busy as always with trial exams, Year 13 Parents' Evening, Year 11 trial exam results day and 'Academic Review Meetings'... and after all of that it'll be time for our annual Christmas fundraising and celebrations. A good rest is required by all!

One of our Year 8 students, Finley, is doing the annual YMCA Sleepout on 6th November with his mum and big brother. If you feel you could sponsor them, please follow the link below – every little helps. If you are interested, a simple google search will tell you all about this charitable event and how it helps thousands of young people in crisis. Good luck Finley!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/lucy-yates-3?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



YMCA BURTON

One night can make a lifetime of difference.

Please join us for this year's Sleepout on

Friday 6th November

- Pirelli Stadium
- YMCA Village at Pirelli Stadium
- St Modwens Xtreme

£10 adult / £5 under 18s*
(*must be accompanied by an adult)

www.burtonymca.org/Sleepout

fundraising@burtonymca.org

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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and empowering communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.



Yesterday (Thursday) I drove Mrs Spencer and a group of A Level History students down to Hampton Court for a tour of the palace and an A Level lecture by a renowned historian based there. During the tour our students immersed themselves in a day of Tudor history. Walking in the footsteps of King Henry VIII they visited the Tudor palace and kitchens, learning how he ruled and the challenges he faced. They even had time to watch some tennis played using Tudor rules in King Henry's own tennis court and to view a Tudor axe!

Toilets – I feel it is an apposite time to remind parents about our toilet procedure. Students may ask to go to the toilet in a lesson, and the teacher will use professional judgement to decide if they can or can't go at that moment. It will be dependent on time during the lesson (not the first or last 10 minutes for instance), what is happening in the lesson and who else has been to the toilet. Only one student can be out of a lesson at one time, and they are given a corridor pass for safeguarding purposes. No school, anywhere, allows unfettered access to toilets during lesson times. Sadly, a very benign incident in school on Tuesday led to a misinformed Facebook post and subsequently some vile comments about Paulet and schools in general. I must add that the current procedure, including corridor passes, was asked for and agreed by our students during student council meetings two years ago. The overwhelming majority of our students (and parents) understand that numerous trips to the toilet, during lessons, impacts the learning of the majority of students who don't routinely ask to go to the toilet.

Have a great half term week everyone,



Ian McArthur – Headteacher

‘Thunk’ of the week: Should animals have the same rights as humans?

Member of staff	Year group(s)	Noice:
Dr Banks	All	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. r.banks@phs.jtmat.co.uk
Mr Jackson	Years 7 - 13	PE clubs continue next week. Bring Pe kit and suitable footwear. All welcome! Monday-Dance club/ Year 7 & 8 football on the field Tuesday-Badminton club Wednesday- Netball club
Mrs Rayne	Year 11	This term, Year 11 have been working hard to build good study habits through Mission Possible 1: The Home Learning Challenge. I am incredibly proud that 86% of the year group have engaged with the programme, with many students earning rewards as they reached key milestones along the way. A special congratulations to Lia S, Olly F and Sofia V for successfully completing the challenge! We would also like to celebrate 11FB, who earned the most points as a tutor group. Well done to everyone involved! Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break, and good luck in your November trial exams. Keep up the hard work, stay focused and believe in yourselves!
Miss Dalby	KS3	KS3, don't forget your reading books for silent reading during English lessons. Your English teacher will let you know which day/lesson this will be happening on. You may bring anything to read e.g., a magazine, fiction or non-fiction as long as it is appropriate. If you are having trouble finding a book, see Miss Dalby in EN1 who has a reading trolley full of books.
Ms Catlin	12 & 13	Please complete the consent form and pay for your ticket on ParentPay for the Physics In action trip ASAP

Dr Banks	Years 7 - 13	Home Learning Club Monday & Tuesday after school 3pm-4pm Wednesday, Thursday & Friday lunchtimes 1.20-2pm IT2
Ms Catlin	10 & 11	Physics past paper club on Thursday after school in SC3
Ms Catlin	11	Physics lunch time drops in Wednesday in SC6 focusing on Paper 1 to prepare you for your trial exams
Mrs McArthur	Parents	The Staffordshire Autism Inclusion Team is offering a range of free sessions for parents and carers. Whether your child has an autism diagnosis, is on the assessment pathway, or hasn't yet been referred to our service, these sessions are open to you. Book your place here: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/parentcarer-sessions-2026-2027-4829609/ see the poster below:
Mr Suleman	7 & 8	Lego club for Years 7 & 8 every Thursday lunchtime in EP1
Reminders and key dates		Monday 2 nd November – start of new term – Trial Exams for two weeks or Y11 and Y13 Wednesday 11 th November – Paulet Remembers Friday 27 th November – Inset day (school closed) Thursday 3 rd December – Year 13 Parents' Evening Thursday 10 th December – Year 11 ARM meetings with parents (Academic Review Meetings) Tuesday 15 th December – Awards Evening – 2026 GCSE and Post 16 results Wednesday 16 th December – Year 7 Christmas Lunch Thursday 17 th December – Christmas Jumper Day; food collection for charity; 6 th Form Christmas Party Friday 18 th December – Last day of term; non-uniform day; students leave at 12.00pm Monday 4 th January – INSET Day – school closed to students Tuesday 5 th January – School reopens tom Students at 8.00am for a 8.27am start!

The School Day – 2026-27

(A CONTINUOUS SINGLE TONE SIGNIFIES LOCKDOWN)

School Day 2026-27			
	Monday, Wednesday to Friday	Tuesday (PD Day)	
Movement Bell	8.27	8.27	
Form Time PD on Tuesday	8.30 – 9.00	8.30 – 9.20	
Lesson 1	9.00 – 10.00	9.20 – 10.15	
Lesson 2	10.00 – 11.00	10.15 – 11.10	
Break	11.00 – 11.20	11.10 – 11.30	
Lesson 3	11.20 – 12.20	11.30 – 12.25	
Lesson 4	12.20 – 1.20	12.25 – 1.20	
Lunch	1.20 – 2.00	1.20 – 2.00	
Lesson 5	2.00 – 3.00	2.00 – 3.00	
	Bells at: 8.27; 11.00 (11.10); 11.20 (11.30); 11.23 (11.33); 1.20; 2.00; 2.03		

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
OPEN Thur. 3 rd Sept - Yr7 Fri. 4 th Sept - all students	OPEN Tuesday 5 th January	OPEN Monday 12 th April
Last day of half term Friday 23 rd October	Last day of half term Friday 12 th February	Last day of half term Friday 28 th May
HALF TERM	HALF TERM	HALF TERM
OPEN Monday 2 nd November	OPEN Monday 22 nd February	OPEN Monday 7 th June
Last day of term Friday 18 th December	Last day of term Thursday 25 th March	Last day of term Wednesday 21 st July

Bank Holiday:
Training Days:

Monday 3rd May 2027 – School Closed
Tuesday 1st September 2026; Wednesday 2nd September 2026; Friday 2nd October 2026; Friday 27th November 2026; Monday 4th January 2027; Friday 2nd July 2027

Lunchtime Clubs

Monday Lunchtimes

Library open every lunchtime for silent reading and study!

Club:	Year:	Location:
 Gaming 	All	IT1
 Chess	All	Collect set from Reception
Table Tennis	All	Collect set from Reception

Tuesday Lunchtimes

Club:	Year:	Location:
 Gaming 	All	IT1
 Chess	All	Collect set from Reception
Origami 	All	AR2
Table Tennis	All	Collect set from Reception
Crochet Club (Week A)	All	ML3
Home Learning	All	GS3

Wednesday Lunchtimes

Club:	Year:	Location:
 Gaming 	All	IT1
 Chess	All	Collect set from Reception
Drama 	All	PA2
Table Tennis	All	Collect set from Reception
Card Trading Club	7 to 9	HI1

Thursday Lunchtimes

Club:	Year:	Location:
 Gaming 	All	IT1
 LEGO	7&8	EP1
 Chess	All	Collect set from Reception
Table Tennis	All	Collect set from Reception
Home Learning	All	IT2
Diamond Art	All	Learning Hub

Friday Lunchtimes

Club:	Year:	Location:
 Chess	All	Collect set from Reception
 Blooket	7&8	IT1
Home Learning	All	IT2
Table Tennis	All	Collect set from Reception

Parent Awareness Sessions - Autumn 2026

The Autism Inclusion Team is delighted to offer free, supportive sessions for parents and carers of children with an autism diagnosis who attend a Staffordshire school, including children and young people who have not yet been referred to our service.

Date	Time	Session	Location/Platform
Thursday 22.10.26	9:30 - 11:00	Understanding Autism	TEAMS - email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place
	11:00 - 12:30	Raising Self-esteem	
	1:30-3:00	Emotional Regulation	
Tuesday 03.11.26	09:30 - 11:00	Autism and Masking	Stafford Children's Centre 
Tuesday 03.11.26	1:00-2:30	Reducing Barriers to Education	Stafford Children's Centre 
Wednesday 18.11.26	10-12:30	Autism in the Early Years	TEAMS - email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place
Tuesday 01.12.26	10:00-11:30	Girls and Autism	Stafford Children's Centre 
Thursday 03.12.26	10-11:30	Autism and Eating	TEAMS - email: autism.training@staffordshire.gov.uk to book your place

The Autism Inclusion Team is dedicated to driving cultural change that empowers educational settings and families to effectively support the teaching, learning and well-being of autistic students.