

**KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK**
**Tuesday, 27th January**

 Y9 Chemistry at Work 2026 Session  
 Y9 Holocaust Memorial Day Talk

**Wednesday, 28th January**

Y9 - Y11 Intermediate Maths Challenge

**Thursday, 29th January**

 Y12 & Y13 Parents' Evening  
 Y9 Options Choice Post Deadline

It's been a busy, but brilliant week. We were delighted to welcome so many parents to our Y9 Parents' Evening last night, and also, we welcomed a visit from Ed Miliband yesterday! Our Y11 students took part in a Sixth Form Progression Day earlier in the week and a Y8 student got to meet award-winning children's book author and screenwriter, Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

There is more on each of these news stories in this newsletter.

In case it's useful, the Term dates for 2026/27 have now been published - and can be viewed [here](#).

**Principal's Reward Breakfast**


Each week, every Head of Achievement chooses two students from their year group who has gone above and beyond, to take part in a celebratory breakfast. This is a highlight of my week; well done to everyone who was put forward.

**Y11 Progression Day**


On Tuesday, all of our Y11 students took part in a Progression Day at our Sixth Form College, where they listened to a guest speaker, took part in team building activities, and had a 1:1 mock interview.

Our Y11 were a credit to the school, they looked smart and engaged brilliantly with the interviewers and guests. We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all the visitors who came into college and gave up their time to be a part of the event.

**Year 8 Student Shines at Town Hall Oracy Celebration**


On Wednesday, a Y8 student proudly represented our school at a special event held at the Town Hall, celebrating the power and importance of oracy. The local authority invited schools across the borough to take part in a competition, and we were delighted when one of our students was selected to attend.

Chosen by Mr Robinson, Library and Resource Centre Manager, the student impressed judges with an exceptional piece of writing exploring creativity and how it can be expressed in all aspects of life. Her work stood out for its originality, insight and confidence.

At the ceremony, she was the only student whose writing was read aloud, an honour made even more special as it was shared by award-winning author and screenwriter Frank Cottrell-Boyce himself. The student also had the opportunity to speak with Frank personally and was gifted a signed copy of one of his books.

**Secretary of State Visit**


Yesterday, Cowley was proud to welcome Ed Miliband, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, who visited the school to hear about our commitment to sustainability and reducing energy costs through the installation of Great British Energy solar panels.

During his visit, Ed met with members of the school's Eco Club, taking time to listen to the issues that matter most to them. Students spoke passionately about sustainability and shared their recent experiences attending the local Junior Climate Change Day at the Town Hall, asking thoughtful questions and ensuring their voices were heard.



Ed also toured the school, visiting classrooms while lessons were underway.

Also in attendance were Councillor Anthony Burns, Councillor David Baines, MP for St Helens North, and Liverpool City Region Mayor Steve Rotherham.

The visit was an inspiring experience for our students, demonstrating the real impact of student voice and showing how schools can play a leading role in shaping a greener, more sustainable future. More photos on the next page.



# Year 11 **PERIOD 6 SUPER SESSIONS**

**Week Beginning: 19<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Geography Miss Barry M20/M21	Maths Expanding brackets  Mrs Hughes Maths corridor	English Unseen poetry  Mrs Dawber English corridor	Science Blood sugar control and diabetes  Mr Dickinson E5/E6

**Week Beginning: 26<sup>th</sup> January**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
History Paper 3 Skills  Mrs Mackay M19	Maths Factorising into a single bracket  Mrs Hughes Maths corridor	English Paper 1 Q5 description (6 paragraph plan)  Mr Hewlett English corridor	Science Rates of reaction  Mr Bennett E5/E6

**Week Beginning: 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
Geography Revising key case studies for Paper 2  Miss Barry M20/M21	Maths Angles  Mrs Hughes Maths corridor	English Themes in An Inspector Calls  Mrs Dawber English corridor	Science Crude oil  Mr Bennett E5/E6

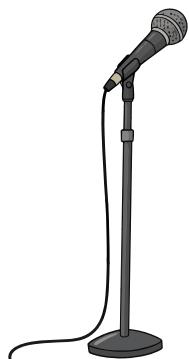


**SESSIONS TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL 2:50 - 3:45PM**



# MUSIC CENTRE

**FREE ensembles, bands and choirs  
for all abilities at St Helens Town Hall**



**MONDAY**

**VOCAL YOUTH 6:15-7:30pm**

**TUESDAY**

**ROCK BAND 4:30-6pm**

**WEDNESDAY**

**BEGINNER ORCHESTRA 4-5pm**

**INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA 4-5PM**

**ST HELENS YOUTH ORCHESTRA 5:30-7PM**

For more info ask your music  
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# DISCOVER YOUR SPACE

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## YOUTH HUB

### WEEKDAYS:

- OPEN 4-8:15PM MON-FRI
- DROP IN - NO NEED TO BOOK
- FOOD AND DRINK
- A PLACE TO CHILL
- LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO TRY

GAME DESIGN, MUSIC,  
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS,  
SPORT, ART & MORE

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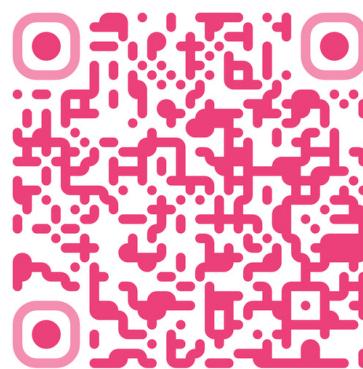
### WEEKEND CLUB

SATURDAYS OPEN 1-8PM

SUNDAYS OPEN 12-7:30PM

SPORT, PHOTOGRAPHY,  
COOKING, DIGITAL MEDIA  
AND MORE.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN  
UP OR JUST DROP IN



FREE