



KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Monday, 12th January

Presentation Evening, Sports Hall, from 5pm

Tuesday, 13th January

Y13 Music Performance

Wednesday, 14th January

Student Voice

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our students. Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support. It has been a pleasure to see students return looking smart and ready to learn, with the correct equipment. These high expectations make a real difference and help ensure that every student is well placed to make strong progress this term.

This half term is a short one—just six weeks—but it is absolutely jam-packed with events and activities. These include Presentation Evening on Monday, 12th January, Parents' Evening for Year 9 on Thursday, 22nd January, Sixth Form information events for Year 11 (see banner below), mock examinations, Year 10 work experience, and much more. It promises to be a busy and productive half term for all.

Attendance

Attendance is a key priority. Many of us make New Year's resolutions to make 2026 better than 2025, and one of the most important ways to ensure a successful year for our students is by attending school every day.

Good attendance, alongside taking part in extracurricular activities, plays a vital role in building confidence, developing skills, and maximising opportunities for success.

If you need any support in your child attending school, please don't hesitate to reach out. We have a dedicated

attendance team, wellbeing team and pastoral staff - who are all on hand to help students.

There are so many activities for students to get involved in and the full enrichment timetable can be [viewed here](#).

Y11 Germany visit

Just before we broke up for Christmas, a number of Y11 students visited Germany. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the staff involved. Here are more photos from that visit:



Safeguarding in the Spotlight

The Children's Commissioner has recently produced a helpful guide for parents on managing children's digital lives. We know that supporting young people online can feel challenging at times, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach.

This guide offers practical, reassuring advice and we hope it will be a useful resource to support the conversations you may already be having at home. Click image from the Children's Commissioner to view the guide.



Tell, Tell, Tell.

Students, if you're ever worried about yourself or someone else:

- Tell someone you trust — a teacher, team tutor, safeguarding lead, or another adult in college.
- Tell them everything you can — what's happened, what you've seen or heard, and why you're worried.
- You don't need to have all the details or be sure something is wrong.
- Sharing a concern is never getting someone in trouble — it's about keeping people safe.



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COURSE INFORMATION MORNINGS

Saturday 17 January & Saturday 7 February
10:00am - 1:00pm



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11-18 YEAR OLDS

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College Street
St Helens WA10 1TF

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

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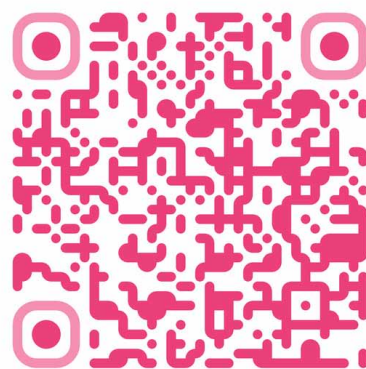
WEEKEND CLUB

SATURDAYS OPEN 1-8PM

SUNDAYS OPEN 12-7:30PM

SPORT, PHOTOGRAPHY,
COOKING, DIGITAL MEDIA
AND MORE.

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