

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**WORD OF THE WEEK – COMPASSION**  
**WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – REFUGEE WEEK**  
**CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – DISPLAY EMPATHY**  
**BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – LEVITICUS 19V33-34 (OT)**

## **Residential and rewards**

We have all certainly had a busy week and there is more to come next week! It has been great to see some of the Y7 and Y8 children attend the residential at Kingswood this week. Another amazing experience that has pushed some of them to overcome fears and anxieties, despite being very tired, they seemed to have had a superb time. We are just finalising all the award nominations for both year groups and next week I will be writing to parents of children who have been nominated for awards. In Year 7, these focus on investment in learning and academic progress, while Year 8 will take a more flamboyant theme with the 'Wisdoms', a take on the Oscars, with children being nominated and winning 'Best In' and 'Best Supporting Awards'. I look forward to seeing as many of you on each night as possible. Mrs Fisher is also organising an end of year rewards trip for all our Zero Heroes, again please look out for details soon.

Look out for the letters and the dates are below:

### **Year 7 Awards Evenings**

Tuesday 4th July (Form groups 7BWN and 7LLR) 6-7pm  
Wednesday 5th July (Form groups 7PMR and 7DCL) 6-7pm  
Thursday 6th July (Form groups 7CDR and 7SCR) 6-7pm

### **Year 8 Wisdoms Night**

Tuesday 11th July 2023 7-8pm – for those students and families who receive an invite

## **New staff training**

On Monday, we welcome all our new teaching staff to St Edward's. The senior leadership team will deliver an intense day of training on our standards, our routines, our policies, and our expectations. This will allow them to hit the ground running in September and get the very best out of all the children straight away. I know they are extremely excited to start their TASE journey with us September.

## **Term time holidays**

Can I take this chance to remind all current and new families that we do not permit or authorise term time holidays. Any taken will be classed as unauthorised and you will be fined by the Local Authority. Our policy states that any child who is taken on a term time holiday will not be permitted to go on any reward or non-educational trip (e.g., Paris, residential, football tours) for a rolling calendar year from the date of the holiday.

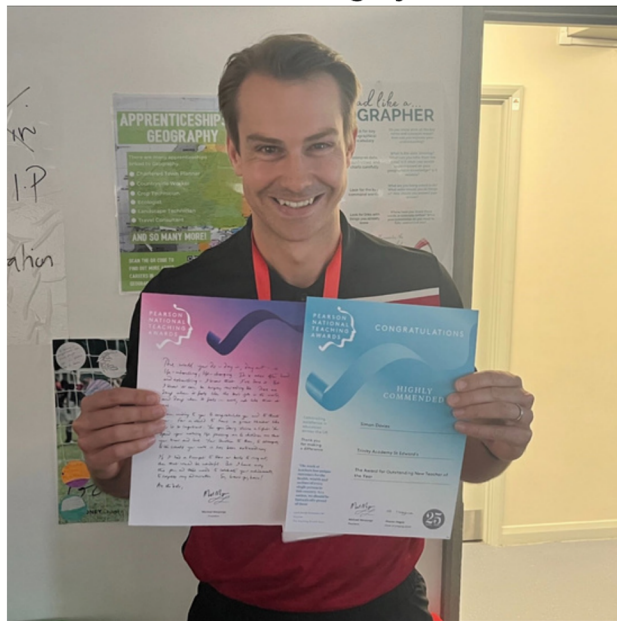
Attendance at school is crucial and children cannot miss learning for a holiday.

## Transition Evening

On Thursday 29th June we will be welcoming our new Year 7 cohort and their parents to our transition evening. Children will find out about their form groups and get a taste of school life and parents will listen to some information from myself and other senior leaders. It is always an exciting and well attended evening, and we look forward to seeing you all. Please do look out over the weekend for the launch of our brand-new transition video. This includes lots more exciting clips and information from staff and current students to help answer any questions.

## Thank a Teacher Day

A huge thank you to all the parents that sent in and posted on social media their thanks and gratitude to our staff. We are deeply passionate about what we do, and we do all that we can to ensure your children have a superb education. Reading your words was wonderful, and we are very fortunate to have such thoughtful and caring parents. Our very own Mr Davies was presented with a certificate of commendation for being nominated for the Outstanding New Teacher of the Year award – a thoroughly well-deserved accolade.



## PE

Another busy week on the sporting front again. We're moving quickly into summer sport season. During half term Leo Baines and Kaitlyn Oates represented the school in a South Yorkshire event. Leo won his 200m race and Kaitlyn took 3rd place in her throwing event. Two more very talented students at our school.

We have also had cricket and rounders matches against Darton and Shafton this week. It is great to see the variety of sports on offer and the number of children participating.



## Residential Photos



## Uniform addition

Our Student Senior Leadership team came to meet me earlier in the year asking if we could include a jumper as part of the uniform for the winter months. We got two designs from our local supplier and then the SSLT asked all students which design they preferred. This will now be an optional part of the uniform from September. If a jumper is worn, it must be this one. More details, cost and where to buy will follow.

## NEU Teacher Strike

As you may have seen the NEU teaching union has called two more strike days on the 5th and 7th July. Now I am waiting to hear from colleagues about who will be participating in these strikes. We will inform parents of our plans as soon as we know more. In this early stage we may look to take similar action as before, with each day being open to one year group at school and the other learning online at home. This will be confirmed as soon as we can.

## Term dates - 2024/25

The term dates for academic year 2024/25 are now available. These can also be accessed on the TASE website

### Academic Year Dates 2024/25

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE      Standard Year (190 days + 5 training days)

2024	SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER					DECEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25			
Thursday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26			
Friday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27			
	Total number of student days    20					Total number of student days    14					Total number of student days    19					Total number of student days    15				
2025	JANUARY					FEBRUARY					MARCH					APRIL				
Monday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	1	8	15	22	29		
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30			
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		
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2025	MAY					JUNE					JULY					AUGUST				
Monday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21								
Tuesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22								
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	Total number of student days    16					Total number of student days    21					Total number of student days    14					Total number of student days    190				

Bank holidays	
Other holidays	
	Teacher Training Day (academy closed to students) 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (disaggregated training days)

This six-term year comprises of 190 student days and 195 teaching staff days.

Term 1	02 September – 18 October	(35 days)
Term 2	04 November – 20 December	(35 days)
Term 3	06 January – 14 February	(30 days)
Term 4	24 February – 11 April	(35 days)
Term 5	22 April – 23 May	(23 days)
Term 6	02 June – 22 July	(37 days)

### Dates for your diary/upcoming events

Tuesday 27th June  
Barnsley Museum trip

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ESPORTS club at Barnsley College

Wednesday 28th June – Group 1 Y7 Geography Field work  
visit to Castleton

Thursday 29th June – Group 2 Y7 Geography Field work  
visit to Castleton

Thursday 29th June – Trinity MAT Maths Competition at  
Royal Armouries, Leeds