



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carers,

18th September 2026

I hope you have all had a positive week and are looking forward to a well-earned weekend. It has been another busy and successful week at Sir Harry Smith Community College, with a number of exciting events taking place and much to celebrate. You will find further information and updates throughout this week's newsletter.

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed students and families into the College for our Year 11 Information Evening and Sixth Form Information Evening. Thank you to everyone who attended. It was fantastic to see so many students and parents engaging positively with the next stage of their educational journey. I hope you found the sessions informative and helpful.

For those who were unable to attend, the information from both evenings has been shared with families. As always, if you require any further support, advice or guidance, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Year 11 students were given a copy of a How to Revise guide as they entered the evening. We still have a limited number of copies available, which will be placed in Reception for students or parents to collect.

I would also like to reiterate two important messages that I shared with our Year 11 students. Firstly, we have high expectations of every student because we believe in their potential. In return, I encourage our young people to have equally high expectations of themselves. Secondly, and perhaps most importantly, it is never too late to start, or restart, revising and taking a renewed interest in learning. Small, consistent steps taken now can make a significant difference in the months ahead.

This week, I would also like to take the opportunity to address uniform expectations.

High standards matter. They help to create the positive culture that we are proud of at Sir Harry Smith Community College and contribute to an environment where students can thrive. School uniform is important because it promotes equality, creates a sense of belonging, supports safety and helps students focus on learning. Above all, it reflects pride: pride in ourselves, pride in our community and pride in our College.

The overwhelming majority of our students wear their uniform impeccably every day, and I would like to thank both students and families for their continued support in maintaining our standards. Their commitment does not go unnoticed. Through recent student voice activities, some students shared that they feel they receive frequent reminders regarding uniform. While I understand this perspective, it is important that we continue to uphold the standards that make our College such a positive place to learn. Staff will always support students in meeting expectations, doing so with kindness, consistency and a shared commitment to helping every young person succeed.

Alongside maintaining high expectations, it is equally important that we celebrate those students who consistently get it right. Therefore, beginning on Monday, we will be running a two-week Uniform Pride Competition. During this period, staff will be issuing Uniform Commendations to students who demonstrate pride in their appearance and consistently meet our uniform expectations.

At the end of the two weeks, students should hand their commendations to their tutor. Individual prizes will be awarded within each year group based on the number of commendations collected. In addition, every student who receives a commendation will be entered into a prize draw for the opportunity to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

I am looking forward to seeing our students recognised and rewarded for their efforts. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital and makes a significant difference to the success of our young people. Together, we will continue to ensure that Sir Harry Smith Community College is a place of high expectations, strong relationships and exceptional opportunities for every student.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Stevie Thornton

Acting Headteacher



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Year 11 Revision Timetable

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Subject	Technology	Music	English	French	Art
Location	Sh02	OL05	Or05	BL12	Mg09
Time:	1:20 – 2:00pm	1:20-2:00pm	3.00-4.00pm	1:20 – 2:00	3-3.50
Subject	Computer Science	Computer Science	Technology	Music	Music
Location	GI01	GI01	Sh12	OL05	OL05
Time:	1:20 – 2:00pm	1:20 – 2:00pm	3:00 – 4:00pm	1:20-2:00pm	3 – 4 pm
Subject	Biology (11X1/Y1 Only)	Science (all classes)	French		
Location	Blue 22	Co14	BL11		
Time:	3.10-4.10pm	3.10-4.10pm	3.00 - 4.00pm		
Subject	Maths (Foundation)		Maths – Sparx Club		
Location	Gold 11		Gold 01		
Time:	3:00 – 4:00pm		3:00 – 4:00pm		
Subject			Maths (Higher Revision)		
Location			Gold 11		
Time:			3:00 – 4:00pm		

Mr Holland

From Rachel de Souza: Fill in the Children's Commissioner's Survey

As children and young people return to school for the new academic year, I am writing to ask for your support in making sure more pupils at your school have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, The Big Future.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

Every child's voice matters, and I want to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that I will share with Government.

Thank you for your support in helping to make sure your pupils' voices are heard as we begin the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



Year 7 PGL Residential Trip Offer

We are delighted to offer our Year 7 students the opportunity to attend a PGL residential trip from **Wednesday 7 July 2027 to Friday 9 July 2027**.

This exciting three-day, two-night experience will provide students with the chance to develop confidence, teamwork, resilience and independence while having fun and making new friends. The trip will also help students build relationships with peers from different form groups, supporting a positive and inclusive Year 7 experience.

Students will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of adventurous and engaging activities, which may include abseiling, canoeing, rock climbing, archery, quad biking, Aero ball, zip wire, high ropes, ball sports and fencing. These activities encourage personal development, communication and problem-solving skills while introducing students to sports and activities they may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

More details about how to secure a place on the trip will follow within the next few weeks.

We look forward to offering our students this fantastic opportunity and hope that many Year 7 students will take part in what promises to be a memorable and rewarding experience.

Miss Ponder



Sixth Form Enrichment Programme Launches with Great Success

Following the introduction of the Department for Education's Enrichment Benchmarks in June, Sir Harry Smith Sixth Form has launched its exciting new enrichment programme, **SWADSE (Spend Wednesday Afternoon Doing Something Else)**.

This week saw all Sixth Form students participate in their first enrichment session, and the programme has already proven to be a tremendous success. Students have embraced a diverse range of opportunities designed to broaden their experiences, develop new skills, and support their personal growth beyond the classroom.

Among the many activities on offer, ten students are taking part in outdoor and adventurous experiences at Ferry Meadows. These sessions include canoeing, raft building, rock climbing, archery, and paddleboarding, providing valuable opportunities for teamwork, resilience, and leadership development.

Within school, students can choose from a variety of enrichment activities including recreational sport, arts and crafts, crocheting, and volunteering opportunities. Many students are supporting younger learners by assisting in Key Stage 3 lessons, volunteering in the school library, or contributing to the Aspire Learning Hub.

We are also delighted to be strengthening our links with the local community through partnerships with local primary schools and Hermitage Care Home. These experiences enable students to make meaningful contributions to their community while developing the confidence, communication skills, and sense of social responsibility that will serve them throughout their lives.

At Sir Harry Smith Sixth Form, we firmly believe that enrichment experiences are an essential part of a well-rounded education. Through participation in these activities, students gain valuable employability skills, build confidence, develop leadership qualities, and strengthen their university, apprenticeship, and employment applications.

Working Together for Our Young People.

As we continue to expand our enrichment offer, we are eager to forge new partnerships with local businesses, charities, community groups, and individuals who are passionate about supporting young people.

Whether you could offer work-related experiences, volunteering opportunities, guest speakers, mentoring, practical workshops, or community projects, your support could have a lasting impact on the aspirations and future success of our students. By working together, we can help young people develop the skills, experiences, and connections they need to thrive in an ever-changing world.

We are proud to be part of such a supportive community and believe that the greatest opportunities for our students come when schools, organisations, and local residents work in partnership.

If you would like to become involved in our growing enrichment programme, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Together, we can inspire ambition, broaden horizons, and create life-changing opportunities for the next generation.

Sixth Form Enrichment Programme Launches with Great Success

For more information or to discuss potential partnership opportunities, please contact Sir Harry Smith Sixth Form.

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SIR HARRY SMITH
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
— SIXTH FORM —



ASPIRE
LEARNING
TRUST

SWADSE

Spend Wednesday Afternoon Doing Something Else



S **Strengthen** skills for university, apprenticeships and employment



W **Work** with community partners and employers



A **Access** arts, culture, sport and leadership opportunities



D **Develop** confidence, character and transferable skills



S **Serve** others through volunteering and civic engagement



E **Explore** new experiences beyond the classroom



Why SWADSE?

Aligned to the DfE Enrichment Framework: a broad and well-rounded offer, community partnerships, student voice, accessibility, future skills, personal development and continuous improvement.



EVERY WEDNESDAY



EVERY STUDENT



ENRICHMENT FOR ALL

Sixth Form Girls Netball Tournament

On Monday 14th September, our Sixth Form girls competed in the Peterborough Schools Netball Tournament at AMVC. The girls played five fantastic games, securing four wins throughout the tournament.

They finished **joint first with Kings on points**, with the final position unfortunately decided by goal difference. Despite their excellent performance, the girls narrowly missed out by just 3 goals.

A fantastic achievement and a brilliant effort from everyone involved. Well done, girls!

Mrs Staggs



Trip to Blood Brothers The Musical

On Thursday 17th September 2026, our Year 10 and 11 Drama students visited the Cambridge Arts Theatre to watch Blood Brothers: The Musical, which is the set text for their written Drama examination.

The performance was incredible! There was plenty of laughter, as well as a few tears, from both staff and students as we enjoyed this powerful and memorable production.

Our students were a huge credit to both themselves and the school. Their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm were noticed by members of the public, who commented on how wonderful the students were — something that was fantastic to hear and made us incredibly proud.

A brilliant day was had by all, and the trip provided our students with a valuable opportunity to experience their set text performed live on stage, helping to deepen their understanding of the characters, themes and production. We are already looking forward to our next Drama Department trip in October, when we will be heading to Curve Theatre in Leicester to watch The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

We can't wait!

Mrs Steele



Sir Harry Smith Art Students Shine at the Whittlesey Festival

We are delighted to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our talented Art students at this year's Whittlesey Festival Art Exhibition and Competition. Students from Sir Harry Smith have produced an exceptional collection of artwork, showcasing the creativity, dedication and skill they have developed throughout the year.

The exhibition, currently on display at Whittlesey Library, features an impressive range of work created using a wide variety of media and techniques. Students have demonstrated real confidence in their chosen media, while many have experimented with and combined different materials to create exciting and highly individual outcomes.

The standard of this year's exhibition has been exemplary, and we are incredibly proud of the hard work and commitment shown by our students. Their work demonstrates not only strong technical skills, but also imagination, experimentation and a willingness to develop their own creative ideas.

The response from visitors has been wonderful, with many people commenting on how impressed they were by the quality and variety of the work on display. It has been particularly rewarding to see our students' creativity recognised and appreciated by the wider Whittlesey community.

The exhibition remains on display at Whittlesey Library until Friday 25th September, so if you have the opportunity, please take the time to visit and see the fantastic work produced by our young artists.

We are extremely proud of every student who has contributed to this year's exhibition — well done!

The winners from each category are listed here.

11- 14 years category

1st Harry Wicks

2nd Addison Goakes

3rd Layla Currie

Highly Commended – Alex Broderick

11 – 18 years category

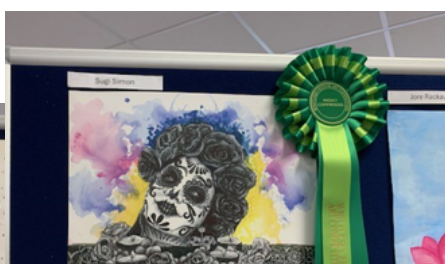
1st Laura Konrath

2nd Lucas Giakoumi- Horta

3rd William MacDonald

Highly Commended - Sugi Simon

Special Prize: Lia Stankevic



Student Success: Go Karting Win For Nicholas!

Congratulations to Year 8 student Nicholas, who won Round 7 of the Hunts Kart Club Championship! This currently puts him in 3rd place in the championship with three more rounds to go and this is his third win in a row!

Following his recent championship achievements, Nicholas was selected to attend a testing day at Silverstone on Friday 11th September, with a view to racing there next season.

Huge congratulations to Nicholas on this excellent achievement!



Sir Harry Smith Fantasy Premier League is Back!

Think you've got what it takes to outsmart your friends, your teachers... and maybe even Mr Treliving?

The Sir Harry Smith Fantasy Premier League is now open, and everyone is welcome to join! Whether you're a football expert or simply enjoy a bit of friendly competition, it's a great way to make the Premier League season even more exciting.

How to Join:

- Download the Official Fantasy Premier League app or visit the Fantasy Premier League website.
- Create your team.
- Join the Sir Harry Smith league using the code: **League Code: sm2l4m**

To give everyone a fair chance, league scoring won't begin until Gameweek 3, so there's still plenty of time to build your dream team and join the action.

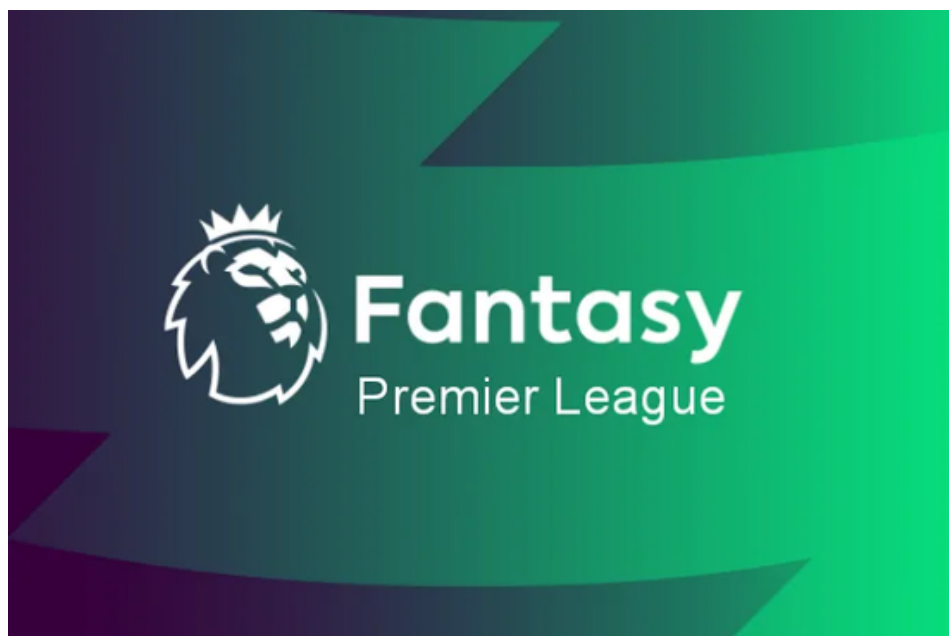
Will a student lift the Sir Harry Smith title? Will a member of staff prove they're the ultimate football manager? Or will Mr Treliving's confidence be justified...

"Only one of us can win... and it will probably be me!"

Good luck, and may the best manager win!

Regards

P Treliving.



Send in Your Positive News!

As part of the college's ongoing commitment to improving parent communication and sharing success, we have a dedicated platform where students, teachers, parents and carers can share positive news stories within the college and in the wider community.

Thank you to those that have already emailed us allowing us to celebrate students' achievements in sports and music over the holidays! Any stories you send will appear on our internal TV screens and may be used on the college website, in the college newsletter and on the college's social media platforms.

This could be anything such as (but not exclusive to!):

- Student sport successes – results/running marathons/fun runs/competitions etc
- Taking part in plays/productions/dance events/concerts
- Academic successes
- University places accepted
- Exam results obtained
- Passing your driving test
- Music exams/dance exams/band performances
- Volunteering at youth groups/charity work
- DofE
- Army cadets/sea cadets/scouts/girl guides

We have created an email address for us to collate all of the stories: positivenews@sirharrysmith.com

This email address will be used solely for the purpose of sharing positive news. Any messages outside of this remit will not be responded to via this address and you should use the normal communication channels to contact the relevant person at the college.

We would love to receive photos to accompany your stories – by sending photos to this email address, you are giving consent for the image to appear on the internal college communication screens, on the college website and on the college's social media platforms.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Stay Safe on Two Wheels – Why Wearing a Bike Helmet Matters

As more of our students cycle to and from Sir Harry Smith Community College, we would like to remind everyone about the importance of wearing a bike helmet every time you ride.

Cycling is a fantastic way to travel to school. It keeps us active, is good for the environment and can be a great way to start and finish the school day. However, even the most experienced cyclist cannot predict what might happen on the road or cycle path.

A helmet could make a real difference

A properly fitted cycle helmet is designed to help protect your head if you fall or are involved in a collision. While a helmet cannot prevent every injury, it can provide an important layer of protection and reduce the risk of serious head and brain injuries.

Remember: Helmet on. Every journey. Every time.

A helmet should:

- Fit securely and comfortably.
- Sit level on your head rather than tilted backwards.
- Cover your forehead without blocking your vision.
- Have the straps adjusted so that it stays firmly in place.
- Be replaced if it has been involved in a significant impact.

Be seen. Be aware. Be safe.

Wearing a helmet is just one part of staying safe. Students cycling to school should also make sure they understand the Highway Code, use appropriate lights and reflectors when necessary, remain alert to traffic and other road users, and avoid distractions such as using a mobile phone while cycling.

We would also encourage parents and carers to check their child's helmet and bike regularly and to talk to them about safe cycling routes to and from school.

At Sir Harry Smith, we want our students to develop the confidence and independence to travel safely. A few seconds spent putting on a helmet before setting off could be one of the most important decisions you make on your journey.

Arrive safely. Go home safely. Wear your helmet.



Useful Information



Sir Harry Smith Community College
invites you to attend

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

for September 2027 students

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 6PM - 8PM

Sir Harry Smith
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



- Join Acting Head Teacher Mr S. Thornton for a brief welcome presentation at 6.10pm, repeated at 7.00pm and 7.30pm
- Meet our teaching and pastoral teams
- Meet our students and hear about life at Sir Harry Smith
- Explore lessons and activities across all subject areas

Ofsted 2025



"The school provides pupils with a broad and often ambitious curriculum."

"Pupils have many opportunities to broaden their interests."

"The school has thought about the important knowledge that pupils need to know and the order in which they should learn it."

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Scan the QR code to RSVP and
confirm your attendance



Useful Information



SHSCC ENRICHMENT CLUBS

CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL AND AT LUNCHTIME MAY CHANGE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPDATES!

LUNCHTIME PE CLUBS

Monday

BADMINTON (KS3) - MR TYMON

Wednesday

BADMINTON (KS4) - MRS STAGGS



WHERE IN THE WORLD?



Tuesday After School

MRS PAYNE - PR10

CHRISTIAN UNION

Monday Lunchtime

OLIVE 05 - MRS GRAY



DIVERSITY CLUB



Wednesday Lunchtime

MRS CUTLER - BL32

CNAT INTERVENTION



Tuesday Lunchtime

PE DEPT - MISS PONDER

FIRST AID TRAINING



Tuesday After School

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH MRS GOSLING
IN FIRST AID

CREATIVE WRITING

Monday After School

LIBRARY - MISS TIMMS



LUNCHTIME GAMES

Monday

CHESS CLUB - LIBRARY



Wednesday

CHESS CLUB - LIBRARY

Friday

LEGO CLUB - MRS SHEPHERD - GL08



CARNEGIE BOOK CLUB



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

8.30-9.00AM IN THE LIBRARY

BY INVITATION ONLY - MISS TIMMS

HOMEWORK CLUB



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,

THURSDAY

3.00PM - 4.15PM IN THE LIBRARY

SWIMMING



Friday 3.30-4.30pm

DISCOUNTED PRICE: £2.90
MANOR LEISURE CENTRE

BAND



Wednesday After School

OLIVE 05- MUSIC STAFF

LUNCHTIME MUSIC



Thursday

CHOIR - MRS GRAY - OL05

Friday

DJEMBE DRUMMING -
MRS FREEMAN - OL05

JOURNALISM CLUB



Wednesday Lunchtime

LIBRARY - MISS TIMMS

WORLDS OF FANTASY



Wednesday After School

WARHAMMER - MR CURTIS - PR07

Thursday After School

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS -
MRS CURTIS - GL11

AFTER SCHOOL PE CLUBS

Monday

HANDBALL - MRS SHEPHERD

BASKETBALL - MR TYMON

Wednesday

FOOTBALL - MR ROTHERY/MR TYMON

NETBALL - MRS STAGGS/MRS HUNT



Thursday

VOLLEYBALL - ALL PE STAFF

CROSS COUNTRY - ALL PE STAFF



Useful Information



Sir Harry Smith

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Aspiration For All

WHO IS THE FITTEST FORM?

FITNESS DAY CHALLENGE!

7th - 22nd September

Final Showdown: 23rd September!



RUN, WALK, JOG!



TRACK YOUR DISTANCE!



SHOW YOUR TUTOR!

ADD UP YOUR FORM'S TOTAL MILES!

- ✓ Email Your Screenshots to: competitions@sirharrysmith.com
- ✓ Prizes for the Fittest Form!
- ✓ Aspire Awards for Achievement & Participation!



Let's Get Moving & See Who Wins!

Useful Information

Sir Harry Smith
Community College
Invites you to

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning



Thursday 24th September
9:30-10:30



Sixth Form Centre, SHS

Macmillan
CANCER SUPPORT

Better days together

Together, we can raise money for
Macmillan Cancer Support and make a difference
to people living with cancer and their families.



Join us for a morning of
coffee and cake accompanied by
the college choir and musical
performances



Free entry,
please bring
cash only for
refreshments



Useful Information



FREE EVENT!



Be **engaged** & **inspired** with fun
hands-on STEM activities and **LIVE**
shows for 5 -17 year olds

Save the date

Saturday 17 October 2026

ARU Peterborough

Book your **FREE** tickets now at:
peterboroughstemfestival.co.uk

Sponsored by



Useful Information



Year 7 photos will take place on the morning of **Thursday 24th September**. Please ensure college uniform expectations are met.

polite reminder to parent/carers. Only school transport and/or pre-arranged taxis should be parking on site at the end of the day. Parents/carers picking up students should do so outside the school grounds. There has been a recent increase in traffic, and this has caused safety issues and concerns. Please support us with this by not parking inside the school grounds.



DONATIONS WANTED!

Mr Wales is looking to start a Scalextric Club.

In order to do so so we were looking for donations of Scalextric cars.
(Preferably the new stlye of track but any style will help)

WE NEED:

- ✓ SCALEXTRIC TRACK
- ✓ SCALEXTRIC CARS

WHERE TO DONATE: Sir Harry Smith Community College Reception

HELP US CREATE THE ULTIMATE RACING TRACK!

Useful Information

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

Top Tips for SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S RETURN TO ROUTINE

Returning to school after the holidays can be challenging for some children and young people, and both families and education settings can play an important role in helping them readjust. Consistent routines, clear expectations, and supportive communication can support children and young people's wellbeing, self-regulation, and academic success. These practical tips can help make the transition back to school feel more manageable.

1 START EARLY

Gradually reintroduce school-day sleep, meal, and wake-up routines around a week before term begins. In education settings, familiar routines and expectations can also be introduced from the start of term to help pupils settle back in. A gradual and predictable approach can make the transition feel less abrupt and give children and young people the time they need to readjust to the structure of school life.

2 REBUILD ROUTINES TOGETHER

Involve the children and young people in your care in the rebuilding of familiar routines at home and in education settings. Having a say in their daily schedule can increase predictability for them and give them a greater sense of control. This might include discussing morning routines at home or reviewing classroom timetables, expectations, and activities together at the beginning of the school day.

3 ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBILITY

Giving children and young people age-appropriate responsibilities can help foster their autonomy and engagement. For younger children at home, this might include getting dressed independently or checking their school bag. In education settings, children and young people could organise their learning materials, complete simple classroom tasks, or follow a familiar morning routine. These manageable responsibilities can help them feel more involved in the school day while developing useful skills.

4 RECONNECT WITH PEERS

Re-establishing friendships can help children and young people feel more confident and connected when they return to school. Families might arrange opportunities for their children to speak to or spend time with school friends, while educators can use group activities, 'buddy' systems, or collaborative tasks to help rebuild classroom connections.

5 SUPPORT HEALTHY NUTRITION

Regular, balanced meals, particularly at breakfast, are linked to improved concentration, behaviour, and academic outcomes. Families can gradually return to familiar school-day mealtimes, while education settings can reinforce healthy eating routines at the start of term and signpost breakfast provision where available. Consistent access to food can help support children and young people's energy levels and concentration throughout the day.

6 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk to the children and young people in your care about how they feel about the return to school and give them the opportunity to share any worries or questions. Anxiety around going back to school, particularly when starting a new year group, can be common, and children and young people may benefit from your reassurance and support. Parents and educators can all help with this by listening calmly to concerns and questions, and sharing relevant information with one another where appropriate.

7 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING AND PEERS

Light educational activities before term begins can help children become familiar with learning routines again without creating any unnecessary pressure on them. In school, low-pressure recap activities and familiar tasks from the previous year group can serve a similar purpose during the first few days back. Keeping learning positive and achievable can help rebuild children's concentration, confidence, and academic motivation as they settle back into their usual routine.

8 PRIORITISE SLEEP

Ensure the children and young people in your care get age-appropriate sleep and begin returning to their usual bedtime habits before term starts. Reducing screen use before bedtime may also support better sleep quality. Educators can also be mindful that tiredness may temporarily affect children's concentration, behaviour, and emotional regulation as they readjust to school routines.

9 PREPARE AHEAD

Organising uniforms, bags, lunches, and other school essentials in advance can reduce unnecessary stress when school mornings begin again. Educators can also help by preparing pupils for any changes to classrooms, timetables, staff, or behaviour expectations. Giving children clear information about what to expect ahead of time can make the return feel more familiar and help build up their confidence and independence.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Children adjust to changes in their routines at different rates, so your patience and flexibility can be important during the first days and weeks back. Some may settle quickly, while others need longer to adapt to earlier mornings, classroom expectations, or busy schedules. Parents and educators can support children and young people's readjustment by maintaining consistent routines, all the while recognising that concentration, behaviour, or confidence may temporarily look different for them.

WELCOME BACK!

Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is Associate Vice Principal for Personal Development at Penistone Grammar School, and a business development specialist for Minds Ahead, which works with schools to improve their mental health provision.



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The National College

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Key Information

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2026	
Professional Day (college closed to students)	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Professional Day (college closed to students)	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
START OF TERM - <u>Year 7 & 12 students only</u>	Thursday 3rd September 2026
START OF TERM - <u>All other year groups</u>	Friday 4th September 2026
Half Term	Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026
Last Day of Term - Finish at 12:20pm	Friday 18th December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027	
START OF TERM	Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027
Last Day of Term - Finish at 12:20pm	Thursday 25th March 2027

Contacting Us

Please visit our website to find out the best way of contacting the person you would like to get in touch with. Please do remember that if you are contacting a member of our teaching staff, they will have teaching commitments during the day so please bear with them. If you would like to meet with a member of staff then please do arrange an appointment first.

In any cases of an emergency, please call the school on **01733 703991**.

Social Media

Please be sure to follow us on social media. We have Facebook pages for Sir Harry Smith Community College, Park Lane Primary School, New Road Primary School and the Aspire Learning Trust.

