



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

26th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am sure that you will agree, it has been a challenging week in terms of temperature. Thank you for supporting the college with ensuring that your child has come to school with sun protection and ample fluids. Next week's forecast is looking more like the expected temperatures for this time of year and **students will be expected to wear their usual school uniform moving forwards**. However, students no longer need to wear their blazer for the remainder of this school year so this can be left at home if desired.

Year 8 students visited Kentwell Hall yesterday. Kentwell Hall is one of the finest moated Tudor houses in England, set in over 25 acres of its own gardens and parkland. During their visit, students were immersed into Tudor life and got a feel for how life would have been over 400 years ago!

History students set off on our annual trip to the Somme during the early hours of this morning. We look forward to sharing details of their visit in next week's newsletter.

We said goodbye to Year 11 students at their leavers' assembly on Wednesday which was a fantastic opportunity to look back at their time over the past 5 years at the college. Tonight, is also the Year 11 Prom and we are looking forward to celebrating with them and wishing them well for the next stage of their educational journey. We are excited to be welcoming back a number of Year 11 students to our sixth form induction days next week.

Mr Thornton and a group of our students represented the college at The Big Bash on Sunday. Well done to all those involved. I would also like to say a big congratulations to one of our students, Finley, who was awarded the Whittlesey Young Citizen of the Year Award during the event!

Congratulations also to two of our Sixth Form students, Josh and Jack, who were awarded certificates by The Rt Hon Baroness Gillian Shephard, during a recent visit to the Trust primary schools, for community service. The students were recognised for their kindness and quick thinking when they recently assisted a member of the public who was experiencing a seizure in the street. I am excited to announce that Baroness Shephard has become a member of our Trust. We look forward to working with her and benefiting from her wealth of experience and commitment to education.

With best wishes for the weekend.

Dawn White
Principal



Farewell to Our Year 11 Students

On Wednesday, we said a fond farewell to our Year 11 students as they gathered for their final assembly at SHS. It was a special occasion filled with memories, reflections, and celebrations of their achievements throughout their time at school.

The assembly provided an opportunity to recognise the hard work, resilience, and commitment shown by this year group. As they now move on to the next stage of their education and future careers, they leave behind a lasting contribution to our school community.

We also look forward to celebrating with them at their Prom on Friday evening, which promises to be a memorable occasion marking the end of an important chapter in their lives.

On behalf of everyone at SHS, we would like to thank our Year 11 students for all they have brought to the school and wish them every success and happiness for the future. We are proud of all they have achieved and look forward to hearing about their future accomplishments.

P Treliving.



**Goodbye
&
Good Luck**

Students Recognised for Community Service

On Friday 19th June, we were delighted to welcome The Rt Hon Baroness Gillian Shephard to our schools.

Her visit began at Park Lane Primary School where she spent time talking with pupils and hearing about their experiences. This was a particularly special visit, as Baroness Shephard previously opened the school's South Wing in January 1995 while serving as Secretary of State for Education.

She then visited New Road Primary School, where she met with Year 6 pupils, talking with them about current issues and learning about how laws are debated in the UK.

The visit concluded with lunch alongside Sixth Form students from Sir Harry Smith Community College, Josh and Jack, who were awarded certificates for community service. The students were recognised for their kindness and quick thinking when they recently assisted a member of the public who was experiencing a seizure in the street.

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Book Group: Carnegie Medal Ceremony

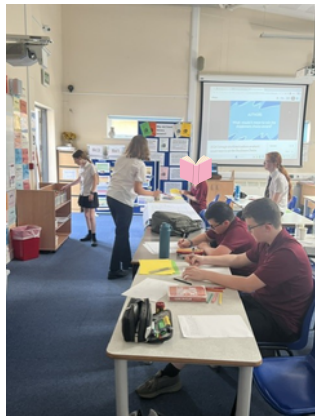
This week our book group celebrated the winner of the Carnegie Medal for an outstanding book for children by live-streaming the ceremony in our library. Over the course of the last few weeks these students have read over 125 books between them and this was a well-deserved acknowledgement of the commitment they have shown.

The Carnegies celebrate achievement and outstanding reading experiences in books for children and young people. Each year thousands of reading groups in schools and libraries across the UK and around the world also get involved in the awards, with young people 'shadowing' the judging process, debating and choosing their own winners from this year's shortlist.

The 2026 Carnegie Medal winners were announced on Tuesday in front of an audience of over 600 young people during a live-streamed ceremony held at the Cambridge Theatre in the West End, home of the Royal Shakespeare Company's multi award-winning *Matilda The Musical*.

The winning book was *Wolf Siren* by debut author Beth O'Brien; the book was a feminist reimagining of Red Riding Hood. Our students have loved shadowing the Carnegie Medal this year and cannot wait to shadow a new shortlist in 2027!

Miss Timms.



Whittlesey Big Bash

Students from KS3 & 5 represented the school at Whittlesey's Big Bash event with a focus on demonstrating all the things Sir Harry Smith does to promote diversity. Barnaby C, Bella C, Martha S & Narin T did the college proud as they manned a stall promoting examples of diversity in the college.

They also bravely spoke to the crowd & recited a poem that echoed their views on inclusion and diversity.

Mr Thornton.



Year 9 Girls' Rounders Tournament

The Sir Harry Smith Year 9 Girls' Rounders Team delivered an outstanding performance at the recent Peterborough Schools Rounders Tournament.

Competing against a number of strong schools from across Peterborough, the team showed excellent skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the day. Their impressive performances saw them win every match leading up to the final, earning a well-deserved place in the tournament's final event.

In the final against The Peterborough School, the girls gave everything they had and played some fantastic rounders. Despite a superb effort, they narrowly missed out on the title, losing by just 2½ rounders.

Reaching the final after winning all of their previous matches is a remarkable achievement and reflects the hard work and dedication shown by the team. The girls represented Sir Harry Smith with pride, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, resilience, and teamwork throughout the competition.

Congratulations to all the players on a fantastic tournament and an excellent runners-up finish.

Miss Tyson.



The GCSE Summit 2026

Parents and carers of students in Year 9 and Year 10 may be interested in a free online event designed to support young people as they prepare for their GCSE studies.

The GCSE Summit 2026, hosted by The Parent Guide to Education, will take place on Sunday 5 July 2026 from 2.00pm. The event brings together a range of educational experts who will share practical advice and strategies to help families support their children throughout the GCSE years.

Topics include:

- Revision techniques that improve retention and reduce last-minute stress
- Using creative approaches, such as music, to support learning
- Recognising and managing exam stress
- Helping teenagers develop effective time-management skills
- Understanding the opportunities available after GCSEs and how to prepare for them

The live event is free to attend, making it an excellent opportunity for families to gain useful insights and advice ahead of the important GCSE years.

To register for a free place, please visit: <https://thegcsesummit.com/register/1927>

We encourage Year 9 and Year 10 families to take advantage of this opportunity to access expert guidance and support.



5th July 2026

**Help Your Child
Get BETTER GRADES
With LESS STRESS**



Cold Water Shock – Staying Safe Around Open Water

As the weather gets warmer, many young people are tempted to cool off in rivers, lakes and other open-water locations. However, what may look safe can hide serious dangers beneath the surface. Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has produced a powerful short video explaining the risks of cold water shock and what to do if you find yourself in difficulty.

The video highlights how even on hot days, open water can remain extremely cold. Sudden immersion can trigger cold water shock, causing an involuntary gasp, rapid breathing, panic and loss of swimming ability, even in strong swimmers. It also reminds viewers that open water can contain hidden hazards, strong currents and unexpected drops in depth.

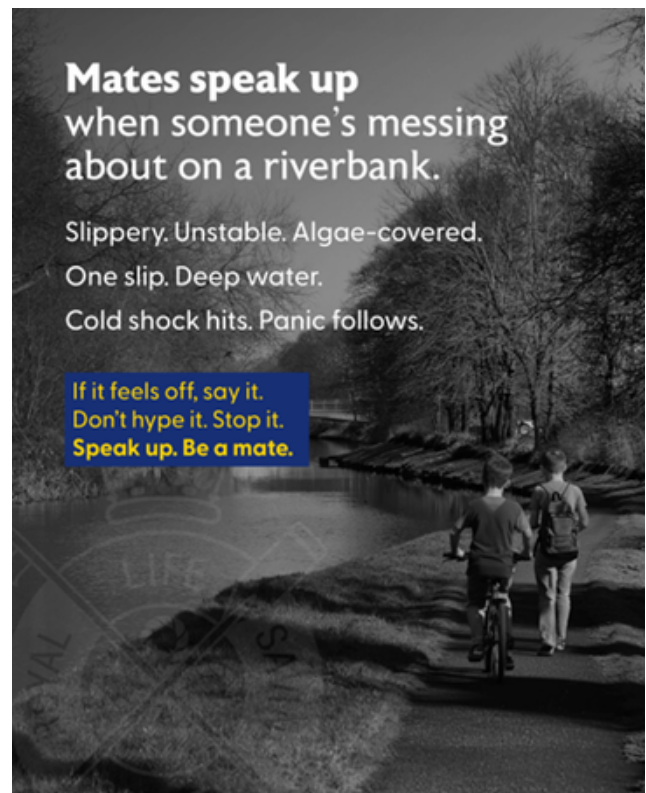
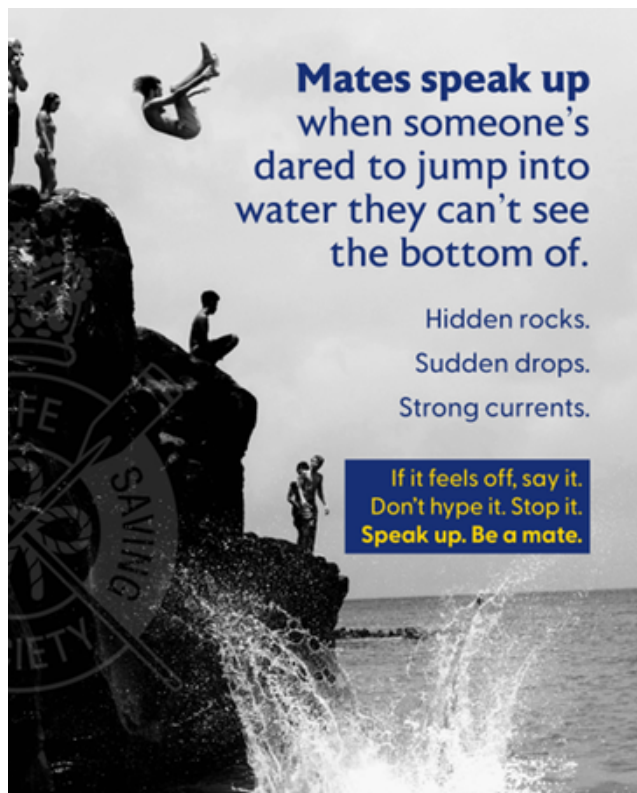
Students and families are encouraged to learn the lifesaving “Float to Live” technique: if you unexpectedly enter cold water, float on your back, keep calm, control your breathing and call for help when able. This simple advice can save lives.

We encourage all members of the Sir Harry Smith Community College community to watch this important safety message and discuss it at home.

Watch the video here:

[Cold Water Shock – Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service](#)

Stay safe and remember: understanding the risks around water can help prevent tragedy

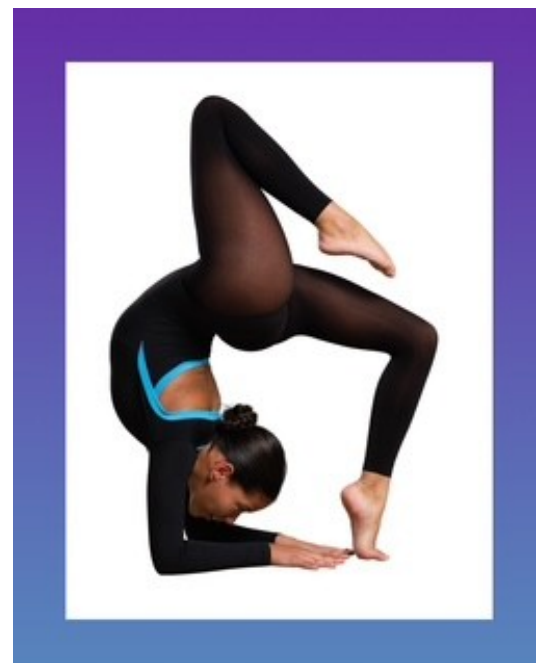
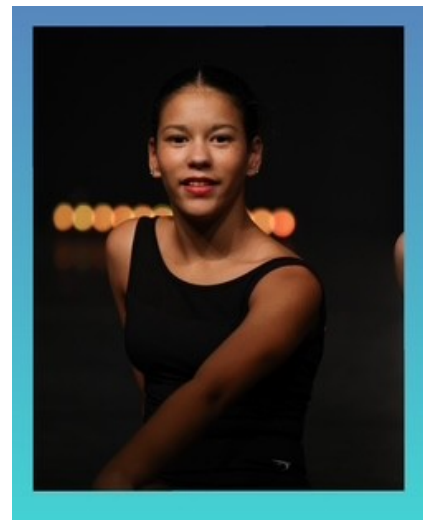


Student Success: Summer Dance Programme at CAPA College

Congratulations to Sienna, who has been awarded a place on the CYD? x Move It Dance Training Experience. This is a fantastic chance to train with leading industry professionals, develop dance skills, and gain valuable insight from those working at the highest level of the industry.

Alongside the training, dancers will also be seen and scouted by the CYD? x Move It team for future opportunities, including selection for the CYD? x Move It Performance Team.

Well done Sienna!



Sir Harry Smith School World Cup Sweepstake update...

WORLD CUP UPDATE: SHSC SWEEPSTAKE HEATS UP

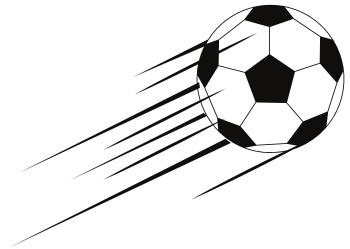
As the World Cup moves into its decisive stages, excitement is building across college. With every form group and many staff members proudly backing their allocated nation.

Some teams have soared, others have stumbled, and a few have shocked the footballing world. Here's the full update on who's out, who's flying, and who might just carry SHS to glory.

Teams Knocked Out — Forms Feeling the Heartbreak

Based on the latest results, the following teams and their linked forms/staff — have been eliminated:

- Mexico — 10A
- Iraq — 10B
- South Africa — 10C
- Norway — 10D
- Czechia — 10E
- Senegal — 10F
- South Korea — 10G
- Qatar — 6LSW
- Bosnia & Herzegovina — 7A
- Jordan — 7B
- Switzerland — 7C
- Uzbekistan — 7F
- Scotland — 7H
- Haiti — 8B
- USA — 8D
- Paraguay — 8F
- Turkey — 8H
- Australia — 9B
- Cape Verde — 9E
- Ivory Coast — 9F
- New Zealand — Year 9 SLT
- Tunisia — Year 8 Pastoral
- Japan — Year 8
- Belgium — Year 8



Surprise Packages of the Tournament

Every World Cup produces a few unexpected heroes, and this year is no different. Several SHS-linked teams have exceeded expectations:

- Morocco (7G) — Disciplined, fearless, and defensively outstanding.
- Colombia (8C) — One of the most exciting attacking sides in the competition.
- Algeria (6LEN) — Organised, resilient, and tactically sharp.
- Ecuador (Year 7 SLT) — Young, energetic, and unafraid of the big names.

These teams have captured global attention — and earned bragging rights for their SHS supporters.

Favourites to Lift the Trophy

As the knockout rounds intensify, a handful of teams look particularly strong:

- Brazil (7E) — Balanced, confident, and dangerous in every area.
- Argentina (6CLC) — Driven by experience and attacking flair.
- France (9C) — Packed with talent and tournament pedigree.
- Spain (Year 9 SLT) — Technically brilliant and tactically assured.
- Holland (Whole School – Miss White) — Solid, composed, and improving with every match.
- England - can we do it?

If Holland win the World Cup, the whole school earns a non-uniform day!

With Miss White proudly representing Holland in the sweepstake, every victory is being celebrated. They are genuine contenders — and the possibility of a school-wide non-uniform day is becoming very real.

The World Cup sweepstake has brought excitement, competition, and a sense of community to SHS. With several strong teams still in the running — and Holland pushing for glory — the coming weeks promise even more drama.

Mr Treliving.



Sir Harry Smith School World Cup: Keepy-Uppy Challenge



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KEEPY-UPPY CHALLENGE

DURING THE WORLD CUP!

100
KEEPY UPPYS
A DAY



Students are to complete
100 keepy uppy's a day
throughout the World Cup.
If you cannot do 100 in one go,
you do not need to.



DEADLINE:
15TH JULY 2026



Can anyone **record themselves** doing this,
possibly even including a few tricks?



Get sponsored for **cancer research**
if you can – this works towards your
Aspire Awards – Service Award.



One video from everyone that enters.
If you raise some money look at the website
for a **free Bobby Moore tee shirt!**



Please email your video to
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ASPIRATION FOR ALL



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THURSDAY 9TH JULY

APPRENTICESHIPS

UNIVERSITIES

CAREERS

TRAINING



70+ ORGANISATIONS

Meet employers, universities, colleges, and training providers from a wide range of industries.



EXPLORE YOUR OPTIONS

Discover different career paths, apprenticeships, courses and opportunities for your future.



ASK QUESTIONS

Take the time to speak to professionals and ask the questions that matter to you.



PLAN YOUR FUTURE

Get inspired, gain insights and take the next step towards achieving your goals.



BE PREPARED!



THINK about your interests and what you'd like to find out.



PREPARE some questions to ask the exhibitors.



MAKE THE MOST of this amazing opportunity to shape your future!

*Your future starts with
the conversations you have today.*



MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SHARED IN TUTOR TIME.

Get involved. *Ask questions.* Explore possibilities.

DON'T MISS IT!

Useful Information



7th July – Sports Awards

A celebration of sporting success at Sir Harry Smith this year, with guest speaker **Mark Sagers – former England hockey player, talkSPORT presenter and BBC broadcaster**. Mark has interviewed some of the very best, including Muhammad Ali and Tiger Woods, and is a wonderfully entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. He has covered all of the major sporting events worldwide including several World Cups, International Cricket and won a Sony Award for his work on the Grand National that never was.

PC Gareth Price, our Safer School Police Officer has shared the **Youth Safety Survey link**; if you would like to take part please use the QR code here.



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**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,
WE NEED YOUR VOICE!
YOUTH SAFETY SURVEY**



8th July – Summer Music Evening, 7.00pm

Our musicians will showcase their talent one final time this year. Tickets are available on ParentPay: Adults - £5.50, Concessions £3.50

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. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators STAYING SAFE IN HOT WEATHER

As temperatures rise, it's essential to take proactive steps to ensure children and young people stay safe and healthy. Hot weather can pose serious risks such as dehydration, heatstroke and sunburn. This guide provides practical tips for parents and teachers to protect children during sunnier spells, helping them enjoy the summer safely.

1 STAY HYDRATED

Ensure children drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if they don't feel thirsty. Encourage them to carry water bottles and take regular sips. It's better to drink small amounts to counteract the effects of sweating. Even if children replenish lost fluids with equal amounts of water, they may still be dehydrated due to salt lost from the body. Avoid sugary drinks and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration.

2 APPLY SUNSCREEN

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30 on all exposed skin and reapply every two hours or after swimming. Don't forget often-missed spots like the ears, back of the neck and tops of feet. Sunscreen needs around 20 to 30 minutes to be absorbed by the skin, so make sure you leave plenty of time to apply it.

3 WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Dress children in light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made from breathable fabrics like cotton. Ideally clothing should cover as much skin as possible. Shoulders should always be covered as they can easily burn. Wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses with UV protection are also essential to shield them from the sun. Be sure to check your school's dress policy, as uniform rules may be relaxed during amber or red Heat Health Alerts (HHAs).

4 SEEK SHADE

Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. Encourage children to play in shaded areas, especially during peak sun intensity between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Use umbrellas or canopies if natural shade is unavailable.

5 AVOID STRENUOUS ACTIVITIES

Children shouldn't take part in vigorous physical activities in very hot weather. Limit these during the warmest parts of the day. Schedule any outdoor games or sports for early morning or late afternoon when it's slightly cooler.

6 KEEP COOL Indoors

If it's safe and appropriate, open windows early in the morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building. Use fans or air conditioning to maintain a cool indoor environment. Close curtains or blinds to block direct sunlight. Switch off electrical equipment like computers, monitors and printers when not in use; don't leave them in 'standby mode' as this still generates heat.

7 TAKE COOL BATHS OR SHOWERS

Encourage children to take cool baths or showers to lower their body temperature. Alternatively, use damp cloths on their skin to provide relief from the heat. When heading out of the house, consider filling up a spray bottle to cool everyone down on the go.

8 MONITOR FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS

If sensible precautions are taken, children are unlikely to be seriously affected by hot conditions – but teachers, assistants, school nurses and all child carers should watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion, such as heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea or fainting. If any signs are present, move the child to a cool place, make sure they drink some water, and seek medical advice if needed.

9 MAINTAIN A COOL SLEEPING ENVIRONMENT

Ensure children's bedrooms stay cool by using fans or air conditioning. Use lightweight bedding and consider letting them sleep in the coolest part of the house. Older children can have more choice over what they wear to bed. Some children may prefer to sleep without pyjamas, while some may prefer to opt for a light cotton t-shirt and shorts.

10 EDUCATE CHILDREN ON SUN SAFETY

Teach children the importance of sun safety and encourage them to take responsibility for their health. Explain the risks of sunburn and heatstroke and the value of following these safety tips.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings (and other industries) to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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Key Information

Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2026	
START OF TERM	Monday 5th January 2026
Professional Day (college closed to students)	Friday 13th February 2026
Half Term	Monday 16th to Friday 20th February 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27th March 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026	
START OF TERM	Monday 13th April 2026
May Day Bank Holiday (college closed)	Monday 4th May 2026
Half Term	Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 17th July 2026
Professional Day (college closed to students)	Monday 20th July 2026

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.

