

News from Abbey Park School

Term 5 May 2023

'Potential into Performance'




The Park
Academies Trust



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is exam season again and our Year 11 cohort have already undertaken a significant number of exams, where their focus and conduct have been exemplary. We continue to support them through this important time in their lives and wish them every success.

This term we marked the King's Coronation with a number of different events and again we have raised a significant amount of money for charity. In particular the collection for 'Grow Baby' was impressive, and just goes to show how our school community are committed to helping others. The Eco School development of 'Btingham Palace' was excellent and we will be very interested to see how the insect residents settle in.

Our termly news always includes a number of sporting events. In football, our under 16 boys won the Swindon Schools League Cup and our under 13 boys are Swindon Champions. A huge achievement for both teams and for the members of the PE Team who coach them. There have also been some excellent individual achievements in athletics, my congratulations and admiration go to these young people with such talent and also their commitment to training.

Under the management of Miss Bowie, our Library continues to grow which is supportive of our literacy aims as a school. The Accelerated Reader programme is becoming more established and there has been collaboration between Villiers Park and the National Literacy charity. Villiers Park is a charity which works with a range of our pupils across the years to support them in their journey to University.

We continue to share curriculum information in our newsletter, as this was something that parents requested more of when we held our last parental survey. This includes Personal, Social, Health and Careers Education (PSHCE), which is accessible to all pupils and is studied for an hour each week. Part of this involves visits from Wiltshire Police to educate pupils on how to stay safe. The Random Acts of Kindness also displayed Abbey Park Proud qualities, as our Year 8 pupils wrote welcoming post cards to some current Year 6s who will transition to us in September 2023. Prior to that we look forward to working with our new cohort of 240 Year 7s as they attend Abbey Park for their transition experience at the end of June.

Finally, I would like to thank you our parents and carers for your support throughout the term - your notes of thanks are very much appreciated.

Best wishes

Mr Young

The Eco School Committee have been busy trying to involve even the insects at Abbey Park School in the Coronation celebrations.

'Buggingham Palace' was constructed with the help of Mr Brierley in DT and has been decorated to mark the King's Coronation. Filled with wood ends, twigs, leaves and vegetable matter, the Eco Schools will be keeping tabs on how the new insect residents take to their new home.

Thanks to Ms Brazell, Spencer K, Joshua J, Austen S, Cadence C, Gaby P and Toby R.



Learning Resource Centre

Library Update

It has been quite a quiet term in the library. Most of the time has been spent getting to grips with the Accelerated Reader scheme. Encouraging the students to read more and complete the quizzes.

Fundraising

Thanks to the money raised from our non-school uniform day for World Book Day, and some funding from the school, we have managed to expand the books at the library. This has enabled us to fill out the lowest level of AR, which was under-stocked before, we have also been able to expand the main sections with some wonderful new titles. We have now created a small KS4 section, this was in response to pupil voice.

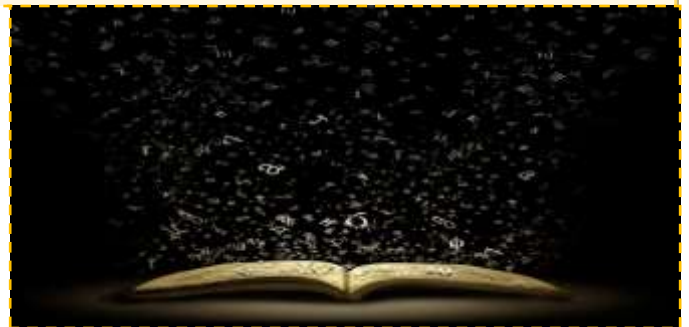


Book Club

Two of our Year 10 students have started a book club which runs every Thursday session 6. They have done an amazing job so far. Creating posters to advertise the club, supplying homemade cookies and organising a book quiz.

The students meet every Thursday after school (3.10-4.10pm) to discuss books and reading while enjoying snacks and squash.

They are hoping to all read the same book and then discuss the issues raised in the text. The first book they have chosen is 'One of us is lying' by Karen McManus.



Thursday's session 6

In the Learning Resource Centre (Library)

For years 7,8,9 and 10.

For further details see Miss Bowie (librarian).

Sign-up on the Arbor app.

Staff Book Club book of the term

The staff book club has been a really good opportunity for the staff members to share and enjoy their love of reading. We meet once a term in wellbeing week and discuss the book we have selected. This term's book was 'Lessons in Chemistry' by Bonnie Garmus.

Lessons in Chemistry is set in the 1960s and takes a look at inequality and stereotypes of the time towards women. We follow Elizabeth Zott as she fights against these gender roles, however unintentionally. Most of the group enjoyed the book, finding it insightful of the times.

Learning Resource Centre

Buying books

In the library we try to keep a wide variety of books and authors, however it is impossible to stock everything. If your child enjoys reading it can be difficult to keep up with buying them books, especially in the current economic climate.

So here are a few tips to keep costs down:

- Join your local library, it is free to join and you can borrow up to 16 books at a time.
- While at the library, many have a withdrawn section where you can take as many books as you can carry for £1.
- Charity shops often have a book section, the bonus is you can return them when you have finished and support a good cause.
- Discount book shops such as The Works offer a wide range of books at discount prices.
- Online WoB (World of Books) is a secondhand book shop which offers books at a reasonable price and offers free delivery in the UK.

Useful information

Libraries

Where to find your local library.

North Swindon Library

Orbital Retail Park, Thamesdown Drive, Swindon, SN25 4AN

01793 707120

northswindon.library@swindon.gov.uk

Current opening hours

- Monday - 2.00pm - 6.00pm
- Tuesday - closed
- Wednesday - 10.00am - 2.00pm
- Thursday - closed
- Friday - 1.00pm - 5.00pm
- Saturday - 10.00am - 2.00pm
- Sunday - 11.00am - 3.00pm

Central Library

Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1QG

01793 463238

central.library@swindon.gov.uk

Current opening hours

- Monday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Tuesday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Wednesday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Thursday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Friday - 10.00am - 5.30pm
- Saturday - 10.00am - 4.00pm
- Sunday - closed

Shops

Where to find your local book shop.

Bert's Books

54 Godwin Court, Swindon, SN1 4BB

07949 190977

bert@bertsbooks.co.uk

Opening hours

- Monday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Tuesday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Wednesday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Thursday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Friday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Saturday - 8.30am – 5.30pm
- Sunday - 10.30am – 4.00pm

Waterstones

3 Canal Walk, Swindon SN1 1LD

01793 436465

www.waterstones.com

Opening Hours

- Monday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Wednesday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Thursday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Friday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Saturday 9.00am – 5.30pm
- Sunday 10.00am – 4.00pm

Supporting our local community



Thank you for the Growbaby Donations

As part of the 'Big Help Out' for the Coronation, we asked for donations to local baby charity Growbaby.

Thank you to all those who donated, Growbaby were very pleased to receive all the items.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Brownlie and Growbaby Swindon



National Literacy Trust

A number of books have been kindly donated to the school from the National Literacy Trust. Villiers Park Future Leaders were tasked with distributing these across the school, putting a few copies in each wing of school for students to take. Some have also been donated to the library reading club.

Community book swap

To encourage you and your children to read and share reading, we have created a community book swap. This is based in the school reception.

There are a variety of books for children and adults, you can borrow books and return them.

If you have any books you no longer want, you can donate them to the book swap.



PE at Abbey Park has again been an eventful term with cup finals, trips and rounders league fixtures all starting.

County Cup Final

APS have 2 of their teams in the final! The U13 boys played fantastically well and managed to win 6-4 against Sheldon.

Player of the season award goes to Ronnie W for his consistency across the season and managing to bag himself 8 goals for the team. The U16 boys also managed to reach the final, however did come up against a strong Deanery side losing 5-1. The boys didn't lose hope and the following week lifted the Swindon Schools League Cup against Swindon Academy by winning 3-0.

Player of the season was captain Ted H for his brilliant performances in goal, a great role model and coping with the responsibility of captain. A special mention also goes out for his penalty save in the final which would have made the score 1-1 just before half time.

Trips

This term we have run 2 trips to see the Lionesses at Wembley and Team Bath for the Super league Netball.

All students who attended behaved brilliantly and got to watch elite female sport athletes perform on the highest stage.

Rounders and Athletics

The season is now in full swing with Year 9 girls making a flying start to the league by beating Swindon Academy & Royal Wootton Bassett. The other year groups are still seeking their first win of the season but have had some brilliant draws and contests against other schools.

APS PE would also like to congratulate Elliot C and Ben J who have recently competed in the county championship for athletics. Elliot came 1st in the 80m hurdle and 2nd in the 100m sprint (new PB) and Ben came 3rd in 100m and 200m (new PB). The PE department are very proud of Ben and Elliot and wish them all the best in their next competition. They both work very hard in all their lessons and are great athletes across lots of sports and it's great to see their talent being recognised.

Next Term

We continue in the rounders and cricket leagues and are excited for the Swindon Schools Athletics Championship in June. We are also excited to be hosting the annual APS sports day towards the end of term 6.

Well done to all APS students who have taken part in fixtures & clubs this term.

Happy half term!

The PE Department

Trip: Lionesses Vs Brazil, Wembley

'Potential into Performance'

During the Easter break 35 students descended to London to watch the inaugural Women's Finalissima 2023. We knew it was going to be busy as the match was a sell out with 83,000 people making their way to Wembley Stadium to support the Lionesses against a strong Brazil team.

We managed to find our seats just as the national anthems were being played. The atmosphere was amazing, lots of chanting, singing and drums banging along with a Mexican wave making its way around the stadium several times. Some of us left with croaky voices! At half time, Miss Parsons got out the tattoo transfers.

The penalty shoot out to decide the winners was electric and when Mary Earps (England GK) made her save and Chloe Kelly put away the winning penalty we all went mad.

A great experience! Thanks to Mrs Humphrey & Miss Parsons for giving up part of their holiday and to all the students who were brilliant company and a pleasure to take.



Taster session 15th June
then continuing every Thursday



NEW!

SWINDON
DANCE

Session 6 - Boys Dance Class

This class is taught by a male Dancer & Teacher
from Swindon Dance

Open to all boys KS3 & KS4.

Thursday 3.10 to 4.00 pm

For more information please speak to Mr Flowerdew
Sign up on the Arbor App from Friday 26th May

Free sanitary products

We have a large supply of free sanitary products available in school for pupils, made available by funding from the Department for Education. We have tampons, sanitary pads, period pants and reusable pads available all of differing styles to suit individual needs. These resources are free and available for any of our pupils and their families.

Please contact your child's PSA, or they can come to Mrs Jackson's office (downstairs green wing) or Mrs Pursey's office (downstairs red wing) to collect.

Unrestricted access to these free sanitary products is something we as a school feel passionately about. Please do let us help keep the cost of living down by making use of these free resources.

Wiltshire Police visits

This term Wiltshire Police came into school to talk to Year 9 pupils about how to stay safe, and the dangers of child sexual exploitation (CSE). This is a well established session which is always positively received by pupils. We value the importance of external visitors coming into our school to share these important safety messages with us.

The input by the police for Year 9 was informative and included a selection of short videos with some reflection and discussion time.

The pupils were very mature and a credit to Abbey Park School.



Curriculum information

Next term Year 8 & 9 will receive statutory Relationships and Sex Education lessons. Please refer to our RSE Policy which can be found here: [APS RSE Policy](#) and our curriculum map outlining the lesson content for each year group at the bottom of our webpage here [APS PSHE Curriculum map 2022-23](#).

We have our dedicated PSHE Email address for any questions or enquiries about our PSHE or RSE curriculum you may have: aps-rseenquiries@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Transition Project

What began as a lovely project for Random Act of Kindness day 2023, where some of our Year 8 pupils wrote postcards to some of our Trust primary children with positive messages to brighten their day, has developed into a lovely creative reciprocation of daffodils in return.

Our pupils really enjoyed being a part of this project and were delighted when they received creative daffodil gifts in return.

A lovely way for our schools to work in partnership and be inclusive and supportive for all pupils across the Trust.



At Abbey Park we are committed to ensuring a culture of safeguarding in our school and it is paramount in all we do. We hope that our termly safeguarding update will give you an overview of our approach, offer some useful guidance and information and inform you of what your child is learning in school about how to keep themselves safe. For more information about safeguarding, please look at our website.

What does Safeguarding look like at Abbey Park?

At Abbey Park School we follow the Government policy document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. This is statutory guidance for all schools in England to follow and comply with. It has recently been updated and therefore our safeguarding policy has been updated to reflect this. You can find this on our safeguarding section on the school website. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is **everyone's responsibility**. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play in making sure that children grow up having the best life chances. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all adults should make sure their approach puts the child at the centre of the decision making and that the best interests of the child are always considered. We believe that it is in the best interest of our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school. Our safeguarding themes are woven into lessons across the curriculum, into assemblies and throughout daily life in school. Here are just a few examples of how we teach safeguarding at Abbey Park:

- Dedicated safeguarding team in school every day
- Pastoral support for each group.
- Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA's) and Pastoral Support Assistants who have specialist training in supporting a child in their social and emotional needs
- Members of staff who have completed basic mental health training
- Mental health pupil ambassadors
- Mental health staff ambassadors
- A dedicated mental health lead – Mrs Stevens
- Wellbeing Wednesday each Wednesday Tutor time looking at how to look after mental health
- Assemblies and lessons taught throughout the year, including but not extensively, anti-bullying, equality, diversity, fire, sun, children's safety, exploitation, sexual harassment and violence and online safety.
- PHSE curriculum covering how to be healthy, having healthy relationships and developing emotional literacy
- Online safety curriculum
- RSE (Relationships and sex education) curriculum
- Weekly tutor time reminders about staying safe in school and our expectations

If you need any support with your child, please contact a member of the safeguarding Team.

Designated Safeguarding lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	SWIS - Social Worker in School
			
Mrs Stevens	Mrs Bulpitt	Ms Redondo	Mrs Nia Turner

Contact details and circumstances – always keep us up to date!

It is vitally important that we have the correct contact details for every parent/carer. If you change your phone number, e - mail or move house, please let the admin team know or update it on Arbor. We also need at least two emergency contacts for your child.

We also ask that you keep us up to date with any changes in your personal circumstances that may impact your child.

Email – admin@abbeyparkschool.org.uk

Useful contacts:

Swindon MASH (Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub) if you have concerns about a child and want to speak to a social worker - 01793 466903 or email swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk

If you have concerns that a child is at immediate risk of harm, please call the Police on 999
School Nursing team – for support to help children with their physical, mental and emotional well-being and referring to other specialist agencies.

Tel – 01793 465050 or email snn@swindon.gov.uk

Online safety guidance for parents - <https://swgfl.org.uk/>

Assembly and PSHE this term:

During term 5 pupils have had assemblies about, Earth Day led by our Eco school council reps, Careers, Mental health awareness week, Ramadan, Knife crime awareness week and Exams assembly for Year 11.

During PSHE this term pupils have been learning about the following topics:

Year 7	Puberty, healthy relationships, hygiene and appropriate language around puberty
Year 8	Career planning, workplace skills, employability skills, safe ways to pay and computer literacy skills
Year 9	Substance misuse, dangers of vaping and smoking, prescription drugs and staying safe at festivals
Year 10	Sexual health, understanding sexual relationships, STIs, contraception, sexual abuse and when is the right time.

Online safety: Each term we will add online safety guides for parents. All of these guides can be found on our website under the safeguarding section.



Where to get help

- ▶ Safeguarding team
- ▶ The Pastoral Team
- ▶ Miss Yeoman – School counsellor
- ▶ Reporting tool – school website
- ▶ CEOP
- ▶ Child line
- ▶ NSPCC
- ▶ The dock – online
- ▶ The police
- ▶ Our school website



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TELEGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION

Telegram has a 16+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by people they weren't intended for.

UNMODERATED CONTENT

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can periodically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £39.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Play details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which allows for messages which self-delete after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts' or 'nobody' – we'd recommend either the second or third options, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passcodes for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action if unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops that account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

Meet Our Expert

Dr David Colver is a former Chief of gaming and esports at the UK's largest law firm, working in the gaming world for around four years. A long-term user of the app, he's been very active in the parent and guardian community, helping to educate young people about the risks and benefits of the app. He's been published in various media outlets including the BBC and The Guardian.



PREMIUM ACCESS




National
Online
Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Operation Sceptre – Knife awareness week

Last we supported the nation roll out of Knife awareness week. Please see below an information from the police, a leaflet with information about knife awareness, a competition that has been set u to encourage pupils to create a piece of music about knife awareness and a link to a video



WILTSHIRE POLICE

Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 15/05/2023 Ref: **Op Sceptre**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

The Wiltshire Police Youth and Early Intervention team work with schools, colleges and partners to share messages and educate young people. The aim is to keep young people in our community safe from harm and exploitation, whilst educating them where they can go for support.

Op Sceptre, a week-long national campaign aimed at tackling knife crime, is running from 15th May – 21st May 2023. Wiltshire Police's Youth and Early Intervention Team would like to raise awareness of weapons and knife crime within Swindon and Wiltshire. We wanted to give you, as trusted adults, some useful and helpful information on the following subjects:

- How to recognise the signs that may indicate that your young people are potentially at risk of being exploited or vulnerable to carrying/storing weapons.
- Safeguarding and signposting information on who to turn to and which agencies can help you.

Wiltshire Police aim to raise awareness around knife crime and carrying weapons on the streets of Swindon and Wiltshire. We need your help as trusted adults to ensure that every young person knows what the risks are, to help them make informative and educated choices moving forward in their lives.

Signs that your young person maybe being exploited

- Is your child hanging around with a new group of friends? A group that you don't know or have never met?
- Is your child suddenly wearing new items of clothing that you have **NOT** purchased for them?
- Does your child have more than one phone?

Keeping Wiltshire Safe

www.wiltshire.police.uk | [Facebook/wiltshirepolice](https://www.facebook.com/wiltshirepolice) | [Twitter/@wiltshirepolice](https://twitter.com/wiltshirepolice) | [LinkedIn/company/wiltshirepolice](https://www.linkedin.com/company/wiltshirepolice)

- Have they started to become more irritable every time you try to engage with them?
- Are they becoming more secretive, always in their bedroom, not engaging in family activities/outings?
- Is your child missing school? Or having missing episodes from home?

Whilst most of these signs are what you may call typical teenage behaviour, just be mindful that there could be more to it. If your gut feeling is telling you that something isn't right, then have a conversation with them.

Things to think about before your young person goes out

- Do you know where they are going?
- Do you know who they are with?
- What time do they need to be back by?
- Ensure you have contact details for their friends and their friend's parents.

Safeguarding and signposting information

Fearless is a site designed specifically for young people and not adults. You can access non-judgmental information and advice about crime and criminality. It can also be used as an anonymous reporting tool for young people.

<https://www.fearless.org>

Crimestoppers is an anonymous reporting service specifically for adults and is the sister company of Fearless. <https://crimestoppers-uk.org>, 0800 555 111.

The NSPCC is a children's charity, dedicated to supporting children and trusted adults for most situations providing useful information and resources.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Childline is here to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they are going through. You can talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, their trained counsellors are there to support you. <https://www.childline.org.uk>. Or call on 0800 1111.

The Ben Kinsella Trust aims to educate everyone on the dangers of knife crime ensuring that young people can make educated choices and where to go to for more help and support. They have resources for young people, school and trusted adults. <https://www.benkinsella.org.uk>

Please take a few minutes to look at the videos below. The aim of these is to highlight what your child/children/young person may be going through, if they find themselves in that situation and to give you, as a trusted adult, an insight into what this might look like. Please be mindful these videos can be emotive for those watching.

- [Kayleigh's Love Story - Full Version - YouTube](#) – Kayleigh's Love Story
- [Phoebe Maddison - Look At Where You're Now \(feat. The Magic Word Magician\) | County Lines - YouTube](#) – Swindon Based Exploitation Song
- [Help put 'county lines' out of business - YouTube](#) – National Criminal Child Exploitation
- [Knife crime: A new way forward - YouTube](#) – Avon and Somerset Police.

List of knife surrender bin locations

- Amesbury, Baptist Church, SP4 7SN. Tues-Fri 0800-1600, Sun 0800-1600
- Calne, Bank House, SN11 0EN. Mon-Fri 0930-1600.
- Chippenham, Monkton Park, SN15 1ER. Mon-Fri 0830-1730.
- Devizes, St James Church, SN10 3AA. Tues & Thurs 0900-1900, Wed 1200-1900, Fri 1200-1600, Sat 0900-1200.
- Melksham Police Station, SN12 6QQ. Mon-Fri 0830-1730.
- Salisbury Police Station, SP1 3UZ. Mon-Fri 0830-1730. Sat 0900-1300.
- Swindon, Christ Church, SN1 3HG. Mon-Sun 0800-1700.
- Gablecross Police Station, SSN3 4RB. Mon-Fri 0830-1730. Sat 0900-1300.
- Swindon, Pinetrees Community Centre, SN2 1QR. Mon-Fri 0800-1800.
- Trowbridge Police Station, BA14 7EP. Mon-Fri 0830-1730. Sat 0900-1300.
- Trowbridge, St James Church, BA14 8RU Mon-Sat 1000-1200.
- Warminster, Civic Centre, BA12 8LB. Mon-Fri 0900-1630.

If you have any concerns about a young person and wish to contact the Police, please call 101. If there is immediate risk to a young person call 999.

We hope that you have found this information useful and should you have any questions please contact us using the email addresses below.

youth@wiltshire.police.uk

youthswindon@wiltshire.police.uk

Kind Regards,

Youth and Early intervention Team

Knife awareness video for parents and carers:

https://wetransfer.com/downloads/e10bcb3c2b9076627a8c0cc8935315cf20230518124553/094d1c08318e25d5dc05d3ef8689369e20230518124553/069b2a?trk=TRN_TDL_01&utm_campaign=TRN_TDL_01&utm_medium=email&utm_source=sendgrid

WHAT ABOUT PARENTS...



Parents can sometimes be held responsible if their children get in trouble with the police. If children are repeatedly in trouble and parents don't take reasonable steps to control their behaviour the parents could be:

- asked to attend a parenting programme
- asked to sign a Parenting Contract
- given a Parenting Order by a court

This is to support parents in stopping their children from getting in trouble again. Usually they are voluntary, but sometimes it is made more formal by a court.



DID YOU KNOW...

- Police can stop and search someone they think is carrying a knife or weapon.



- Police can come into schools and search for knives if they think the law is being broken.

- Head teachers have the power to search pupils for weapons in line with the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SUPPORT...



Visit

- <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk-search/offensive-weapons>
- <https://www.knifefree.co.uk>
- <http://noknivesbetterlives.com>

Call

- Childline on 0800 1111
- Victim support 0800 16 89 111

Report an incident or share information about knife crime

- Call Wiltshire Police on 101 or in an emergency 999
- Report crime anonymously and speak to someone in confidence.
- Call Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111 or
- if you are under the age of 18 report anonymously using <https://www.fearless.org/en/give-info>



NO KNIFE SAFER LIFE



Everyone has the right to live a life free from fear and violence.

KNIFE CRIME

Everyone has the right to live a life free from fear and violence.

We all have a duty and responsibility to keep each other safe from violence, and expect that our friends, family and children won't be carrying weapons.

Any incident where a knife or weapon has been carried or used with the intention to harm is a concern to us and police will investigate.

Knives are an everyday object but used for the wrong reasons they can be life threatening.

Most young people and adults don't carry a knife or weapon; it is not a normal thing to do.

A small number of people do find themselves involved in knife crime but despite these numbers being small, the effects of knife crime can reach a lot of different people. Innocent bystanders can get caught in the middle of other people's disputes and suffer trauma, serious injuries or worse. A wound in the arm or the leg can still be life threatening.

If you carry a knife it doesn't just affect you it will affect your family and friends. It will affect your parents or children, especially if you were to go to prison, or worse killed.



Carrying a knife is illegal in the UK and the consequences are tough. If you're found with a knife in your possession even if it is not yours, the Police and the courts will take firm action. Possession of a knife can carry a prison sentence of up to four years, even if it's not used.

If you carry a knife you are more likely to be injured. You are safer not carrying a knife.

THE LEGAL BIT...

- It is illegal to carry a knife, blade / sharp point or offensive weapon in a public place. You can be arrested for this.
- If someone is injured or killed by a knife in your presence, even if you are not the one using the weapon, you too could be prosecuted and sent to prison for murder in what is referred to as 'joint enterprise'.
- It's illegal for a shop to sell any kind of knife to someone under 18. This includes kitchen knives and even cutlery.
- It's illegal for shops to sell imitation guns or air weapons to anyone under 18-years-old, or to sell realistic imitation guns to anyone. It is also an offence to buy imitation guns.



- Some knives are illegal for anyone to buy:
- Flick knives - also called 'switchblades' or 'automatic knives'
- Butterfly knives
- Disguised knives - in which the blade is hidden in something like a belt buckle or fake mobile phone.

These are all categorised as offensive weapons ("any article made or adapted for use to cause injury to a person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use") and are completely banned.

AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY...

In England and Wales, the age when you are criminally responsible for your actions is 10 years old. Children between 10 and 17 can be arrested and taken to court if they commit a crime.

Children under 10 who break the law are treated differently to adults or youths under 18 who commit a criminal offence. Children under 10 cannot be charged with committing a criminal offence. However, they can be given a:

- Local Child Curfew
- Child Safety Order.

Children under 10 who break the law regularly can sometimes be taken into care, or their parents could be held responsible.



**In collaboration with Op
Sceptre - National knife
crime campaign**

**Start date
15th May 2023**

**Closing Date
7th July 2023**

Group 1 - age 15-18

Group 2 - age 11-14

**Finalist announced by the
end of term**

MUSIC/RAP COMPETITION "SAVE A FRIEND"

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Term 6 Curriculum Map—KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)

‘Potential into Performance’

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
English	20th & 21st Century Literature: Star by Star	Shakespeare: Macbeth	Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet
Maths	Fractions Ratio & Proportion	Angles Area, volume & surface area	Quadratics Reasoning with number
Science	Space	Climate	C10 using resources
MFL (Spanish & French)	Spanish Te Toca a Ti—end of year assessment French À toi—end of year assessment	Spanish Te Toca a Ti—end of year assessment French À toi—end of year assessment	Spanish Punto de Partida—end of year assessment French Point de depart—end of year assessment
Humanities (Geography, History, Philosophical Thinking (PT) & Sociology)	Geography Swindon and our local area History Globalisation and development PT Swindon and our local area	Geography East Meets West History East vs West PT East meets West	Geography Natural Resources History Life in Nazi Germany PT Life after death
Design Technology (DT) and Food Preparation & Nutrition (FPM)	DT Interactive flyer Reading Task	DT Abbey Park of 2050 Branding Reading Task	DT Key Designers Reading task Food Methods of cooking & knowing your food
Visual Arts and Photography	Still life drawing and photography Landscape painting Introduction to peace project	Surrealism - watercolour	Clay trainer
Performing Arts (Drama & Music)	Drama Darkwood Manor Music Samba	Drama Unsolved Using a true crime as a stimulus to explore drama techniques and strategies. Music Indian Fusion Bhangra	Drama Seven Deadly Sins Music Rhythms of the world
PE	Rounders, cricket, interhouse	Rounders, cricket, interhouse	Rounders, cricket, interhouse
Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE)	Drugs Education	Health & Wellbeing: Identity and relationships—RSE	Healthy Relationships - RSE

Term 6 Curriculum Map—Year 10

‘Potential into Performance’

English and Media	English Literature and Context: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Revision for Mocks/ Retrieval and Consolidation Spoken Language Media Revision of Magazines (From Term 3) Film Promotion NEA set briefs and Year 10 Mock
	Foundation - multiplicative reasoning, loci & constructions Higher - further trigonometry, data, fractions, decimals, percentages & ratio
Maths	
Science	B7 Ecology
MFL (Spanish & French)	Spanish Module 4 French Module 4
	Geography Physical Landscape of UK History Medicine through time PT The existence of God and revelation Sociology Paper 1: The Sociology of Education
Humanities (Geography, History, Philosophical Thinking (PT) & Sociology)	
Business, Computing and Media	Business 1.5 - Understanding external influences on business Computer Science Programming – a project opportunity Start-up challenge
Design Technology (DT) and Food Preparation & Nutrition (FPM)	DT Commencement of NEA FPM 3.5 food choice 3.6 food provenance
Fine Arts and Photography	Fine Arts Identity Project Photography Out of place
Performing Arts (Drama & Music)	Drama Component One Aberfan Preparing for controlled assessment performance Music Practice of the above through listening activities
PE	On rotation—rounders, basketball, football, dodgeball, handball, badminton CNAT—R186—media in sport GCSE paper 1—analyse, evaluation of performance
Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE)	CEIAG & Staying safe

Term 6—Session 6

Club	Day	Room	Pupils
Weekdays	KS3 Homework Club	RG21	Year 7, 8 & 9
Weekdays	KS4 Homework Club	RG31	Years 10 & 11
Tuesday	KS3 Debate Club	GF43	Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9
Tuesday	STFC	Sports Hall	Years 7, 8 & 9
Tuesday	Abbey Park Broadcast Team		All enrolled students
Wednesday	Athletics	Sports Hall	All enrolled students
Wednesday	Girls Rounders	Sports Hall	Years 7 & 8
Wednesday	Table Top Games Club	YG90	All enrolled students
Wednesday	Tech Club (Invitation only)	Red Wing	Years 9, 10 & 11
Thursday	Cricket	Sports Hall	All enrolled students
Thursday	Girls Rounders	Sports Hall	Year 9, 10 and 11
Thursday	KS3 Creative Writing - fiction & non-fiction	GG46	Years 7, 8 & 9
Thursday – NEW	Boys Dance	Dance Studio	All enrolled boys
Thursday	Book Club	LRC	Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
Thursday	Maths problem solving competition club	RG30	Years 7, 8 & 9
Friday	Choir	MU2	All enrolled students

In order to secure your child's place please book their clubs via the Arbor App.

Once on the app you can book via the activities tab.

School Calendar

Term 6

Monday 5th June	Inset day — students are not in school
Tuesday 7th June	Start of term 6
Friday 9th June	Trip: Year 10 — Tate Modern & Britain, London
Wednesday 14th June	Race for Life
Friday 16th June	Trip: Year 9 — STEM/Careers Trip: Red Oaks Sports Day Year 9 STEM/Careers
Friday 16th— Saturday 17th June	Trip: Duke of Edinburgh
Monday 19th June	Trip: Orchid Vale KS1 Sports Day
Tuesday 20th June	Trip: Orchid Vale KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 20th June	Trip: Athletics Championships, County Ground, Swindon
Tuesday 20th— Friday 23rd June	Trip: Villiers Park Residential
Wednesday 21st June	Cirencester College—drama performance
Thursday 22nd— Saturday 24th June	Trip: Battlefields
Monday 26th June	Trip: Chessington
Tuesday 27th June	Trip: Lydiard Park Academy—drama performance ('Wendy')
Monday 28th— Friday 30th June	Year 6 induction days
Wednesday 28th — Thursday 29th June	<i>Evening Event: Year 6 induction evenings</i>
Thursday 29th June	Trip: Year 10 — New College, Swindon
Saturday 1st— Sunday 2nd July	Trip: Duke of Edinburgh
Tuesday 4th July	Key Stage 3 Careers Day

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School Calendar

Term 6

Wednesday 5th July	Trip: Year 7 — Bletchley Park Trip: Year 10 — National Museum of Computing SEND sports competition <i>Evening Event: Trust Music Event</i>
Thursday 6th July	Abbey Parks Got Talent 2023 Bridlewood Primary Sports Day
Friday 7th July	Trip: Year 8 — Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum, Oxford Trip: Tadpole Primary Sports Day
Monday 10th July	Trip: Year 11 — Cirencester College Pop-up bookshop
Tuesday 11th July	Trip: Year 10 — Cirencester College
Monday 10th — Friday 14th July	Wellbeing Week
Wednesday 12th July	Trip: Year 9 Maths STEM — Williams HQ Summer Concert
Thursday 13th July	Trip: Year 10 — Peer4Support, Oxenwood, Marlborough Year 11 — Art Show
Friday 14th July	Race for Life
Friday 14th — Sunday 16th July	Trip: Year 7 & 8 — PGL Residential Liddington, Swindon <i>(departing evening of Friday 14th July)</i>
Tuesday 18th July	<i>Evening Event: Rewards Evening (invited students only)</i>
Thursday 20th July	School finishes at 12:30pm to break for Summer Holidays

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School Calendar

Term 1— New Academic Year (2023/24)

Friday 1st September	Inset Day — students are not in school
Monday 4th September	Inset Day — students are not in school
Tuesday 5th September	School opens for new academic year— All students return to school