

Dear Families,


As we are approaching the end of term, I wanted to thank you all for the partnership and support you show to the school to allow us to all work together to support our young people. The second half of this term has had its challenges with the IT problems we have been experiencing, but the children have navigated this with us in such a positive way.

Only a few days after the Easter break, the Years 11 and 13 exams start. They have been working so well all year and this is the time for them to shine. They are ready and prepared. There is still time to consolidate and practice questions – every last bit of knowledge could be the game changer for the next grade up.

Have a great Easter break everyone!

Attendance Matters

Students with 95-100% attendance in Year 11 are almost twice as likely to achieve a Grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSE compared to those with 90-95% attendance. Missing just 10 extra days a year can reduce the likelihood of achieving these grades by around 50%.

How does time off affect a student's attendance?		
Number of days absent in school year	End of Year Attendance	
1 day off in school year	99.5%	5 Lessons
2 days off in school year	99%	10 Lessons
10 days off in school year	95%	50 Lessons
15 days off in school year	92.4%	75 Lessons
20 days off in school year	90%	100 Lessons



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Safe Relationships and Gender Stereotypes Workshop

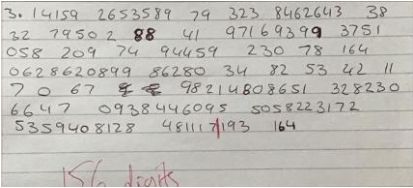
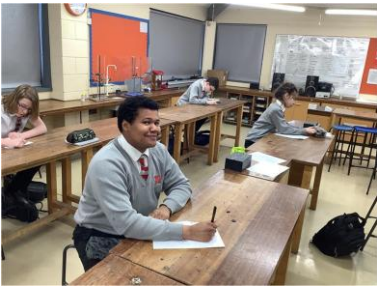
Years 8, 9, and 10 students took part in a workshop with *Everyone's Involved*, focusing on safe relationships and the impact of gender stereotypes. Through interactive discussions, students explored the signs of healthy vs. unhealthy relationships, the effects of societal pressures, and how to challenge harmful behaviours.



Pi Day

Ms Hindle ran a celebration of all things 'Pi' to celebrate Pi Day. Part of this was a House competition which saw Stephens House students take the victory with an incredible amount of digits remembered.

In reverse order for the top 5  
Lillie Shrimpton 11 TR: 21 digits  
Millie Barton 8S LJ: 39 digits  
Emily Ellis 11 JR: 45 digits  
Skye Roberts 13 DL: 70 digits  
Sasha Phillips 10 TR: 156 digits



Schools Gymnastics Competition

12 talented gymnasts travelled up the road to Border Counties Gymnastics to compete in a school's competition. Everyone showed strength, skill and poise when competing and it was a pleasure to watch all the incredible performances.



Year 11 Rugby

The Year 11 Rugby team capped off their season and school journey with a brilliant win over local rivals, Corbet School. Owen Haycox led with strength as Captain, Marcus Adams dominated both with and without the ball, and Tristan Flint skilfully organised and distributed play. Jack Hughes dazzled with a sidestepping try of the year, while Dian Velichkov powered in a spectacular score from halfway. Jesli Nang Bayi made a crucial impact with well-timed tries, and the hardworking forward pack ensured possession for the backs, with Connor Whiteford shining as the most improved player. A fantastic way to end an unforgettable season!



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Gymnastics Superstars

Two talented gymnasts, **Aneta Jansa** (Year 10) and **Isaac Price** (Year 9), competed at the British Gymnastics Championships in Liverpool, representing their clubs at the junior level.

Aneta placed 11th in the all-around final and qualified for the Beam final, while Isaac finished 39th in the all-around and secured 8th place in the Vault final.

An incredible achievement for both, competing alongside senior gymnasts.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

- 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April – Eater Holidays
- 28<sup>th</sup> April – All students return to school
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – Presentation Evening
- 15<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Family Consultation Evening

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