



9 October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Tutor Evening Invitations – Years 7, 10 and 12, Vaccinations, PD Day including our Community Fun Run, Year 11 Next Steps Support & RP6th Taster Day, Macmillan Bake Sale

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

After a brief stand-down period, the building works are back up and running from 5pm to 5am daily. This does not impact any after-school clubs, fixtures or interventions but it does affect some evening events. Fortunately, not those mentioned below:

Tutor Evening Invitations – Years 7, 10 and 12

Invitations to the two evenings shown below have now been published and appointment with your child's tutor R2L tutor can now be booked.

Tutor Evening 14 October 2026	
Year 7	Tutors from Tudor, Stuart, Lancaster
Year 10	Tutors from Tudor, Stuart, Lancaster
Year 12	SMA

Tutor Evening 21 October 2026	
Year 7	Tutors from York, Windsor
Year 10	Tutors from York, Windsor
Year 12	NAL

Flu Vaccinations – 20 November 2026

Flu vaccines for Years 7 - 11 are upcoming on 20 November and a further 'mop up' day has been scheduled for 11 December.

SAIS will contact you directly with information and consent links.

PD Day including our Community Fun Run

On Wednesday 14 October, students will take part in Personal Development Day 1, which focuses on the theme of Mental and Physical Health.

PD Day 1 supports the academy's Personal Development curriculum by providing students with opportunities to explore key aspects of physical health, mental wellbeing and personal development. The day complements learning from Personal Development lessons and allows students to apply their knowledge in a range of practical, age-appropriate contexts.

All students will also develop their understanding of community and academy values through participation in the Community Fun Run.

Year 7: Students will explore strategies for supporting their mental wellbeing, including sleep, relaxation and managing periods of change.

Year 8: Students will develop their understanding of personal safety, respect and positive relationships, considering how they can keep themselves and others safe.

Year 9: Students will consider factors that can affect mental and physical wellbeing, including self-esteem, media influence, bullying and healthy lifestyles. They will also explore future career opportunities and the skills needed for the changing world of work.

Year 10: Students will develop their understanding of health, safety and responsible decision-making, exploring healthcare services, digital resilience, exploitation, anti-microbial resistance and healthy weight. The day encourages students to consider how informed choices can protect both individual and wider community health.

Year 11: Students will focus on preparing for life beyond Year 11, considering future pathways alongside important aspects of personal health, relationships and ethical decision-making. Activities include careers guidance, healthy relationships and consent, and consideration of abortion from legal, moral and ethical perspectives.

Year 12: Students will develop their understanding of a potential post-16 pathway by visiting De Montfort University

Year 13: Students will focus on preparation for life beyond sixth form, including university applications and managing the pressures associated with study and future transitions. Sessions also explore positive health, relationships, consent and responsible decision-making. Students will also support the wider academy community through the Community Fun Run.

Year 11 Next Steps Support & RP6th Taster Day

Next Tuesday, Mr Griffiths and his team have a super day planned for those in Year 11 who are RP6th eligible based on their grades and A2L. There is also a trip to Lincoln College for those looking to study there after GCSE, which will take place in the morning with associated activities in the afternoon. A letter has already been sent out. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Griffiths via sixthform@srpa.co.uk.

Macmillan Bake Sale

On Wednesday 7 October, we held our annual Macmillan Bake Sale. Our Sixth Form students took the lead in organising the event, with valuable support from a Year 11 Change Makers project group.

We would like to thank you for your support in sending baked items to sell, we were very pleased to sell out!

It is not too late to donate to help raise funds for Macmillan. If you would like to make a financial contribution, donations can be made easily via ParentPay in the usual way.



Thank you for your support in helping us make this event a success and raising money for such a worthy cause. Every contribution, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.

I popped into a classroom on Wednesday afternoon only to put some litter in the bin to be greeted by a teacher and his Key Stage 4 class in an intervention session. He asked me if I could explain to the class how what they were doing differed from PD because it appeared to the students that it was similar content. Unscripted and late for an important meeting, I took over for a while as my teacher-self returned.

The message was quite simple – just because your intervention today isn't subject-specific doesn't mean the learning isn't valuable. Get comfortable at being uncomfortable, work hard to do well for yourself, utilise exam technique sensibly and have a good mindset based on strong habits. These lessons are vital building blocks before we tackle the subject components. Always be prepared to take that next step.

I don't expect you to be familiar with Dag Hammarskjöld but, as a student of politics, he was a most refreshing Swedish diplomat, economist and the second Secretary-General of the United Nations. I sign off with his words today: "Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road."

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr D Hardy
Headmaster

