YOUR GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD AT SWINTON

FRI 25/9/26

EPISODE. 4

PRINCIPAL:



We have celebrated many successes across the academy this week. These include hosting the Primary Football Festival (Totty Cup), launching our Year 10 work experience programme, and celebrating an incredible **100% attendance for Year 7 on Thursday!**

We are delighted with the way our students have started the new academic year. They have demonstrated a real focus on their learning while also embracing the wide range of extracurricular opportunities available to them. It has been wonderful to see such a positive start to the year.

We look forward to welcoming our prospective new Year 7 students and their families to our Open Evening on Monday. We hope they will look beyond the age of our building and see what really makes our academy special: our wonderful and supportive staff, our safe and friendly environment, and our commitment to developing high ambition in every student. We are incredibly proud of the community we have created.

Our whole-school sponsored walk on Wednesday promises to be an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone, while also raising valuable funds for a number of local charities. Let's make it a safe, positive and productive day, while aiming to **smash all previous attendance records for a sponsored walk!**

We are excited for our students to experience all that we have planned and to create memories that will make this a day to remember for many years to come.

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KEY DATES COMING UP:

- Monday 28th September - **Y5/6 Open Evening**
- Wednesday 30th September - **Sponsored Walk**
- Friday 2nd September - **Year 7 Careers Day**
- Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th October - **Mellors Tuk Truck (*for purchasing street food*)**
- Friday 9th October - **INSET DAY**
- Monday 12th October - **Reading Week**
- Friday 16th October - **PSHE Morning 1**
- Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd October - **After School Enrichment**
- Friday 23rd October - **INSET DAY**

MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026: Y5/6 OPEN EVENING

We are excited to be, once again, opening our doors to **Y5 and Y6 families** in order to showcase what we can offer at the academy. Many of our **Y7 students will be on hand to show parents/carers around and speak to families about their experience**. If your child would like to support the evening (from any year group) please ask them to speak to their **Year Leader or direct to Mrs Longstaff.** If you know anyone who you think would be interested in joining us for this special event, please let them know. There are **two presentation times** to choose from, **4.30PM and 5.30PM** and the **school will be open until 7PM for families to visit all subject areas, participate in activities, enter our competitions and sample our school menu.** Many thanks for supporting the academy.



UPCOMING WEEK:

MONDAY	Y5/6 Open Evening
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	Sponsored Walk
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Y7 Careers Day

NOTICES & USEFUL INFO:

Ahead of our sponsored walk, we will be speaking to all students about important safety considerations, including road safety, staying safe around strangers and water safety.

We would be grateful if you could also take a few moments to speak to your child/children about these important messages before the event. Working together, we can help ensure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable and memorable day.

The safety and wellbeing of your child remains our absolute priority.

Thank you for your continued support.

WORD OF THE WEEK:

PREDICT

STUDENT WELLBEING:

A positive start can make all the difference
We all have difficult days, but one challenging day doesn't have to turn into a difficult week. Encourage your child to learn from setbacks, reset, and keep moving forward.

Bounce back. Stay strong. Keep going.

Regular attendance is an important part of helping children make the most of their learning and school experience. Please encourage your child to keep going, even when they are feeling tired or having a slightly off day.

Small steps, positive routines and a resilient mindset can make a big difference.



REMINDER

Spanish speaking trials are taking place **Tuesday 29th September** and **Thursday 1st October.**

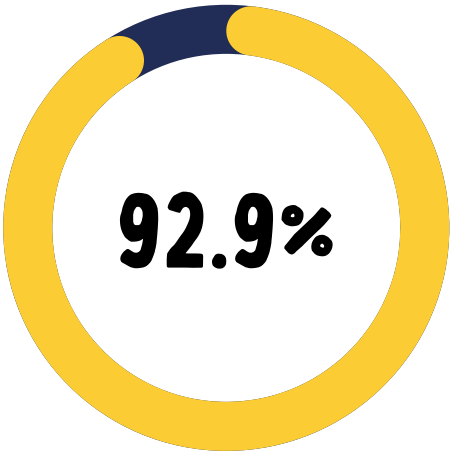
ACTION REQUIRED:

- ◯ Have you set up your Parent Pay account?
- ◯ Have you got access to Class Charts?
- ◯ Do we have your up-to-date contact details?

*If the answer is **no** to any of the above please get in contact with our reception for assistance.*

ATTENDANCE:

YEAR TO DATE:



RESILIENCE | AMBITION | RESPECT | ACCEPTANCE | RESPONSIBILITY

THRIVE → CONNECT

C onfidence
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The **Thrive** group has had a name change and is now called **Connect** - we have both **Y7 and Y8 Connect** groups!

DAY OF LANGUAGES:

On **26th September**, we will be celebrating the **Day of Languages.**

This year, the MFL Department has decided to link the celebration to our **House Competition**, giving students the opportunity to learn about languages and cultures while earning points for their House.

Starting on **Monday 28th September**, students will have a short activity to complete during form time each day. This will include:

🌎 **One interesting language-related fact to read**
📝 **One short exercise or quiz to complete**

The activities are designed to take just **a few minutes of form time** each day.

We hope students will enjoy discovering something new about the languages and cultures of the world while contributing points to **their House!**

Y7 ATTENDANCE!

A huge well done to our **Year 7 students** who achieved **100% attendance** on Thursday this week! Your commitment to being in school every day is fantastic - **keep up the great work!**



SPONSORED WALK:



Our students will be taking part in our new **House Sponsored Walk**, raising money for **four fantastic local charities** while also helping to **support student rewards and enrichment at Swinton Academy.**

Please continue to collect sponsorships and encourage friends and family to support our students.

💷 50% of funds raised will be donated to our House charities.
🎓 50% of funds raised will support student rewards and enrichment at Swinton Academy.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping our students make a positive difference in our local community!

DONATE TO YOUR HOUSE

🟢 Endeavour & Bluebell Wood:
https://gofund.me/e27401beb

🔵 Unity & Rotherham Hospice:
https://gofund.me/a09ecc6e7

🟠 Aspire & Swinton Lock:
https://gofund.me/90066b681

🔴 Integrity & Mind Rotherham:
https://gofund.me/6718506cc



ROTHERHAM DAY

Friday 18th September was the first ever **Rotherham Day** and was set to bring together businesses, charities, schools, community groups, sports clubs and residents from across the borough.

Our students in **The Arch** celebrated the day by researching all that is good about Rotherham.



FOOD BANK



A huge **thank you** to everyone who has supported our recent appeal for **Rawmarsh Food Bank.**

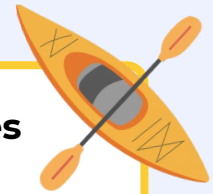
Rawmarsh Food Bank supports families and individuals across Rawmarsh, Swinton and the surrounding areas, and your generosity will help make a real difference to people in our local community.

We are incredibly proud of the kindness and generosity shown by our students, families and staff. Your support, no matter how big or small, is greatly appreciated and demonstrates what we can achieve when we come together to support those around us.

A special thank you to our **Student Leaders** for helping to coordinate our efforts and encourage others to get involved.

Thank you for your continued generosity, kindness and support.

KAYAKING TRIP!



Just a polite reminder that our **Year 10 Sports Studies** kayaking trip is heading out on Monday morning! We're looking forward to a great day on the water. *Pictures to follow in next week's newsletter.*

LEARNING SPOTLIGHT:

In lessons this week, we have seen **Year 7 applying their health and safety knowledge** to take part in some of their first science practicals, the **Year 11 construction classes** have been working hard on their coursework units and **Year 10 classes have been impressing their teachers** with their turn and tell discussions on Christian beliefs.

TRY AMERICAN FOOTBALL WITH SHEFFIELD GIANTS!





Sheffield Giants, the region's American Football team, are looking for new players!

For the next **5 weeks**, they're offering **free taster sessions for young people** who would like to give **American Football** a go. Whether you're completely new to the sport or already have some experience, this is a great opportunity to get involved, try something different and meet the team.

Interested in taking part? Check out the post above for information on how to contact **Sheffield Giants** and find out more about the **taster sessions.**

WE'RE IN THE NEWS!

Two Rotherham academies within the same education trust have been recognised for their work to **improve inclusion and remove barriers to learning for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.**

Listerdale Academy and **Swinton Academy,** both part of Aston Community Education Trust, received recognition in separate categories in **Rotherham's inaugural Celebrating Inclusive Practice Awards.**

Swinton Academy was recognised for **Effective Use of Assistive Technology.** The academy uses **AV1 robots** to help pupils who cannot attend school for medical or other significant reasons remain connected to their lessons, teachers and peers.

Chela Wilson, Principal at Swinton Academy, said: "Inclusion means finding effective ways to ensure every pupil remains part of our school community. The AV1 robots are helping us remove barriers to learning while protecting that vital sense of connection and belonging."

The awards were introduced by **Rotherham Council** to recognise education settings that go above and beyond to ensure **children and young people with SEND are included, supported and able to thrive.**



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