YOUR GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD AT SWINTON

FRI 16/10/26

EPISODE. 7

PRINCIPAL:



It has been another busy and successful week at the academy.

A particular highlight has been Reading Week, with students enthusiastically taking part in a range of reading activities across the school. Developing a love of reading remains a key priority for us, and it has been fantastic to see so many students engaging with the opportunities available.

We were also pleased to hold our first Local Governing Body (LGB) meeting of the academic year. We extend a warm welcome to our new governors, whose experience and expertise will help support the academy's continued development. We are equally grateful to Dave Lennox, who continues in his role as Chair of Governors, for his ongoing commitment and leadership.

It has also been wonderful to see the wide range of enrichment opportunities available to students after school. These activities provide valuable experiences beyond the classroom, helping students develop new skills, build confidence, and pursue their interests. We encourage all students to get involved, make the most of these opportunities, and contribute valuable points to their House along the way. Thank you to the staff who generously give their time to make these experiences possible.

Next week, we will be placing a particular focus on attendance. We would greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Excellent attendance is vital to academic success, personal development, and wellbeing. Being in school enables students to learn effectively, build positive relationships with peers and staff, and access the encouragement, guidance, and support they need to thrive. Together, we can help every student feel a strong sense of belonging and achieve their full potential. Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

C. Wilson

KEY DATES COMING UP:

- Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd October - **After School Enrichment**
- Friday 23rd October - **INSET DAY**
- 26TH October - 30th October **- HALF TERM**
- Monday 2nd November **- Back to School**
- Wednesday 4th November - **LEAF Careers Event**
- Thursday 5th & Friday 6th November - **Immunisations**
- Thursday 12th November - **Year 9 Careers Day**
- Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th November - **Paris Trip**
- Thursday 19th November - **Y5 Taster Day**
- Friday 20th November - **Children in Need**
- Friday 27th November - **INSET DAY**

INSET DAY UPCOMING!

Please note that **Friday 23rd October** is an **INSET Day**, and Swinton Academy will be closed. The school will then **remain closed for the half-term break** and will **reopen as normal on Monday 2nd November.**

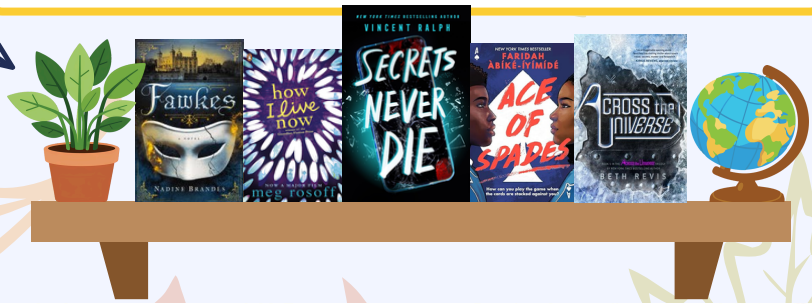
LEARNING SPOTLIGHT:

This week was Reading Week! At the start of each Y7-10 lesson, students have been reading extracts from a range of fiction texts and completing some ERIC tasks. We hold 6 reading weeks a year (one per half-term), each with a different theme. Our first theme was celebrations. We looked at the novels, 'How I live' (National Farmers Day), 'Secrets Never Die' (Halloween), 'Fawkes' (Bonfire Night), 'Ace of Spades' (Black History Month) and 'Across the Universe' (National Space Week). We hope to see even more of our students visiting the library and continuing to read for pleasure.









UPCOMING WEEK:

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT
WEDNESDAY	AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT
THURSDAY	AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT
FRIDAY	**INSET DAY**

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?

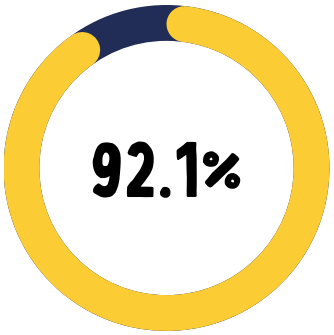
*If the answer is **no** to any of the above please get in contact with our reception for assistance.*

WORD OF THE WEEK:

EVALUATE

ATTENDANCE:

YEAR TO DATE:



Swinton ACADEMY — ENRICHMENT WEEK

TUESDAY 20 AND WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

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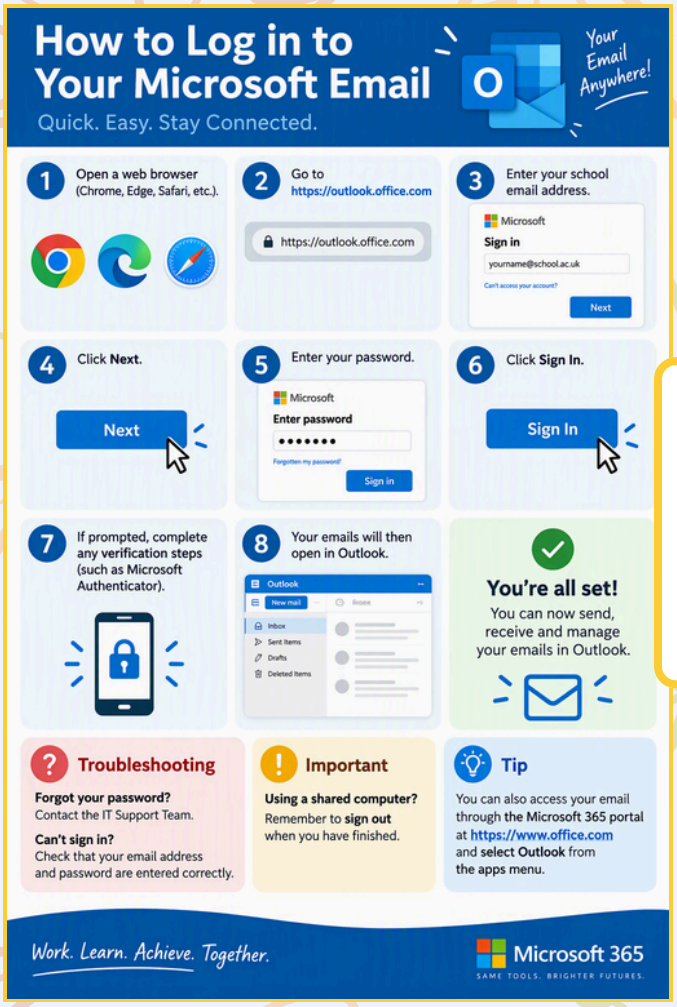
Activity	Description	Staff	Year Groups	Places
Ballet (Halloween Dance)	Take part in some ballet, learn some new dance steps and techniques, and then put them together to learn a fun, choreographed dance to a Halloween-themed song.	Miss Smith	All years	Allocated to students
ADT Club (Sewing)	Develop your sewing skills.	Miss Baker	All years	Allocated to students

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Activity	Description	Staff	Year Groups	Places
Debate Club	Discuss and debate a wide range of issues, from politics to music.	Miss Kenyon	KS3	Allocated to students
Pub Games	Cards bingo, play your cards right, chairs run quiz (prizes to win).	Miss Seris	All years	Allocated to students
Halloween Crafts	Model making with a Halloween theme.	Miss Fitch	Years 7 & 8	Allocated to students
Student Leadership Planning	Remembrance Sunday planning.	Mrs Rhodes	All years	Allocated to students
HYROX	A blend of running and functional strength/coordination movements, replicating the adult HYROX experience with safe, age-appropriate scaling.	Mr Otter & Miss Brookes	All years	Allocated to students

#Get Involved - You might just ENJOY it!

RESILIENCE | AMBITION | RESPECT | ACCEPTANCE | RESPONSIBILITY



EMAIL LOGIN:

Students will need to log in to their academy email account to access their login details for the work experience portal.

Please encourage your child to try this at home. Support and guidance will be available in school for any students who need help.

RNN GROUP AUTUMN PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Families are invited to join RNN Group for a fun-filled Autumn Pumpkin Festival, featuring seasonal family activities and pumpkin picking!

📅 Saturday 17th October 2026
⏰ 10am–2pm
📍 Dearne Valley College, Manvers Park, Wath upon Dearne, S63 7EW

We hope you have a fantastic time!





FREE BREAKFAST!

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the October half term holidays can enjoy a free 'Kellogg's Breakfast', which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. The best part, it's not just for kids, adults get to eat completely free too.

T LEVEL WEEK

Next week National T level week - is this an option for your child? Find out more information in the library.



Swinton ACADEMY

Our Core Values

Resilience · Ambition · Respect · Acceptance · Responsibility

Sick or Struggling?

If your child is feeling sick or struggling but is well enough to attend school, please complete our **Sick or Struggling Form (SoS) before they arrive.**

Scan the QR code to complete the SoS form

Can't scan the code?
Visit: forms.cloud.microsoft/e/gcvcriZAAc

What happens next?

We'll check on your child during the school day.

We'll give you a telephone call with an update.

If your child becomes too unwell, we'll contact you.

If your child is too unwell to attend, please follow NHS guidance and use the school's usual absence-reporting procedure.



Supporting Attendance and Celebrating Success

We are pleased to introduce two initiatives to support and encourage excellent attendance at Swinton Academy.

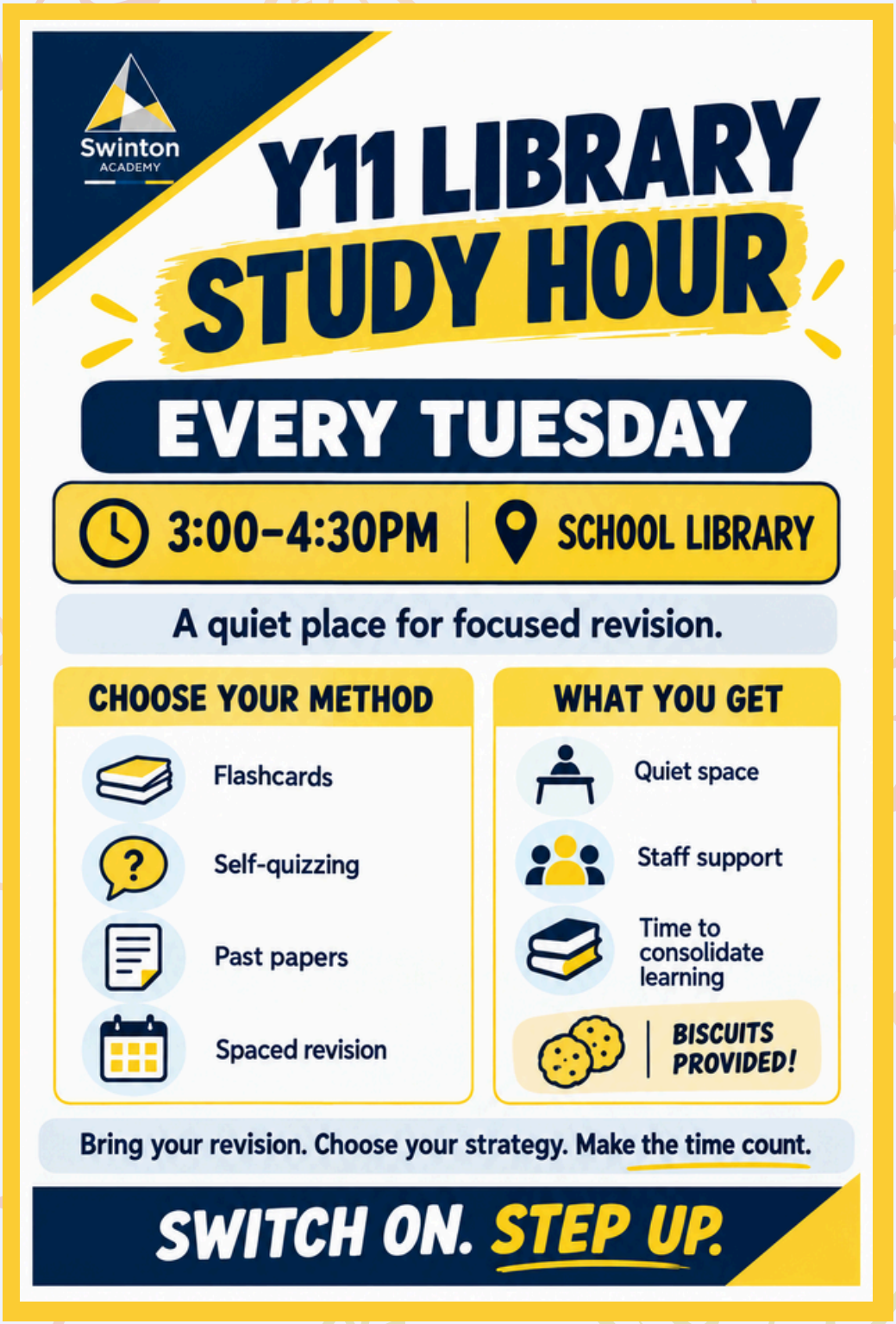
Sick or Struggling (SoS)

If your child is feeling slightly unwell or struggling but is well enough to attend school, our new SoS form allows you to let us know before they arrive. We will check on your child during the day and provide a telephone update, offering additional reassurance and support.

Fortnightly Attendance Competition

Throughout the academic year, students achieving 100% attendance and zero negative behaviour points during each two-week period will be entered into a prize draw. Every fortnight, two students will each win a £20 Just Eat voucher!

Both initiatives are designed to support students in attending school regularly while recognising and celebrating positive choices.



Starting this week (Tuesday 13th October), we are launching Year 11 Library Study Hour, running every Tuesday from 3:00pm–4:30pm.

Students can also get support with revision strategies and putting together manageable revision timetables if needed.

It's a great opportunity for students who struggle to find a quiet space at home or just need a bit of encouragement to get started.

Biscuits will also be provided!

You Can Do it!

RESILIENCE AMBITION RESPECT ACCEPTANCE RESPONSIBILITY

EXTRA-CURRICULUM:

DAY	ACTIVITY	ENRICHMENT AREA	WHERE	STAFF
MONDAY	Library Open - Homework, Chess & Games	Civic Engagement	Library	Miss Caddick
TUESDAY	Library Open - Homework, Chess & Games	Civic Engagement	Library	Miss Caddick
TUESDAY	Badminton	Sports	SP Hall	Mrs Coleman
TUESDAY	Football Y9/Y10	Sports	Top Field	Mr Otter
TUESDAY	Football Y7/8	Sports	Top Field	Mr Hill
TUESDAY	Drama	Arts & Culture	PA Block	Mrs Emms / Miss Bostandji
TUESDAY	Band Rehearsal	Arts & Culture	PA Block	Mrs Emms / Miss Bostandji
TUESDAY	Cyber Switch Up	Life & Future Skills	BCT 1	Mr Machon
WEDNESDAY	Library Open - Homework, Chess & Games	Civic Engagement	Library	Miss Caddick
WEDNESDAY	House Football	Sports	SP Hall	Mr Hill
WEDNESDAY	Singing Club	Arts & Culture	PA Block	Mrs Emms / Miss Bostandji
WEDNESDAY	Band Rehearsal	Arts & Culture	PA Block	Mrs Emms
WEDNESDAY	Dance	Arts & Culture	Top Gym	Miss Grostling
WEDNESDAY	ADT Club	Life & Future Skills	DT Rooms	Mrs Baker
WEDNESDAY	Health & Social Club	Life & Future Skills	BCT 3	Mrs Hutchinson
WEDNESDAY	Student Leadership	Civic Engagement	Humanities	Mrs Rhodes
THURSDAY	Library Open - Homework, Chess & Games	Civic Engagement	Library	Miss Caddick
THURSDAY	Girls Football	Sports	Top Field	Miss Fretwell
THURSDAY	Ceilidh Club	Arts & Culture	Bottom Gym	Miss Walk
THURSDAY	Cypher Challenge Club	Life & Future Skills	MA3	Mrs Goddard
THURSDAY	Warhammar / Table Top Gaming	Life & Future Skills	HU3	Mr Russell / Mr Machon

ALL WEEK - 1st Lunch - PA Block Open

ALL WEEK - Break - Year 9 PA Block Open