YOUR GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD AT SWINTON

THURS 22/10/26

EPISODE. 8

PRINCIPAL:



As we prepare to finish for half term, I would like to reflect on what has been a very busy and successful start to the academic year.

There has been so much to celebrate over the past few weeks, and I continue to be incredibly proud of our students and the positive contribution they make to our academy each day. Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment have helped to make this such a positive half term.

I would also like to say a sincere thank you to our staff for their continued dedication and to our parents and carers for the important part you play in supporting us.

I hope all our students, families and staff enjoy a safe, restful and well-deserved half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another positive and successful half term.

C. Wilson

KEY DATES COMING UP:

- 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 **tomorrow**, **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:

In PE, students have been learning about what makes a successful warm up activity, serving and overhead shots in badminton and passing in netball.









UPCOMING WEEK:

MONDAY	HALF TERM
TUESDAY	HALF TERM
WEDNESDAY	HALF TERM
THURSDAY	HALF TERM
FRIDAY	HALF TERM

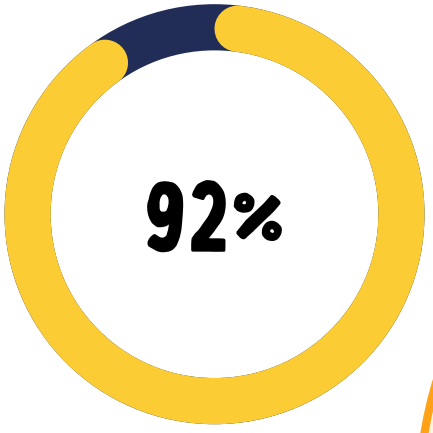
ACTION REQUIRED:

- ◯ 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:



SMASHED LIVE!

On Friday Year 7 and 8 were treated to Smashed LIVE - an interactive drama performance showing the consequences of drinking alcohol at a young age.







RESILIENCE | AMBITION | RESPECT | ACCEPTANCE | RESPONSIBILITY

Swinton ACADEMY

BELIEVE ACHIEVE SUCCEED

WARNING

ONLINE CHALLENGE ALERT

Roundabout Spinning Challenge

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ON AND OFFLINE

We have been made aware of social media content, particularly on TikTok, encouraging young people to spin on playground roundabouts for long periods as part of an online challenge.

While it may seem harmless, excessive spinning can be dangerous and can cause serious health problems.



POTENTIAL RISKS

- Dizziness and nausea
- Loss of balance and falls
- Eye strain and discomfort
- Potential short-term vision problems
- Increased risk of injury

KEY MESSAGE

If a trend could cause harm, it isn't worth the risk.

Young people should never feel pressured to take part in online challenges to gain views, likes or attention.

WHAT PARENTS & CARERS CAN DO

- Talk openly about online trends and challenges.
- Encourage young people to think critically before copying content seen on social media.
- Remind them that not everything online is safe, even when others appear to be taking part.
- Encourage safe play and good decision-making.

NEED SUPPORT?

If you have any concerns about online safety, social media trends or your child's wellbeing, please speak to your child's Head of Year or visit:

www.nspcc.org.uk www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Working together to keep our students safe.

SAFE | RESPECTFUL | READY | SUCCESSFUL

We have been made aware of a **dangerous trend on TikTok** where children are being encouraged to **spin on roundabouts for a long period of time** in a challenge. This can cause the **small blood vessels in the eyes to burst**, leading to red eyes, possible pain and someitmes short-vision problems.

Spinning for a long time can increase pressure in the eyes, which can cause the tiny blood vessels to burst. It is the same as when you hold your breath and straing, but it can happen from spinning too!

Please talk to your children about the dangers of this trend and the risks of spinning on roundabouts for long periods of time.

Let's keep our children safe together.

ROTHERHAM BMX CAMP:



Please see the details for Rotherham BMXs Autumn Camps which are **free for children eligible to HAF funding.** Rotherham BMX are a fantastic local club who have a world class facility in the heart of the borough. They also **provide all the equipment** necessary to take part such as **bikes, helmets and other safety equipment** therefore **children DO NOT need to own a BMX.**

HALLOWEEN REMINDERS:



As Halloween approaches, we encourage all our students to enjoy the festivities while **staying safe.** Please take a moment to read our Halloween safety poster for helpful reminders, including **staying with friends, planning your route, being visible in the dark and looking out for others.** We wish all our students and families a fun, spooky and safe Halloween!