

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy new year you all. We've had a very busy and positive first week back.

As usual we have had a push on standards and expectations around uniform, equipment and punctuality. Well done to all the students, who have returned to school looking exceptionally smart and prepared for learning. Thank you to parents/carers for your continued support to ensure that your child/children consistently meet our high standards on a daily basis.

As part of my assemblies this week, I decided to talk about dedication and its link to our 'sky high expectations'. One of the most important skills a school can impart on a student, is the ability to work hard. Hard work is not about perfectionism or holding unrealistic expectations. Rather it is the cornerstone of success in adult life and we maintain 'sky high expectations' for our students by expecting them to work hard and show dedication to their studies.

When I reflect upon my own schooling and the many lessons taught and skills developed, hard work stands out to me as the single most influential factor in both my personal and professional life. Being dedicated to your goals and studies is not always easy. There will be difficult times and moments of struggle.



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ASSEMBLY  
FOCUS:

**Chinese New  
Year**

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Evening 16.01.25

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next week

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Evening  
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13/02/2025

Week Beginning  
24th February:  
Year 11 Mock  
Exams

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Nevertheless, the rewards that are reaped from hardwork and dedication are numerous. In a time where gratification comes instantly and success is measured by material possessions, it is important to remind students of the virtue of hard work and dedication.

If last term was a marathon, this term is a sprint. We have 6 weeks, with a lot to pack in, including key events for our Year 11s and Year 9s. The information below is intended to support you to navigate this. We have made some changes to our Key Stage Four Choices process for Year 9s this year, including arrangements for Year 9 Parents and Information evening. More detail will be provided for you shortly to support Year 9 families.

### Thursday 16 January

Year 11 Parents Evening- this will be the final opportunity for parents to speak individually to subject teachers ahead of the final exams. Please book appointments if you have not done so already.

### Thursday 13 February

Year 9 Parents Evening & KS4 Choices- we have decided to combine Parents evening and KS4 choices to one evening. There will not be a parents evening on Thursday 30 January.



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### Monday 24 February

Year 11 Trial Exams- this will take place over two weeks. Please can all Year 11 parents ensure that any appointments or commitments are rescheduled to avoid clashing with the exams. This will be the final chance students have before the May final examinations.

### Items to Celebrate

Congratulations to all the students, St Dunstan's School has now smashed the 100,000 points threshold this week! These are awarded for students who demonstrate they are 'On Track'. At the end of last academic year, the total amount of points awarded were 42,000. Our total more than doubles this! In addition, students have been awarded on average 192 On Track points each. This is a fantastic achievement by all students and demonstrates that hardwork and dedication pays off.

Reflecting on the final week of term, I wanted to thank all of the staff who were involved in the organisation of events and activities. Events included, Christmas Showcase, Christmas Dinners, Celebration Assemblies, Carols in town, Tutor Group Quiz Competition and fundraising events to support good causes. It was a very positive week for students and staff as well as a great way to round off a very successful term.



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I look forward to updating you all with all the news and events taking place over term as well as continuing to celebrate our brilliant students for all of their hard work and achievements.

Enjoy your weekends and best wishes.

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# ON TRACK

<b><u>O</u>rganised &amp; Proactive</b>	<p>Bringing the correct equipment, kit and uniform</p> <p>Meeting deadlines</p> <p>Working on tasks independently and completing homework to a high standard</p>
<b><u>N</u>eat &amp; Tidy work</b>	<p>Smart, well presented books demonstrating your best work</p>
<b><u>T</u>enacity</b>	<p>Trying your hardest, rising to challenges, having a 'can do' attitude, working out solutions and taking ownership of your learning</p>
<b><u>R</u>eady, Respectful and Responsible</b>	<p>Being a role model by consistently demonstrating our basic expectations</p>
<b><u>A</u>nswering, reading and listening like an expert</b>	<p>Sophisticated full sentence answers using technical terms</p> <p>Following along, tracking the text and ready to read aloud in class.</p> <p>Reading widely and for pleasure</p> <p>Listening and considering the views of others</p> <p>Taking in turns to respond</p>
<b><u>C</u>ontributing to the class</b>	<p>Playing an active role in every lesson</p> <p>Attention to the speaker, sat up straight, arms still, pens down</p> <p>Teacher focused</p>
<b><u>K</u>indness &amp; Community minded</b>	<p>Caring, polite, looking after one another and the site</p> <p>Speaking with kindness and respect</p> <p>Supporting staff and other students to create a positive learning environment for all</p>



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## Year 11 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Parents' Evening - Thursday 16th January 2025 4pm - 7pm.

Bookings via Talaxy - open now!

Strode college will be attending the evening for last minute questions , prospectuses and information on the courses and apprenticeships they offer.

If you need any assistance in using Talaxy, please email [secretary@stdunstansschool.com](mailto:secretary@stdunstansschool.com)

See you then!

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!



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# PARENTS –

GUIDING OUR CHILDREN THROUGH  
THEIR EDUCATION IS ONE OF OUR  
GREATEST ROLES.



# MOMENTS MATTER,

# ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Consistent support and motivation from you plays a pivotal role in their success, and this begins with school attendance – that isn't just about adhering to school rules; it's about shaping their future, one day at a time.

If your child is struggling with school attendance, our tips overleaf can help you help them. Or if you have any concerns contact your child's school.



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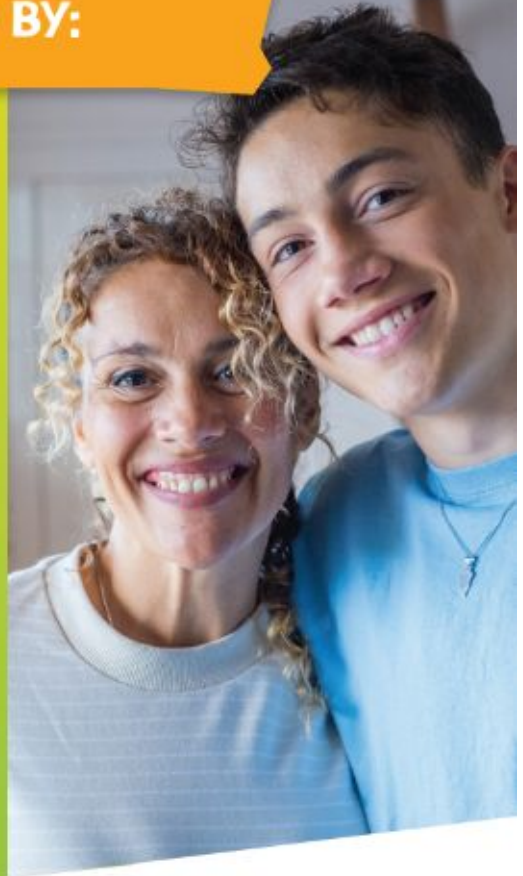
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## YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BY:

- ensuring your child understands the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality.
- asking about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities.
- discussing any problems they may have and inform their Form Tutor to pass on concerns.
- not allowing them take time off school for minor ailments – particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work.
- arranging appointments after school hours, at weekends or during the holidays, to prevent disruption to your child's education and to the school.
- being open and willing to work with us to improve your child's attendance.



If you are concerned about your child's school attendance, it's best to contact their school first. Our dedicated Attendance Team are on hand to support pupils and families.

For more information about school attendance visit our website: [www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/attendance](http://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/attendance)

**We're here to help if you need it.**



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# Become a School Governor

Are you passionate about education? Do you want to help shape the future of young minds?

Becoming a school governor is an incredible opportunity to use your skills, time, and passion to ensure students receive the best education and support. Whether you're a parent, professional, or community member, your voice can make a real impact in the direction and success of our schools.



## Make a Lasting Impact in Five Key Ways:

- Attend termly Governing Body meetings, reviewing data and ensuring the best outcomes for students.
- Get tailored, ongoing training to build your skills and understand your role (induction, safeguarding, and more).
- Act as a link governor, focusing on an area of your interest or expertise, and reporting on school progress.
- Represent the school positively in the community – become a proud ambassador!
- Take part in important panels (interviews, exclusions, and more), shaping the school's future.

## Who Can Be a School Governor?

No prior experience is needed! All that's required is a commitment to the role and a willingness to learn. We need governors from all walks of life:

- Parent Governors: Provide insights from the parent community.
- Community Governors: Bring your skills and experience, even without a direct connection to the school.
- Foundation Governors: Preserve the school's religious character.
- Staff Governors: Offer the unique perspective of school staff.

## What Do You Get Out of It?

Being a school governor is incredibly rewarding! You'll develop valuable skills, make a positive impact in your community, and help prepare students for success in further education and beyond. It's a role that's challenging but never dull, giving you the chance to contribute to something truly meaningful.



For more information, contact Emily Walker (Governance Professional): [ewalker@msnpartnership.com](mailto:ewalker@msnpartnership.com)  
Find a list of local governing bodies on the MNSP website.

If you are interested in becoming a Governor at St Dunstan's School, please contact [secretary@stdunstansschool.com](mailto:secretary@stdunstansschool.com)



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# PE Timetable

Zoom in below to check the PE timetable to make sure students bring the correct kit...

Core PE lesson timetable - Jan-Feb 2025

	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
Mon A	10A1 10A2  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh		8A1 8A2  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Elkins Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh		
Tues A		9A3 9A4  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh	7Y1 7Y2  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - BASKETBALL - Mr Waugh	9A2 9A1  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Norris	8B1 8B2  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Norris
Wed A	7X1 7X2 7X3  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh Mixed - BASKETBALL - Mr Norris	7Y1 7Y2  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh	10B2 10B1  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh	11A 11A  Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh	11B 11B  Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh
Thurs A	9AB2 9AB1 9AB3  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh MIXED - BASKETBALL - Mr Norris	8A1 8A2  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - BASKETBALL - Mr Waugh		10A1 10A2  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - BASKETBALL - Mr Waugh	8B1 8B2  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - BASKETBALL - Mr Waugh
Fri A			7X1 7X2 7X3  ALL Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Pengelly/Mr Norris ALL Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh/Mr Norris	11A 11A  Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh	11B 11B  Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh

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Wed B	9A4 9A3  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - BASKETBALL - Mr Waugh	8A1 8A2  Girls - BASKETBALL - Miss Elkins Boys - FOOTBALL - Mr Waugh	8B1 8B2  Girls - NETBALL - Miss Pengelly Boys - BASKETBALL - Mr Norris	11A 11A  Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh	11B 11B  Girls - GAMES - Miss Pengelly Boys - GAMES - Mr Waugh
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# OPEN EVENTS

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Thursday 16 January | 6pm - 8pm

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**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**  
**6:00 - 6:45pm**

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- Supported Learning
- Higher Education
- Adult Courses

Apprenticeship Talk  
6.30PM

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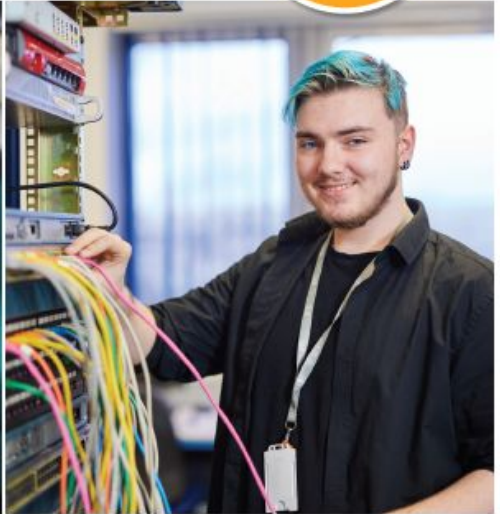


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Hang out with your friends | Meet new people | Activities & games | Free food

we  
welcome all  
young  
people  
aged 10-19



let's all  
catch up,  
have fun  
and support  
each other!

To sign up please access the consent form by scanning the QR code or via the link  
<https://forms.gle/AvNMEj3MqWZv3rux5> Consent must be provided by a parent/carer

### Contact us:

Glastonbury: [SiobhanWhite@ymca-bg.org](mailto:SiobhanWhite@ymca-bg.org)  
[www.ymca-bg.org](http://www.ymca-bg.org)

### Find us:

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Red Brick Building, Moorland Road, Glastonbury, BA1 9FT

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# Safeguarding Spotlight

Dear schools,

We are excited to launch our new series of parent/carer webinars for Spring 2025! Please share the below in your newsletters and on your socials to spread the word. Parents can register via the links in the flipbook below.

Calling all Parents & Carers!

The MHST (Mental Health Support Team) are offering a series of FREE helpful webinars over **Spring 2025**.

- Supporting your neurodivergent child
- Supporting exam and test wellbeing
- Helping your child to thrive: Boosting self-esteem & resilience
- Understanding and supporting anxiety and low mood
- Supporting your child's big feelings

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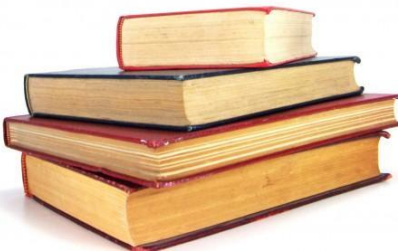
St Dunstan's Library presents...

# THE BOOK NOOK

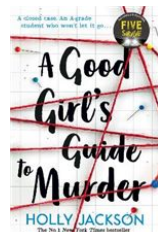
A huge THANK YOU to Derek (Rosalyn and Reuben's Grandad) and John Morgan for gifting us new graphic novels from the PTA Amazon wishlist. There were many excited faces when we opened the packages, and already a long reserves list for these titles... they will be cherished and loved. Thank you for your support!

A link to the PTA wishlist is here for any one who wants it. We welcome second hand donations/versions too so please consider us if you have a book clear out in a new year new home cleaning spree!

[PTA wishlist link](#)



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