



Shipston High School Newsletter: April 2025

Dear Parents,

We are now approaching the end of the spring term, and students are looking forward to a well-earned Easter holiday. They have, once again, been exceptionally focussed during recent weeks, and I am pleased that we have enjoyed a busy and enjoyable term both in school and with an impressive range of extracurricular activities, trips and charity events.

Please find some useful reminders and updates in this newsletter, including the confirmation that students will break up for Easter at **12.30pm on Friday 11th April**. Buses operated by Bakers will collect students early, and buses operated by Henshaws and the numbers 75S and 75A will collect at their normal afternoon times. Students can of course board their buses as usual or make alternative arrangements for travel.

Term dates

Please note the forthcoming term dates:

Friday 11th April 2025: Break up for Easter holiday at 12.30pm

Monday 28th April: term begins, all students return for 8.35am

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday, school closed to students

Friday 23rd May: Break up for half term at 3.10pm

Monday 2nd June: term begins, all students return for 8.35am

Friday 27th June: Inset day, school closed to students

Friday 18th July: Break up for summer holiday at 12.30pm

Year 11

Year 11 students continue to prepare for their GCSEs, with the first written examinations in May; some practical examinations will occur sooner. Year 11 students are working hard and are being supported by staff at this crucial time. The work over these next two months will be valuable, yielding some well-earned qualifications. Full commitment to study from the students is essential. The Easter break will be a welcome chance to rest, but do please help your children to schedule some essential revision in the holiday. Staff are ready to advise pupils and parents on revision if you have any questions. The hard work from students now really is worthwhile, and we wish all of year 11 well at this time.

Staff news

I am delighted to welcome new colleagues to the school. We welcome Mr Jelley to our pastoral team, joining us as our Head of Academic Standards for years 9 and 10. Mrs Hall is starting with the school on our return from Easter as a full time teacher of Design and Technology. We also say goodbye to Miss Davies at the end of this term. Miss Davies has worked in the PE department and as a valued member of our pastoral team, and we wish her well for the future.

Looking ahead, we will be joined in September by Mrs Hendriksen as Head of English, Mr. Wilson into the Science team and Mr Philips into our pastoral team. We will be saying goodbye to Mr. Harrison, Mr Shaw and Mr Lyne at the end of this academic year in July.

We are grateful for the contribution of colleagues who are leaving us, and we wish them well for the future. We are also excited to be welcoming new colleagues who will bring their expertise and enthusiasm to the school.

School Uniform

Throughout this term, I have been very impressed by how smart students have looked in their school uniforms. I am also delighted to share with you that standards of uniform and behaviour have again been complimented by recent visitors to the school; well done to all pupils for maintaining these impressive standards.

As school resumes after the Easter break, we will expect all students to continue in full and correct uniform.

Please consult the uniform guide on the school website. This link takes you to the relevant page: [School Uniform | Shipston High School](#)

Thank you for your support for our school uniform and the positive and professional learning environment this encourages.

Thank you for all of your support for the school, and I wish everyone a restful Easter.

Yours sincerely,

G. Saunders

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Saunders', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Headteacher