



Shipston High School Newsletter: March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting first term of 2026, we would like to take a moment to celebrate everything our school community has achieved together. Students have taken part in a wide range of trips and experiences that have brought their learning to life, and our Year 11s have shown real commitment and maturity as they completed their final mock exams. We have also been proud to support a number of charity events, including Children in Need and Red Nose Day, demonstrating once again the generosity and spirit of our students, staff, and families. Thanks to this incredible community effort, we are delighted to share that we have raised a total of £4,643 for charity so far this year. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Richard from Stratford Fine Foods for his generous donation to our rewards party — it was very much appreciated. Our sincere thanks go to all staff for their hard work, dedication, and care throughout the term, and to our students for their continued enthusiasm and positive contributions. It has been a vibrant and rewarding term, and we are truly grateful for your continued support.

With secondary school offers now released, we are delighted to look ahead to welcoming our new cohort of Year 7 students in the coming months. Transition information and key dates will be shared with families shortly, and we are very much looking forward to meeting our new Year 7s as they begin their Shipston High School journey.

Looking ahead, we are also excited to introduce a new initiative called Silver Stories, which aims to build meaningful connections between our students and members of the older generation within our community. Through this project, students will read a short extract to an older adult, helping to develop their confidence, communication skills, and love of reading. At the same time, this small act of kindness can bring companionship, joy, and a friendly voice to those who may benefit from it most. If you know an older adult who would like to volunteer to receive a weekly reading call as part of this project, please contact us at info@shipstonhigh.co.uk.

We are also pleased to share that we will be welcoming two new members of staff next term. Mrs Hemmings will be joining us as Head of Maths from 13th April, and Miss Shuker will begin her role as SENCO on 1st May. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Bradley and Miss Lawrence for their hard work and commitment during their time with us at Shipston High. We wish them both every success for the future. We look forward to the expertise and enthusiasm our new colleagues will bring to our school community.

Key Dates for the Summer Term:

- Summer Term starts: Monday 13th April
- Year 11 Art Exam: 23rd & 24th April
- Year 10 Parents' Evening: 23rd April
- Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May
- Year 11 Exam Season Begins: Tuesday 5th May
- End of Summer Term 1: 22nd May

As always, we remain incredibly proud of the many students who consistently demonstrate our school values. However, we are also aware that a small number of students are struggling to make positive choices, which can impact both their learning and the wider school environment. We ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of respectful behaviour, positive conduct, and personal responsibility at home. Working together, we can ensure that all students are able to thrive. Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of our core expectations for students and families, which we kindly ask you to review.

From all the staff at Shipston High School, we wish you a very Happy Easter and a restful break.

Uniform

We would like to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of pupils attending school in the correct uniform. Wearing a smart, clean and tidy uniform helps set the tone for the school day and supports pupils in being ready for a focused, professional learning environment.

To help maintain these high standards, please ensure that:

- Trousers are worn on the waist
- Skirts are the required length
- Shirts are tucked into waistbands
- Ties are worn correctly

A consistent approach to uniform not only promotes a sense of pride and belonging, but also reduces distractions and helps pupils feel prepared for learning. Your support in reinforcing these expectations at home makes a real difference to the school community.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.



UNIFORM

Black or charcoal grey tailored trousers (not denim or black jeans) or

Black school skirt with school logo (available from our uniform supplier)

White shirt

School tie (available from our uniform supplier)

Black or navy v-necked pullover (optional)

Navy blazer with school badge (available from our uniform supplier)

Black or grey socks or black tights (white socks may be worn with skirt)

Black flat leather look shoes (not trainers)

Our prefects proudly modelling the correct way to wear the school uniform.

Best Wishes

Mrs Allworth and Mr Larkin

Acting Headteachers