

# Bulletin for Ansford Families

Issue 7: 15th December 2023

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families

Life always becomes a bit hectic before Christmas and life at Ansford is no different! We have a number of Christmas themed events running this week, including a SANTA RUN, Christmas Jumper Day and our Christmas Lunch as well as our final Year Group Reward Assemblies. Last week, we were pleased to run a successful, if a little bit damp, Geography Field Trip to Bristol and we were so proud to stage our latest production last week of *Beauty and the Beast*. It really was quite magical to see the amazing contributions from our young people, whether on the stage or behind the scenes, and their energy and enthusiasm in bringing this wonderful performance to life. Events like these really show a community at its best as it takes a whole team of people to make it happen - students, families and staff. We are really grateful to all the involved - in particular Mr Newbury who has worked tirelessly to put on the show. We are hoping to share some photographs of the show on the website in the New Year.

Year 11 have really impressed us with their mature approach to their Trial exams; in fact our Exam Invigilation Team have communicated that they have displayed the most positive conduct and attitude of **any** year group that they can remember which is high praise as a number of our invigilators have worked with us for many years. Well done, Year 11 - we hope that students will have an opportunity to rest and recover over the Christmas holiday.

Last week, we shared the report from our recent graded Ofsted inspection. We are pleased that some of the key strengths of the school have been recognised and acknowledged and are committed to ensuring that the areas for development are addressed in line with our improvement plans. We will continue to work hard to ensure that Ansford serves its community well and that it provides its students with an education that enables them to take their next steps successfully whilst creating opportunities to grow and develop as individuals - becoming the best version of themselves that they can be. Those within our community know how much progress has been made at Ansford in recent years and we embrace with confidence the next steps in our journey to make Ansford the very best school that it can be.

In staffing news, I would like to say farewell to members of staff who leave Ansford today and hope that you will join me in wishing them well in their next ventures. Although two of the members of staff leaving have only been with us a short time, since the start of the academic year, they have made a difference in the areas that they have worked: Mrs de Mora in the Maths and SEND Team and Mrs Nichols who has been part of our English Department. We are also really sad to say farewell to Ms Perkins who, in her role as SENDCo and

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teacher of Geography and Science, has provided exceptional support to staff, students and families. She will be missed by us all. Ms Perkins has already communicated to families of students with SEND in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 about the arrangements for SEND and Mr Musson will be communicating adjusted timetable information to families of affected students before the return to school in January.

Whilst this time of year can be really exciting for many, it can also be a difficult time for others - perhaps because of recent bereavement and loss, ongoing illness of yourself or close relatives, a breakdown in relationships, financial hardship or other unspoken reasons that make it tough. If that's the case, please take care of yourself and reach out to family, friends or other organisations who can support you - there are lots of details of these external means of support later in this Bulletin.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas period.

Rachel Purnell  
Headteacher

### Academy Calendar: Key Upcoming Events

Week	Date in December	Event	Location/Timing	Staff Contact
2	15th December	Last Day of Term	Early Finish (1pm)	
Week	Date in January	Event	Location/Timing	Staff Contact
1	2nd and 3rd January	INSET Days		
1	4th January	All students return to school		
1	4th January	Flu Vaccinations - Years 7, 8 & 9		Miss Fulton
2	11th January	Year 9 Parents' Evening	Virtual and In-Person 4:15pm to 7:15pm	Mrs Dyal
2	12th January	Year 10 & 11 Art Trip	Saatchi Gallery and Tate Britain, London	Mrs Swallow
1	18th January	Options Evening	PA2 6:00pm to 7:30pm	Mr Musson
1	19th January	Interim Reports - Year 8		Mrs Dyal

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## Assembly Rota

8th -12th January	Headteacher's Address <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome back / celebration of last term</li><li>• Setting new goals / resolutions</li><li>• How to reflect on personal gains / failures</li><li>• Key expectations / re-sharing the vision</li></ul>	Ms Purnell
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## Notices

### From The Safeguarding Team

Many of us are very excited about the Christmas break especially after such a busy term. However, as the holidays approach, it is important to be aware that this can bring anxiety for some young people, due to spending more time than usual on social media – but there's lots of help still available! Please find below some links to help you over the Christmas period. The team would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy festive break and New Year!

### Mental health Support team (MHST)

Please find below a Microsoft forms link the Mental Health Schools Team (MHST) have asked us to share with parents. They are presenting a webinar on how to develop a family charter. We have been asked to email the link to the school community to generate interest. The webinar will be live but then recorded for training purposes.



Click [here](#) to express your interest to attend.

### Stay Safe and Happy Holidays from the SDAS Team

We have also been sent a flyer from the Somerset SDAS service (attached) that they have asked us to send to families which details the activities and support that they have planned for this holiday.

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## Stay Safe and Happy Holidays from the SDAS Team



Welcome to your client newsletter, dedicated to helping you maintain good health during the holiday season. We've included upcoming events, activities and emergency contacts that can help you stay connected to your community and support network.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter as we will share more events as find them! @sdasdigital



### Taunton

- Monday 18th December to Friday 22nd December, Taunton Open Door (1a Mount Street, TA1 3QB) will be offering festive meals every lunch time. They are offering 'sacks of smiles' - emergency/festive rucksack including over trousers, wind up torches, hand warmers, drinks and treats etc.
- Tuesday 19th December @ 12pm to 2pm, SDAS hub Christmas drop-in for food and refreshments
- Monday 25th December, Christmas Day Dinner, Wellsprings Community Church, call Tiff on 07896677998 [www.wellspringscommunitychurch.org.uk](http://www.wellspringscommunitychurch.org.uk)
- Wednesday 27th December @ 11am to 12.30pm, SDAS PSI Online Session
- Thursday 28th December @ 11am to 12.30pm SDAS Face to face, PSI sessions

### Yeovil

SDAS Christmas Safe Space Drop-ins

- Wed 20th @ 11am to 2pm plus Christmas Carols
- Thurs 21st @ 11am to 2pm plus Christmas Carols
- Fri 23rd @ 11am to 2pm plus Christmas Carols
- Wed 27th @ 11am to 2pm
- Thurs 28th @ 11am to 2pm
- Fri 29th @ 11am to 2pm
- Sat 30th @ 11am to 3pm

- Wednesday 27th December, 11am to 12.30pm, Online Teams PSI sessions
- Thursday 28th December, 11am to 12.30pm Face to face, PSI sessions



### Chard

- FREE Christmas Dinners available for collection. Please call G on 07899298137 to order and arrange collection/delivery.
- FREE Cookery Courses with free cooking equipment e.g., Air Fryers, Slow cookers etc Please call G on 07899298137 to book onto the next available course.
- Thursday 14th December @ 10am - 4pm The Chard WATCH Christmas Party. Quiz, free buffet lunch, music, raffle and also a prize for best fancy dress (if you're feeling brave)! Contact us on 01460 12119 or [info@watchproject.org.uk](mailto:info@watchproject.org.uk) if you have any questions or dietary restrictions. <https://watchproject.org.uk/>
- Thursday 14th December @ 12 - 2pm, Abri Community Christmas Party Chard Youth Club, with Abri housing Association

### Frome

- 25th December - Big Christmas Get Together. They will be providing a welcoming space with lunch and entertainment for our guests from our local community on Christmas Day at Trinity Church Hall, The Cricket Club and The Key Centre. Register to attend [www.bigchristmasgettogether.org](http://www.bigchristmasgettogether.org).

0300 303 8788 (24/7 helpline)  
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# Your Health this December

## Shepton Mallet

- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am - 1pm Grace Harris House (24 Town Street, Shepton Mallet) is a warm space and offers signposting support and help with job hunting, UC and Housing Benefit.
  - Sat 2nd December, Hot Chocolate and Chat. Join us for a friendly chat, hot chocolate, and light refreshments!
  - Thursday 7th December 5.50pm to 8.30pm Holiday Baking. Join us for a friendly atmosphere and try your hand that making mince pies and decorating cookies. Supplies provided.
  - Wednesday 13th December, 5.30-8.30pm Wrap & Wrap. Bring your holiday presents to wrap and make a Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)
  - Wednesday 20th December 5.30 - 8.30pm Holiday Party. Wear your most festive holiday outfit and join us for holiday crafts, games. Music and treats!

## Wells

- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10am - 1pm. YMCA Brunel Group - Spencer House in Wells (21 Chamberlain Street) is a warm space and offers signposting support and help with job hunting, UC and Housing Benefit.

## Bridgwater

- Wednesday 6th December, 5.30 -9pm, Nelsons Trust Client pamper evening, 14 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG
- Thursday 14th December, 12-3pm, Nelsons Trust, Client Christmas Lunch, 14 Kings Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3DG

## Taunton Foodbank

- Fri 22nd Dec, Closes at 12pm
- Mon 25th & Tues 26th Closed during bank holidays.
- Wed 27th, Thurs 28 & Fri 29th Dec Open 10am & 12pm
- Mon 1st Jan, Closed
- Tues 2nd Jan, Open again as normal

## Wellington Foodbank

- Thurs 21st Dec at 3pm Closes after their session
- Thurs 28th Dec Open between 1 and 3pm
- Mon 1st Jan Closed
- Thurs 4th Jan 1pm to 3pm Open again as normal

Food boxes will have Christmas items in, in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

## Emergency Contacts

### Crisis Safe Space

If you or someone you know struggles with an out-of-hours mental health crisis this Christmas, book a session with the Crisis Safe Space team. Mindline remains open to offer support every day 24/7.

- Fri 22nd Dec, Face-to-face sessions in Glastonbury, Taunton, Yeovil & Bridgwater from 6pm until 11pm
- Sat 23rd Dec to Mon 1st Jan, Remote service available via phone or Zoom - Somerset wide from 6pm until 11pm.
- Tues 2nd Jan, Face-to-face sessions in Glastonbury, Taunton, Yeovil & Bridgwater from 6pm until 11pm

### Shout Text: 85258 Website: <https://giveusashout.org/>

Is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help.

If you struggle to pick up and ring to ask for help, you can contact Shout via text on the number below. SHOUT will work with you to find ways to help you access the support you have in place as well as other forms of support available to you. They will also contact emergency services or social services if needed.

### Somerset Domestic Abuse Service [www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk](http://www.somersetdomesticabuse.org.uk) 0800 6949999 (option 2)

Support for male and female victims, perpetrator course, support for children and young people  
Our helplines will be open 9am-1pm Christmas day and bank holidays.  
Normal opening hours on other days, help lines available 8am-8pm

Somerset  
**Mindline** 0800 138 1692  
Somerset's 24-hour mental health helpline. 01823 276 892

0300 303 8788 (24/7 helpline)

SDAS@turning-point.co.uk

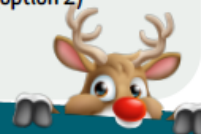
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## From Mrs Wood, SENDCo

### Free Courses

Here is a link to a list of courses that are available to parents and carers of SEND students through the Somerset Parent Carer Forum. Parents can sign up themselves, instructions are on the web link.

<https://somesetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/>.

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## **The Autism in Schools project run in partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) and the Somerset Parent Carer Forum (SPCF)**

As a school we are participating in the Autism in Schools project run in partnership with the Autism Education Trust (AET) and the Somerset Parent Carer Forum (SPCF). As part of this project a member of SPCF will be running parent groups throughout the school year (please see the dates and times below; these are also on the school calendar).

The initial meeting will be an opportunity for parents of students with Autism to meet together, offer support to each other and discuss topics or issues which are affecting them. The topics which are covered can be led by the preferences of the parents who attend and this will be discussed at the first meeting in January. There is no obligation to come to all the dates, parents are able to attend those sessions they are able to and they feel are most relevant to them:

- Thursday 18th January 9.30am - 11.00am
- Wednesday 28th February 5.00pm - 6.30pm in PA2
- Wednesday 15th May 9.30am - 11.00am
- Thursday 27th June 5.00pm - 6.30pm in PA2

If you are interested in attending any of these events then please complete the google form (link [here](#)) to express your interest.

### **From Mr Mitchell, Assistant Headteacher: Community & Conduct**

#### **End of Term Arrangements**

09:00 - Tutor time

Lesson 1 - Normal timetable lesson

Lesson 2 - Normal timetable lesson

11:20 - 11:55 - Break time

Lesson 3 - Celebration assemblies and time with tutors

13:00 - End of school day

Please note students are to wear the normal school uniform.

#### **Year 7**

Our team feel immensely proud of how well our Year 7 students have settled into life at Ansford this term. They are now confident and have secure relationships with our staff and with new friendships. I have loved visiting their lessons in December, watching them flourish in so many ways. Many of the students have already discovered our lunchtime enrichment clubs and have begun to encourage others to get involved. We hope they all have a much deserved rest and a fantastic holiday season.

#### **Year 8**

A huge congratulations to so many year 8 students who maintain exceptional personal conduct scores and set such a strong example for their peers. Many of the Beauty and the Beast cast were Year 8 students, their commitment to the show was truly exceptional. I've really noted in recent months how each Year 8 tutor group has a strong family feel. Their tutors are keen to spend time with them, opening up their rooms during break and lunch, providing them with spaces to relax and catch up. I hope each student has a wonderful break and a fun holiday with their families and friends.

#### **Year 9**

I have absolutely loved visiting Year 9 lessons this half term, the students have shown excellent levels of maturity, especially during times when lessons have been covered due to staff illness. It's always a pleasure to see young

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people be adaptable to change. I'd like to pay a special thanks to Ms Hirst [Deputy Headteacher and Head of Year 9] who has worked relentlessly to provide fantastic levels of support to students this term, often thinking creatively for the very best outcomes for each student. A huge congratulations to all students who also regularly take part in enrichment clubs, the sports hall especially is often packed with Year 9 who always make the most of the activities. On behalf of the Year 9 team, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

#### **Year 10**

It's been a fantastic term for our Year 10 GCSE cohort. The students are settled into their option subjects and continue to set a fantastic example to other students in the school. The recent Geography trip was a testament to the year, despite 'challenging' weather, the students were exceptional. I'd also like to say a huge thanks to the students who go above and beyond for their school, running lunchtime clubs, taking leadership roles in the school production and those who act as mentors for younger students. We're excited to see them again in January, but wish them a much deserved rest and Christmas together.

#### **Year 11**

On behalf of the entire staff body, we'd like to say a huge congratulations to Year 11 who have recently endured 3 weeks of trial exams. Their conduct and sense of 'togetherness' during this time has been perfect and sets a great tone for the term ahead. Our staff will be busily marking and grading papers and will be keen to work with students again in January. On a slightly different note, I have been so impressed to see students committing to after school revision sessions over the last 6 weeks. The time put in early will really pay off. We're excited to also see the year group begin to submit their college and apprenticeship applications in the new year. A huge well done to everybody, including parents, we are very grateful for your ongoing support during their final year. Have a wonderful Christmas break.

#### **Class Charts**

Just a reminder that Class Charts is our primary tool for recording rewards and behaviour concerns/outcomes. The app provides real time updates which can be very useful as parents/families.

Detentions are also booked using this tool in order to centralise important communications such as the date, time and venue. Teaching staff also post home learning tasks on the same app allowing you to stay updated and help manage their time at home during the week.

#### **Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day**

A HUGE congratulations to our catering team and staff who gave up their time to serve 120 Christmas dinners on Wednesday. It was a fantastic event that brought together students in all 5 year groups.

We were also incredibly impressed by the number of Christmas jumpers being fashioned by our community, some were questionable [mostly staff] but the event brought a genuinely lovely sense of community and fun.

#### **From Mrs Dyal, Communications and Operations Manager**

#### **Year 9 Parents' Evening**

Get your bookings in to meet with your child's teachers on 11th January. Follow the link via the foot of our website or [here](#).

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## From Mrs Rice, Head of English

### Castle Cary Library: Short Story Competition

Castle Cary Library is running a short story competition, open to any student aged 11-18 attending a Somerset school. They would love to have some entries from Ansford students!

There are cash prizes of £50 for the winners in each age category (year 7-9, 10-11 and 12-13), plus a runner-up prize of £30 in each category too.

The competition will be judged by renowned local writer and creative writing lecturer, Emma Craigie. Prizes will be awarded in a special ceremony to take place on Saturday 24th February at 3pm at Castle Cary Methodist Church.

Full details are [here](#).

We hope that lots of our fantastic writers at Ansford will want to enter - good luck!



### YOUNG WRITERS' SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2023

Calling all local writers aged 11-18! Send us your short stories for a chance to win a cash prize.

Stories can be on any theme, and up to 2,000 words in length. Submission deadline 31 December 2023.

More details at [castlecarylibrary.org.uk](http://castlecarylibrary.org.uk)



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## From The Children's Commissioner for England



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



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[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



### The Big Ambition

The Big Ambition is a national survey to gather the voices of children across the UK. It is a survey for all children aged 0-18 and provides a great opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them.

We will be promoting the survey in school with our students but you may also want to look at this together at home. You can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

The deadline has now been extended until Friday 19th January 2024.

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### **From Mrs Grove, Head of PE**

#### **Area Cross Country Event**

On Friday 8th December a group of runners went to King's Bruton to compete in the area Cross Country Event. Congratulations to the following people who have qualified for the Somerset County Cross Country Championships.

- Leonie (Year 7)
- Mia (Year 7)
- Milo (Year 7)
- Finley (Year 8)
- Jamie (Year 8)
- Henry (Year 8)

Good luck to all for the next stage!

#### **Year 7 Girls' Rugby Development Day**

A group of Year 7 students were treated to some coaching from ex-international Rugby player Michael Pope at Huish Episcopi School. The girls were able to put these new skills into practice through coaching games against Bucklers Mead, Westfield and Huish Episcopi - Ansford came away in second place overall. Well done to the girls who represented Ansford brilliantly.

### **From Mr Hill, Science Teacher**

#### **Flying Start STEM Challenge**

A reminder to those students taking part in the project with Leonardo Helicopters that the sessions after school will restart on Wednesday 11th January 2024. Please make sure that all participants come to DT3 at 3:30 and wait until a member of staff arrives.

### **From Mrs Hardy-Stewart, English Teacher**

#### **English Speaking Union Debating Competition**

Three Year 9 students; Tegan S, Will R and Noah C competed in the first round of the English Speaking Union Debating Competition on 1st December. They had to face the challenge of a zoom call debate with last minute changes to the teams they were competing with. They did brilliantly and are through to Round 2!

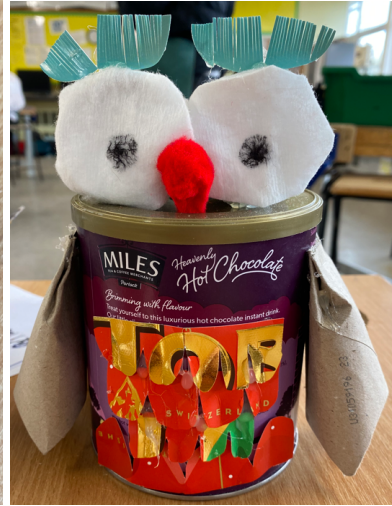
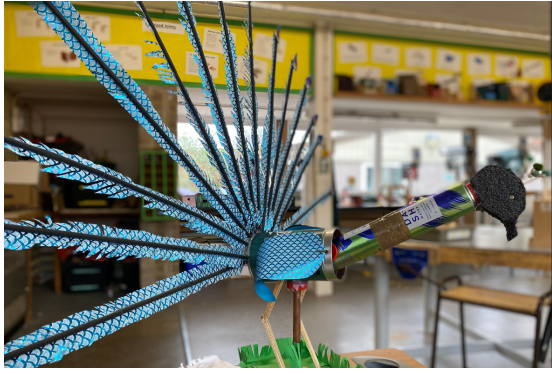
### **From Mrs Swallow, Head of Design Technology Department**

#### **Another Busy Term in Design Technology**

Some fantastic work being made in KS3. Some fantastic examples of both class work and independent learning.

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### **Y10 and Y11 Photography and Art Trip**

The Year 10 and Year 11 have a trip planned for Friday 12th January. We will be visiting the Saatchi Gallery and Tate Britain, London. The work completed on the trip can be used as part of the GCSE coursework/exam units of work. The students will need to pay on the gateway once open this will secure your child's place on the trip.

### **From Reception**

#### **RSPB Badges Available in Reception**

Students can still purchase the pin badges from Reception during break and lunchtimes to help Flora raise money for the RSPB; the suggested donation is £2 per badge.

### **From Mr Newbury, Drama teacher**

#### **Beauty and the Beast**

A massive thank you to all our families who came to watch the show last week. We were so touched with the support families provided to those involved and by coming to watch - I know the students (and myself) are very grateful for this. I can not express how proud I am of each and every student involved in the production. If you see anybody involved (staff or student), please congratulate them for their hard work and the wonderful talent they displayed!!!

### **From Miss Voit, Food Teacher**

#### **Sweet Tubs!**

If anyone got their fair share of selection tubs of sweets over the festive period, please could they be donated to school. They are perfect for students to use if they forget containers to take home their cooking practicals. Students can bring them into DT1 or drop them into Reception.

#### **Kitchen Items?**

If you have any kitchen items that you are getting rid of, such as plates, cutlery etc. the Food Department would

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make good use of them. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

## From Mr Kershaw, Head of Science

### How can parents and carers help with Science Revision?

It is **not enough to revise hard** – students have to **revise SMART** to maximise exam success. Please have a read through the useful tips for families to support with revision below.

1. Revision does not have to be hours sitting in a room. Whilst this has a place, short regular reminders can be **very effective** as well if started early. **Parents and Carers:** Long continuous periods of time revising is unlikely to be focussed. 15/20 min sessions with a short break between them has been proven to be the most effective. Encourage the productive use of small gaps of time in the day – such as the 15 mins before you are about to go out – to have a quick look though some revision cards or complete a single Seneca task.
2. Distraction is very damaging to securing ideas into memory for the future. Doing revision tasks whilst your phone is next to you on the table can be almost as distracting as using it and it draws your attention away to the **possibility** of receiving a message. **Parents and Carers:** Make sure mobile phone/tablet/laptop is not in the same room when revision is happening – unless of course it is needed for that particular task.
3. For Science, we are using Seneca Learning to help students review whole topics independently. It covers all the ideas in a clear, step by step way. Science teachers will set homework tasks to complete certain topics, but this system can be used independently and is especially good if a student is not confident about a topic. It is not expected that students get 100% but 75% should be considered a minimum on average. **Parents and Carers:** ensure that homework set using Seneca is completed by the deadline. This is best done as several short sessions rather than a single long one.
4. Use topic lists available on ClassCharts to do **'quick checks'**. These cover both combined and separate science and so combined science do not need all of the ideas (they are labelled clearly). **Parents and Carers:** Ask your child to explain **one** idea from the list to you. If they cannot – give them 5 mins to go and look it up and have another go. If they still can't get them to come and discuss with their teacher (and check they have the next day). Little and regular is very effective support for retrieval.
5. Make sure students use **brain / book / brain** to practise remembering. Science exams are initially about **memory** and so this needs to be revised and practised. Students pick a topic, write as much as they can. Then use a book to fill in any gaps. Finally using a new piece of paper to have another go to see what can now be remembered. Repeat the same topic a week later. **Parents and Carers:** ask your child to show you their first and second attempts so that you can highlight and celebrate the improvement. Don't expect perfection – just improvement.
6. Make sure students use **practice questions** to get used to the format of exams. **Don't do this as a test.** If you are stuck, find the right answer and practise writing them correctly. **Parents and Carers:** ask to see their practice questions. Check that answers are written clearly and that none are ignored – any which are missed out need to be brought to school and discussed with their teacher (and check they have the next day).
7. **Revision can be hard** on your own and so there are weekly **after school revision sessions** on a Tuesday 3.45-4.45pm. The timetable is attached. Students that cannot attend because of transport issues can access the resources on ClassCharts. **Parents and Carers:** support and encourage participation with these weekly sessions and/or the topic questions on ClassCharts to ensure that revision is spread

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across the year.

<b>Science Year 11 Revision Support Tuesday 3.30-4.30</b> <b>Combined Science with Mr Kershaw in Sc1</b> <b>Triple Science with Mr Hill in Sc3.</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
9 January 2024	B5
16 January 2024	C6
23 January 2024	P5
30 January 2024	P2 required practicals
6 February 2024	P2 exam questions
<b>13 February 2024</b>	<b>half term</b>
20 February 2024	B6
27 February 2024	C7 & 8
5 March 2024	P6
12 March 2024	C9/10
19 March 2024	P7
26 March 2024	B7
<b>2 April 2024</b>	<b>Easter hols</b>
<b>9 April 2024</b>	<b>Easter hols</b>
16 April 2024	Bio P1 exam questions
23 April 2024	Chem P1 exam questions
30 April 2024	Phys P1 Exam questions
7 May 2024	Bio P2 exam questions
14 May 2024	Chem P2 exam questions
21 May 2024	Phys P2 exam questions
<b>28 May 2024</b>	<b>half term</b>

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## Current Vacancies

For more information on any of the vacancies listed below, please visit the school website and access the vacancies page or click on the links below.

### Exam invigilators (casual)

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## Governor Vacancy



### Would you like to shape the future of our thriving academy?

#### Vacancies have arisen for a Parent Governor on the governing body.

Becoming a school governor is a rewarding and challenging role and will allow you the opportunity to use your skills and attributes to have a positive impact on the education of all the students in our school. Governors work closely together and play a vital role in the strategic direction of the school, working with the Principal and other senior members of staff to ensure that each of our students can reach their potential and be the best they can be. You will be able to develop and learn new skills in a board-level environment, take on different challenges and work as part of an established and successful Governing Board.


Governors need not be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and the welfare of its students, together with the time, energy and willingness to get involved. As well as attending Full Board meetings, attendance at committee meetings is also required. The frequency of meetings, and therefore the time commitment, has recently been reduced.

We are particularly interested in self-nominations and expressions of interest from individuals with experience and skills in the following areas:

- Finance
- Leadership

#### Contacting Us

If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like further information please contact our Clerk [clerk.governors@ansford.net](mailto:clerk.governors@ansford.net)



Do you have the time  
and skills to be an  
examinations  
invigilator?

We are seeking to expand our team of invigilators, who work with us on a casual contract basis to support the Examinations Office in the running of internal and external examinations.

For more information and how to apply, see the vacancies page on our website:

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