

TERM 5 NEWSLETTER - 2024

# SPONNE NEWS

The official newsletter of Sponne School

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## Exam Students

We have been really proud of how Year 11 & 13 have conducted themselves in the lead up to summer exams. Many students had already completed various exams or practical assessments. We hope this is an opportunity for our wonderful Year 11 & 13 students to show off what they can do!

## Parking outside of school

Please park considerately and legally outside of school. We have had a few incidents recently where our neighbours' driveways have been blocked and issues with cars being parked too close to the pedestrian crossing. You **MUST NOT** park on the crossing or in the area covered by the zig-zag lines.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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## Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you enjoy reading our May newsletter with highlights including sporting and musical achievements and information on many other events that have taken place this term.

We have seen a number of students gain further grades in their music this term. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the support that we get from NMPAT (the Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust) who not only come in to provide peripatetic lessons for students during the day but also help out with our many bands and orchestras and attend all our major concerts during the year, often voluntarily. The scope and variety of opportunities that our students have in music is second to none across the County and cannot be underestimated. This is once again illustrated by the success we have had in

getting 3 of our groups selected to play at the National Music for Youth Festival; a feat that no other state school can match. Thanks to all of you for supporting the music here at Sponne and to my dedicated music teachers who give so much of their own time.

GCSE exams are now in full swing and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff for the additional time and effort they have put in this term to support students in their preparation for these exams. Additional lessons at lunch, after school, at weekends and during the holidays have all taken place above and beyond the call. The students themselves have settled very well into the exam period but if you or they have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. Best wishes to all students sitting exams in this period.

Many thanks for your continued support as parents, there are many opportunities, highlighted in the newsletter, for you to become more involved in the school. I am pleased to be able to announce that my successor as Headteacher at Sponne has been appointed for September and he will be popping in and out of Sponne to get to know staff and students, when he is able, during the final half term. I hope you all have a good Spring bank holiday and I look forward to seeing all the students back on Monday 3rd June.

Iain Massey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Iain Massey'.

Headteacher



# Music News

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## National Festival of Music For Youth



Congratulations to Sponne Brass Band & Jazz Orchestra who have been invited to perform in the Birmingham Symphony Hall on July 5th. Sponnaissance (our Renaissance madrigal and instrumental group) have also been invited to perform in the CBSO centre on the same day.



Congratulations also to Melody Powell and Katie Skey who have been very busy in recent weeks representing Sponne and

Northamptonshire at a national and european level. In the first week of the Easter break, Melody and Katie attended the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain residential which culminated in concerts at the Dora Stoutzker Hall in Cardiff and the Yoko Ono Lennon Hall in Liverpool. They then had the opportunity to collaborate with the National Youth Orchestra, working on Gavin Higgins' 'Concerto Grosso,' a unique piece written for Orchestra and Brass Band.

They performed this at both the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and the Royal Festival Hall in London, the latter being recorded by the BBC for Radio 3.

Over the May Day bank holiday, the girls had the amazing experience of accompanying Youth Brass 2000 to take part in the European Youth Brass Band Championships in Palanga, Lithuania, alongside some of the best Youth Brass Bands in Europe.

Well done to all.

## Year 12 Jazz

Well done to our Year 12 Jazz group who performed brilliantly at the Mayor making in Towcester Town Hall on Monday 13th May.

The band enjoyed playing to a responsive audience from the Town Council and the wider community. We had a great response and were invited to stay for the buffet.

Thank you to Towcester Town Council for inviting us.



## Lydia Game - Northampton Opera Group



Congratulations also to Lydia Game who has had 4 full Saturday rehearsals with Northampton Opera Group in April/May culminating in The Spring Opera Gala Concert at The Cripps Hall on May 11th. She was one of only two juniors in the cast and performed operatic repertoire from Verdi, Dvorak, Massenet, Mozart and Lehar in French, Italian, Czech and German.

On Tuesday 22nd May Lydia was a guest soloist as the Shirley Grant Vocal Fellowship winner at The Big Sing. There were nearly 2000 children and audience members in a packed Derngate. They introduced Lydia as an A Level student from Sponne School & she sang the aria "Voce di donna" from La Gioconda/Ponchielli.

## Les Misérables

Our school production of Les Misérables will be taking place on July 10 -12th in the school hall. Tickets (£15) will go on sale for cast members via scopay on June 3rd. Tickets for the wider Sponne community will be available from June 10th.





# English & Media News

## Rotary Young Writers



We are thrilled to announce the incredible achievements of our talented writers at Sponne School in this year's 'Rotary Young Writers' Competition!

With the theme of 'rebuilding,' students were invited to submit either a poem or a narrative that captured the essence of resilience, renewal, and growth.

The response from our students was nothing short of inspiring, with each entry showcasing unique perspectives and creative interpretations of the theme.

We're proud to recognise our winners:

**Madie W (Year 10)** claimed first place in the senior category with her deeply moving piece and won a £40 gift card.

**Jake F (Year 9)** secured first place in the intermediate category with his thought-provoking poem and won a £40 gift card.

**Phoebe E (Year 7)** impressed the judges and took second place in the intermediate category with her captivating submission and won a £20 gift card.

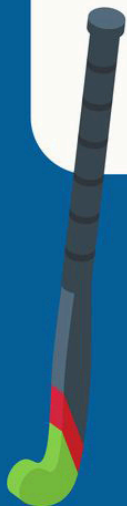
All participants demonstrated remarkable talent and dedication, earning them certificates in recognition of their hard work and achievements. Congratulations to all who took part!





# Sponne PE want to hear from You

[pestudentachievements@sponne.org.uk](mailto:pestudentachievements@sponne.org.uk)



## Let's Celebrate

Sponne PE know many of our students compete in a variety of sports outside of the school environment, whether that's Martial Arts, Gymnastics, Dance or Horse Riding we want to hear from our proud parents.

Please scan the below QR code to provide us with the information of your child's success, so we can share and celebrate with you.





# Sports News

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## Girls Rugby - Daventry Rugby Club



On Tuesday 30th April Sponne had a fantastic day of girls rugby by Daventry Rugby Club.

We took 12 girls who participated in a leaders event. In June they will then lead coaching sessions and referee Primary Schools at Northampton Saints very own Franklin Gardens!

Thank you Dave Hanson and England Rugby for organising such a wonderful opportunity





## Dynamo's Cricket Event

On 2nd May Sponne attended the Dynamo's Cricket event run by our fabulous Sponne leaders who coached, umpired, encouraged, cheered and entertained Y4/5s from our local cluster schools. The children played brilliantly showing talent and team spirit all afternoon.

Congratulations to Silverstone who were our overall winners - well done everyone!







Sponne Football  
Wednesdays  
3.05 - 4.25pm



### Reasons to get involved

Have fun ⚽ Release stress  
Make friends ⚽ Get exercise  
Improve skills ⚽ Play in a team  
Challenge yourself ⚽ Represent the school

### Boys Football Term 5: 2023/24

A quiet term (as expected), as our summer sports programme was launched. It was pleasing to get another U14 fixture in.

Despite the result, it was a fantastic effort from all involved, particularly as we lost three players, at the half time break.

### Football Results

Date	Result	Opposition	PoTM (Player Vote   Coaches Vote)	Goals
17.5.24	5-1 LOSS	EWS S (a)	Jake J (9AAW) Josh G (9GB) & Isaac S (9KP)	Rian S

This concludes our fixtures for 23/24. A massive THANK YOU to all students who have attended and engaged with the after school football opportunities, which have been offered this season.

### Futsal

Before the Summer Exam season got underway, we managed to offer a futsal session to each of Year 7, 8 and 9. Some really good matches were played, and superb engagement from all involved. Once the sports hall becomes available again (towards the end of June), we hope to run further futsal opportunities.

### Football Officiating

We are keen to support any student who is interested in refereeing. Students who are in Year 9, or above, can find some information here; [bit.ly/Referee2324](https://bit.ly/Referee2324).

### Football Coaching

Similar to the above, we are also keen to support students who want to develop their knowledge of football coaching. Also for those in Year 9, or above, information can be found here; [bit.ly/Playmaker2324](https://bit.ly/Playmaker2324)

### Grassroots Football

In this issue (page 4 onwards), we also celebrate some grassroots football achievements; many thanks to all those who sent information and/or photos in; we are always keen to recognise and share them!

If you have anything for inclusion in the next issue please visit <https://forms.gle/8PErnaCncRyWKK9N8>.

Alternatively, you can email [football@sponne.org.uk](mailto:football@sponne.org.uk).

- STT, JMH, SC & CJR ✉ [football@sponne.org.uk](mailto:football@sponne.org.uk)



**Football sessions DO NOT run weekly, during the Summer terms**

Students should regularly check Google Classroom, Gmail and Football Notices (outside the PE Office, E10 & D16) for latest information about any sessions, which are offered

## U14s Boys Football

A valiant effort from our U14 footballers away to EWS in District League football.

We opened up the scoring, thanks to good work between Stan C (9SC), Jake J (9AAW) and Rian S (9MG). Despite the teams best efforts, we never quite managed to get a second goal to control the game, despite the joy we had down the right-side thanks Oscar M (8JDG).

Conceding two goals close to half time, meant the scoreline didn't totally reflect the balance of play.

Losing three players at the break, gave EWS the momentum second half to go on and secure the game, but we continued to work hard and carve out chances.

Rhys Y (9AAW) in goal was very busy, and made numerous quality saves, including stopping a penalty late in the game. Once again, cannot fault the effort and application from this group representing the school.

### **Players' Player of the match**

Jake J (9AAW)

### **Coaches' Players of the match**

Josh G (9GB), Issac S (9KP)



## NDYAL Plate Final



Well done to Zara S (7CRS) for being voted Player of the Match, in the NDYAL Plate Final representing Roade FC Thunder U12s.

The match ended 1-1, with Roade narrowly losing out 4-3 on penalties against Billing United Titans.

## Fleetwood Town Cup

Well done to our students Thomas D (8JSP), Ethan B (8NC) & Alex B (8AMT) for winning the Fleetwood Town Cup, representing Bugbrooke St. Michael U13s.

During this tour in Blackpool, they competed against teams from England, Ireland, Scotland and the Isle of Man. A total of six wins and a draw saw them lift the trophy.



## Berks & Bucks County Cup

Berks & Bucks County Cup Champions.  
3-1 win, despite going a goal down!

Route to the final

3-0 win vs Tattenhoe Youth Lions (a)

W/O win vs Mursley United (a)

7-0 win vs FC Castlethorpe Youth (a)

3-0 win vs MK Gallacticos (a)

3-1 win vs Eldon Celtic Juniors (h)

2-0 win vs Langley Youth Elite (a)

League Cup winners

Beating Crawley Green 3-1 in the final!

Well done Arainn S (8RW) for TWO cup final wins, representing MK Athletic U13s





## League Titles

**Roade FC Thunder U12s**  
NDYAL League C Champions  
**Zara S (7CRS)**

**Bugbrooke St. Michael U13s**  
NDYAL A League Champions  
**Ethan B (8NC), Thomas D (8JSP) & Alex B (8AMT)**

**Bugbrooke St. Michael U14s**  
NDYAL A League Champions  
**Max C (9SC), Alfie W (9AAW) & Tommy A (9AAW)**

**Yardley Youth U14s**  
MKDDL Division 5 Champions  
**Henry A (9SC)**

**Towcester Town Tigers U15s**  
MKDDL Division 5 Champions  
**Finn C (10MM), Leo F (10JOW), Adam G (10JOW),  
Sammy G (10MM), Dylan H (10VL), Zach J (10DW),  
Adam M (10GP), Jack R (10JOW), Lily R (10NM),  
Kavi S (10HW), Moyo S (10HW), Owen W (10DW)  
& Kaine S (10DW)**

**Silverstone Racers U15s**  
MKDDL Division 6 Champions  
**Teddy B (10MM), Ahmad D (10MM), Edward G (10VL),  
Harry L (10GP), Panos M (10DW), Henry M (10DW),  
Alex N (10LM), Charlie P (10VL), Will R (10GP),  
Jay R (10HW), Carl S (10HW) & Thomas Z (10MM)**

## Cup Finals

**Roade FC Thunder U12s**  
NDYAL County Plate Finalists  
**Zara S (7CRS)**



**Towcester Town Foxes U12s**  
MKDDL County Plate Finalists  
**Leo C (7CCM), Stanley D (7CCM), Jorge H (7CJR),  
Zayn K (7EH), Reggie L (7EH), Liam N (7CML),  
Marcus W (7CML), Finn W (7CJR) & Jack W (7KAM)**



**Bugbrooke St. Michael U13s**  
NDYAL County Cup Winners  
**Ethan B (8NC), Thomas D (8JSP) & Alex B (8AMT)**



**MK Athletic U13s**  
BBFA Youth Cup Winners  
**Arainn S (8RW)**



**Daventry Town Titans U13s**  
MJPL Vase Final Winners  
**Jake S-F (8AMT)**



**Newport Pagnell Town Lions U15s**  
MKDDL County Cup Finalists  
**Josiah C (10LM), Josh M (10JOW) & Marco M-M (10NM)**



**Towcester Town Tigers U16s**  
MKDDL County Plate Finalists  
**Ewan B (11SJA), Harvey B (11HB), Harry B (11SJA),  
Will C (11ES), Oscar C (11ES), John D (11HB), Darwin H (11ES),  
Daniel K (11SJA), Charlie L (11ES), Reuben M (11JPM),  
Connor S (11JPM), Will T (11JPM), Sammy V (11SJA) & Harley W (11TN)**



If you have any Grassroots football stories, for inclusion in the next issue please visit  
**<https://forms.gle/8PErnaCncRyWKK9N8>**.

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## Other News

### Maths - Term 6 Focus

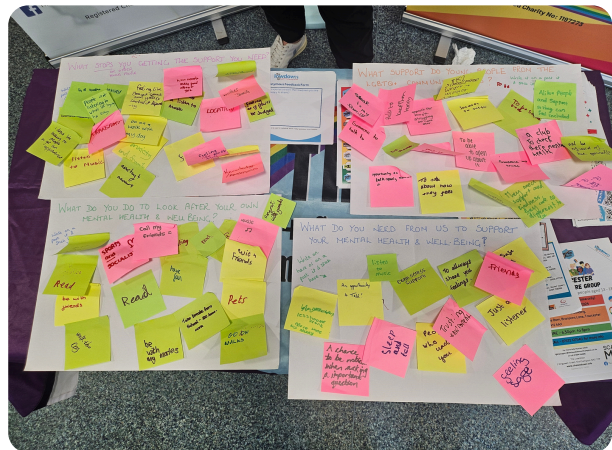
There will be a focus on students having the correct equipment in their maths lessons at the start of term 6. This is to ensure all students are fully prepared for their end of year assessments. Please could you use the half term as an opportunity to restock on any equipment that may have been lost or broken during the year.

All students should have the following equipment with them in their maths lessons:

- a pen
- a pencil
- a ruler (15cm or 30 cm)
- a protractor (180 or 360 degrees)
- a pair of compasses
- a casio calculator

### The Lowdown

This term we welcomed "The Lowdown" who engaged with a lot of young people, raising awareness about the Lowdown and its services in the local area. The Lowdown also took this opportunity to engage with our students and listen to their views on mental health and what support they would like to see offered in our community.



### Livingstone Tanzania Trust

On Thursday 9th May, year 9 prefects sold doughnuts to students and staff at school. Their aim was to raise and donate enough money to help support the Livingstone Tanzania trust, their chosen charity for this term. This charity helps give children in Tanzania a good education, with better facilities for their learning. The students raised over £250 for the cause. Year 9s were fortunate enough to meet Julian, the founder of Livingstone Tanzania Trust when he came to the school and delivered an assembly to the year group on the work the charity does and how the money we raised will help these schools and students living in Tanzania. The prefects would like to thank Julian for coming in and speaking with us, as well as everyone who purchased doughnuts for such a great cause. Well done to all the prefects for their organisation and the year 12s for their support in running the event.

[livingstonetanzaniatrust.com](http://livingstonetanzaniatrust.com)





## Year 13 'Leavers' Assembly

What a fantastic day celebrating our amazing Year 13s. We wish them all the best of luck in their exams and future endeavours; we are so very proud of them all.



# Summer Term Update

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## What have we learnt about?



### PSHE Lessons

- Year 7 Health Education/Drugs Educations - Impacts of Nicotine (Smoking & Vaping)
- Year 8 Relationships Sex Education - Healthy Relationships
- Year 9 Relationships Sex Education - Real Love Rocks
- Year 10 Either Drugs Education - Alcohol, Class B & Class C drugs or Financial Education - Fraud Awareness
- Year 11 Relationships Sex Education - Unhealthy relationships
- Year 12 Careers Education - Employability Skills
- Year 13 Health Education - First Aid & healthy choices

### Tutorial Sessions

- Year 7 Relationships Sex Education - Respecting Differences
- Year 8 Health Education - Immunisation and Vaccinations
- Year 9 Health Education - CPR & Defibrillators
- Year 10 Relationships Sex Education/Citizenship - Tackling Racism
- Year 11 Health Education - Mental Health awareness
- Year 12 Relationships Sex Education - Healthy Relationships
- Year 13 Study Skills

### Careers

- Year 9-13 Careers Fair
- Year 12 - Work Shadowing

### Coming Up

- Year 9 - Trip to Silverstone Technology Park
- Year 10 - Work Experience
- Year 12 - Post-18 Day

## Can you help?

Do you run a business?  
Do you work for someone?

Could you offer a work placement to a Yr10 student in July?

If so, please contact Mrs Mullins ([nmullins@sponne.org.uk](mailto:nmullins@sponne.org.uk))  
or Mrs Warner ([awarner@sponne.org.uk](mailto:awarner@sponne.org.uk))



# Summer Term Update - Continued

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## Careers Fair

This term saw our inaugural Careers Fair for students. The response from local businesses as well as colleges, apprenticeship providers and universities was amazing. We had over 45 different stands for students to interact with and the feedback from both students and attendees was so positive:

*"Students that engaged had very good questions and were interested to engage in a conversation rather than one question"*

*"As a construction company it was good to have a lot of girls talk to us about different routes into the industry. I would say Year 11s definitely engaged more and we had some girls ask for details to speak to us about doing work experience over the summer."*

*"The option to have a private Q&A with different colleges about different courses was very helpful in deciding future career paths"*

*"It was really informative and everyone was really kind and understanding"*

*"I really enjoyed learning about where I can take my career in the future whether that's an apprenticeship or a university"*

*"It was very interesting and I learned a lot about future pathways"*

Next year we hope to run some smaller but more targeted careers fairs e.g. creative careers, medical careers etc. If you would like to be involved, have a stand and showcase your industry please look out for our social media posts in the new academic year.

## Year 12 Work Shadowing

Students in Year 12 have just finished a very successful week of work shadowing; with students going to a wide range of work places including, universities, engineering firms, solicitors, the National Trust and more. Many placements were local, however some students were in different parts of the country and even a couple secured placements abroad. We thank all our employers for their support with this valuable opportunity for our students.

Feedback from students has been very positive, with one student emailing her teacher to say how they could see the links between their A level Sociology course and their work placement. Our students had glowing reports from employers and were often asked to present reports about their placements to members of the teams they were working with. For example, one of our students, working with Barwood Capital, assisted with various research projects including the housing market in Northampton, B Corp and Residential Developers. He presented a presentation on Barwood, and also went out on site to one of our Residential sites.

## Careers Fair Photos







## Accelerated Reader

It's been another great term for Accelerated Reader achievement, with 377 quizzes passed so far since Easter. At this point in the year, the Y7 and Y8 quiz totals are 1814 and 689 respectively but there is still one term to go for students to add more quizzes to their form group totals. The Y7 form currently leading our inter-form competition is 7CML with 271 quizzes, closely followed by 7CCM with 262 quizzes. In Y8, 8JDG currently lead with 189 quizzes. The cut-off date for competition totals will be Friday 12th July, so keep up the hard work!

Our Star Readers this term are **Evie Scott, George Smalley, Roxanne Kerry-Smith, Hannah Ball, Lily Fulford, Lillie Rutter, Rory Castle, Amber Grimes, Ajax Farhead and Dominic Cockrell** - well done to them for their superb effort and progress!

We would also like to congratulate **Evie-Rose Edwards, Charlotte Birch, Belle Coomber, Georgie Armson and Xanthia Smith** for their positive attitude and commitment to their reading mentoring programme.

## Carnegie Medal Shadowing 2024

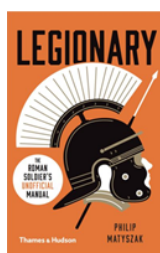


Students taking part in our Carnegie Shadowing event on Tuesday 18th June have been reading the shortlisted titles avidly, with a few having completed the whole shortlist already! We are looking forward to welcoming our partner schools, Caroline Chisholm and Moulton College to discuss the books and vote for our favourite.

If you'd like to find out more about the shortlisted titles visit The **[Yoto Carnegie Medal for Writing Shortlist 2024](#)**.

## New Books in the LRC

In addition to our usual resource updates, we have recently significantly expanded our Manga collection as this genre has been growing in popularity. It has been lovely to see so many Year 7 and 8 students borrowing the new Manga titles. We have also added pre-reading resources for students undertaking the new GCSE Classical Civilisation course from September and many of these titles, too, are already being borrowed, which is great to see.



Don't forget, you can check to see if any of your books at home have quizzes at

**[www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)**

## NHS School Nurse

Did you know that every school has an NHS School Nurse team? We are a team of Qualified School Nurses, Community Staff Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and School Nurse Assistants. We work all year-round Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). We are happy to provide information, advice, and guidance on a range of health needs from reception to Year 13.

We can be contacted:

- By phone 0800 170 7055 option 4
- Live Chat: <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19>
- [www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub](http://www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub)
- Chat Health (our text-based School Nurse messaging service) for parents and young people aged 11 and over. Monday to Friday 8.30 -4.30 pm - 07507 329600
- On "X" (was Twitter) SchoolNursesNHFT

You can also contact us for any school aged immunisation queries.

- By phone: 0800 170 7055 option 5

Website: [Children's resources, tips and advice hub | NHFT](#)



# Navigating exam season

## Supporting your child to beat exam stress

Exams can be a challenging time for young people, and many young people can feel worried and stressed in the lead up to exams. As parents and carers, it can be difficult to know what we can do to support them. We've shared some tips on supporting your child if they're feeling stressed about exams.



### Look for signs of stress

Stress can present differently in everyone. Signs of stress could include not sleeping or sleeping more than usual, losing interest in food or eating more than usual, being irritable, having headaches or stomach aches, being negative, feeling hopeless, or not enjoying activities they previously enjoyed.

If you notice your child is struggling, ask them what you can do to help them.



### Talk about stress and nerves

Remind your child that it's perfectly normal to feel worried or stressed about their exams. The key is to put these nerves to positive use.

Talk openly about how you cope with your own stressful situations, so your child has a positive role model for managing their emotions and time.

Practice relaxation techniques with your child, we love [these ideas from NHS Scotland](#).



### Support your child to create a routine

Routines and rituals can help your child keep healthy habits, and can help you ensure your child is getting enough sleep and eating well.

If they haven't already, encourage your child to create a revision plan or timetable, splitting their day up into chunks. Encourage them to take regular breaks - which they could use to have a meal, get some exercise or unwind - and try to discourage them from staying up late revising.

# Navigating exam season

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### Try not to add to the pressure

Many young people feel pressure to do well in their exams to make their teachers, or families proud. Try not to add to this pressure. Be reassuring, positive, and help put things into perspective. Remind them that there is more to life than their grades, and their results don't define who they are. Reassure them you will be proud of them 'no matter what'.



### Make yourself available to listen

Sometimes your child may not want to talk, and it's important we don't force them to have a conversation they don't want to have. Make yourself available but don't pressure them to talk.

You may find that your child opens up in situations where they feel less pressure – for example when you're in the car on the way home from school, or during a walk





### Help them unwind after exams

Find ways to help your child unwind after each exam, so they don't dwell on things they could have done better or differently. After each exam, you and your child could watch a film or enjoy your favourite meal together, before they start revising for the next test.



### Seek additional support

If you're concerned about your child's stress, or find they don't want to talk to you, encourage them to seek support elsewhere. This could be someone at their school, or an organisation such as Shout or Childline.

- Text CONNECT to 85258 for free to speak to Shout
- Call 0800 1111 to speak to Childline, or visit [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)  for their free online chat
- Visit [place2be.org.uk/help](https://place2be.org.uk/help)  for more advice



# WNVP SURVEY

*This survey has been developed & is owned by  
West Northants Voices in Partnership*

If you are a parent carer, we want to hear from you!

Share your views on special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision, services, and support in West Northamptonshire by participating in our first annual survey for parents and carers of children and young people (aged up to 25) with SEND.

Your voice is crucial!

By taking just 10 minutes to complete the survey anonymously, you'll help us gather invaluable insights that will be shared with health, education, and social care to shape better services for our families. This survey provides an opportunity for us to measure your experiences of local SEND services in more detail, complementing the snapshot data collected in our Padlets. Your feedback will contribute to developing, prioritising, and improving services for our community.

If you encounter any difficulties accessing or completing the survey, please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance. And if you have more than one child with SEND, please submit another response after completing this one.

Thank you for your participation - all responses are anonymous, and your input is greatly appreciated in creating a brighter future for our families.

We will never share any identifying information.

If you would like this survey in a different language or would like to meet with us to support you to complete the survey, please email [admin@wnvp.co.uk](mailto:admin@wnvp.co.uk)

Survey link <https://sprw.io/stt-34Z4W6hNEyRgnsSk6oqUiB>

# Safeguarding

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## What is safeguarding?

Ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm.

Safeguarding is the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm.

## How can you help?

If you have any concerns about a child, please do not wait before passing this on. You are not causing problems but it could allow support to be put in place and save a child from unnecessary harm.

If you need to pass on a safeguarding concern please contact the Northamptonshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and share any information with school via [safeguarding@sponne.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@sponne.org.uk)

[https://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/worried-about-a-child-/](https://www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk/worried-about-a-child/)

Telephone: 0300 126 7000

If a child is in immediate danger, left alone or missing, contact the police and/or ambulance service directly on 999.

Students seeking support can access the Google Classroom wellbeing page for the appropriate year groups. Parents seeking advice can access guidance on the following sites:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

<https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/camhslive>



Free



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supporting young people



# TOWCESTER OUT THERE GROUP

for LGBTQ+ young people aged 13 - 18

**WHEN – Tuesdays (term time only)**

**WHERE – The Mind Building,  
The Barn, Bransons Lane, Towcester  
NN12 6AX**

**TIME – 6:30pm to 8pm**

**CALL – 07507 716106 for more info**



For more information email:

[lgbtqsupport@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk](mailto:lgbtqsupport@thelowdownnorthampton.co.uk)

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# Sponne School needs a minibus!



## Can you help the PFA raise £20,000?

This year is a big year of fundraising for Sponne PFA!

A minibus is a vital part of school life, providing transport to sports fixtures, trips and community events. The school is in need of a new lightweight minibus to continue providing these opportunities for the students.

The Parents and Friends Association are taking on the challenge to raise as much money as possible towards this in 2023.

We need your support to help us hit our target.

Especially we want to hear from:

- Local companies interested in sponsoring a school minibus.
- Knowledge/connections in minibus/van sales.
- Anyone with a brilliant idea for fundraising.
- Anyone in a workplace that offers match funding for charity fundraising.

We also need you to support our events this year. Look out for announcements from the PFA and join in!

Please contact [sponnepfa2@gmail.com](mailto:sponnepfa2@gmail.com) if you can help.

Sponne School



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# Change of Details - Go4Schools

If you need to update any of the contact/address/email/telephone information we have on record for your child, yourself or any of the other contacts we have, you can do this directly via Go4Schools.

If you log in and click the drop down arrow next to your name in the top right hand corner and select 'settings' you will be taken to the screen below.



Complete the details in the box and press send.

## My settings

Manage your account and settings to make GO 4 Schools work better for you.

Your login email address is:

[Update contact details](#)  
[Manage your communication settings](#)  
[Change your GO 4 Schools password](#)

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### Update contact details

Use the form below to notify the school about changes to your telephone number, email address, etc.

### Manage your communication settings

- Automatic daily summaries of homework are sent after 16.00.
- Automatic daily/weekly summaries for behaviour are sent after 18.00, as configured.
- Detention updates are sent by the school as required.
- Attendance updates are sent by the school as required.
- School messages are sent as required.
- Consent messages are sent by the school as required
- All messages will also appear in your Online Inbox.

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# Essential School Equipment



All students should have the following equipment...

- A Pencil Case (this must be transparent for students taking exams)
- Black Pens (at least 3, not gel)
- Blue Pens (at least 3, not gel)
- Purple Pens (at least 2, not gel)
- Pencils (at least 2)
- Pencil Colours
- Pencil Sharpener
- Rubber
- Ruler
- Maths Set (Compass, Protractor)
- Scientific Calculator
  - Recommended Casio fx-83GT PLUS or fx-85GT PLUS
- 3.5mm Wired Earphones

If you have any issues with this please speak to your form tutor!



## Please remember to bring a reusable water bottle to school with you



Drinking water :

- 💧 Improves energy levels and brain function
- 💧 Improves concentration and focus
- 💧 Prevents headaches
- 💧 Is healthy for joints and teeth and helps circulate blood!

## Stay Hydrated!



# Dates For Your Diary

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## Summer Half Term

School closes Friday 24th May 2024

Half term break Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024

## TERM 6

School opens Monday 3rd June 2024

**Year 12 Post 18 Day** - Thursday 6th June 2024

**D of E Training Expedition** - Saturday 8th - 9th June 2024

**German Trip Meeting** - Friday 14th June 2024

**UCAS Exhibition Fayre** - Monday 17th June 2024

**Art Exhibition** - Monday 17th - 21st June 2024

**Year 8 TOVE Archaeological Visit** - Wednesday 19th June 2024

**D of E Assessed Expedition** - Saturday 22nd - 23rd June 2024

**Silverstone Engineering Trip Year 9** - Wednesday 26th June 2024

**Year 8 HPV Vaccinations** - Thursday 27th June 2024

**Year 13 Prom** - Thursday 27th June 2024

**Year 11 Prom** - Friday 28th June 2024

**Year 8 Bletchley Park Trip** - Monday 1st - Friday 5th July 2024

**Year 10 Work Experience** - Monday 8th - Friday 19th July 2024

**Sixth Form Induction Day** - Monday 8th - Tuesday 9th July 2024

**Year 7 Welcome Evening** - Wednesday 10th July 2024

**School Production** - Les Miserables 10th - 12th July 2024

**Year 8 German Trip** - Monday 15th - Friday 19th July 2024

## Summer 2024

School closes Friday 19th July 2024

## Results Days

A Levels - Thursday 15th August 2024

GCSEs - Thursday 22nd August 2024

Please see our website for a full list of events and term dates.

<https://www.sponne.org.uk>