

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER - 2024

SPONNE NEWS

The official newsletter of Sponne School

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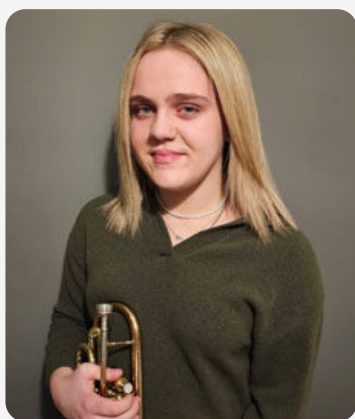
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Young Ambassador

A massive well done to Katie Skey who has just been recognised as a young ambassador for Denis Wick. We're super proud of you well done!

In collaboration with the Denis Wick Marketing team, the mouthpiece and mute manufacturer has launched a programme to help develop young enthusiastic players within the brass

playing movement. These young artists will gain industry and professional experience by working closely with the Denis Wick marketing team as well as enjoying regular coaching and assistance by Denis Wick artists Sheona Wade, Richard Marshall and Matthew Routley.

[Denis Wick - Katie Skey](#)



Dear Parents and Carers

The end of term 3 and the mid-point of the academic year rapidly approach, as does the build in momentum of our Year 11 and 13 students towards their GCSEs and A-Levels. There is a palpable sense of purpose amongst them and a real sense of determination to achieve success. The vast majority have worked consistently hard throughout their academic careers and my message to them is to be confident and committed and to focus on simply doing their best. There are many intervention sessions taking place at both lunchtime and after school and I would like to thank my staff for their support of students during this time and to encourage the students themselves to seek the guidance that they need. If you notice signs of stress at home that you think we may be able to help with then please do make contact. Being organised is a crucial component as is eating healthily, exercising and getting sufficient sleep!

Last weekend I attended the Last Night at the Proms concert at Whittlebury Hall and was once again amazed by the musical talent of our students. The positive contribution that this makes to our community cannot be underestimated nor the commitment and support of our parents. You'll also read about the fantastic achievement of our students in so many different sporting arenas as well as the many other contributions that students make to our school, whether this is through the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, raising awareness about mental health or being involved in peer support.

On a completely different point it has been evident to staff in education for some time that the pandemic had a significant impact on young people and their reliance, and sometimes, dependence upon their phones and access to social media. The Department for Education and the Education Endowment Foundation have also researched the impact that this can have on learning at schools and their findings have been really concerning. As a result of this the guidance being given to secondary schools is that mobile phones should not be available to young people at school and this is something that we will be investigating further at Sponne later this year. I would be very happy to hear your views on this so please do let me know by email of your thoughts.

I hope the term break next week is a good one for you all.

Iain Massey

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

Headteacher

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.

Music News

Last Night of the Proms



Congratulations to our amazing Sponne musicians for a fantastic 'Last Night of the Proms' concert on Sunday 4th February at Whittlebury Hall.

This was a collaborative fundraising event with the Rotary Club of Towcester and Kidlington Concert Brass. The performance included a wide range of repertoire and performances from Sponne Jazz Orchestra, Senior Choir, Brass Band and Concert Band.

Several Yr 13 musicians were featured soloists and there were also massed band items including this performance of Bach's Toccata in D Minor arranged by Ray Farr (Click [HERE](#) to listen).

The evening concluded with traditional BBC Last Night of the Proms repertoire.

Well done to all involved!

English News

Year 10 Poetry Live

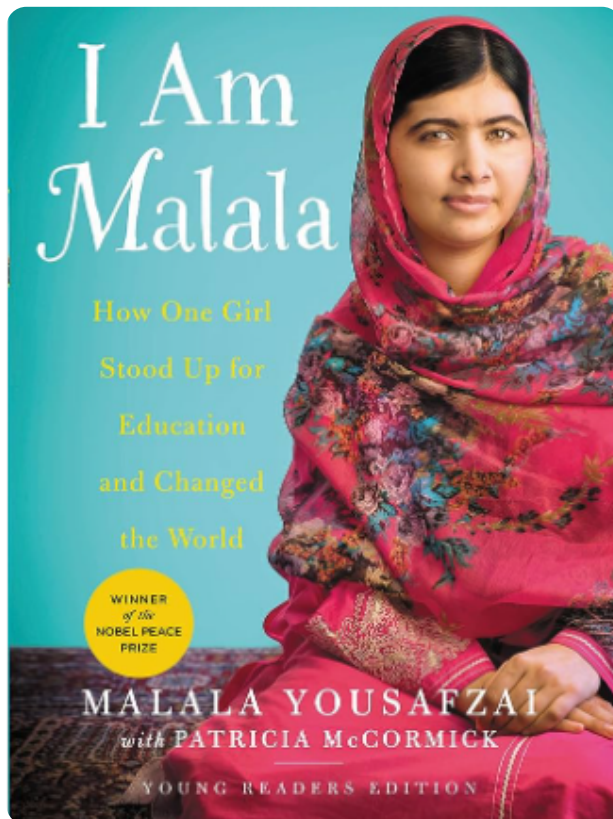


Year 10 students had the exciting opportunity to see poets from their anthology sharing the ideas that shaped their poems at Poetry Live.

We would like to express our appreciation and recognition to our students for their exemplary behaviour - well done!

Thank you to the English department for organising the event.

Year 7 English - I am Malala



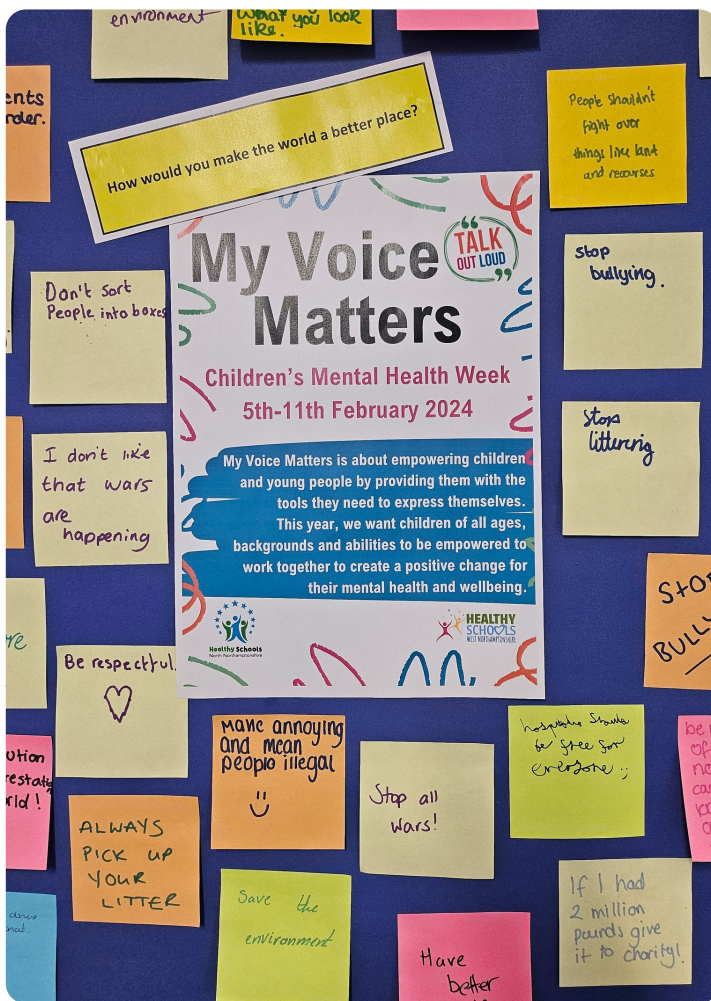
In year 7 English, we are currently studying I am Malala. Inspired by Malala's description of her school, our students have reflected upon our school. Here's just one of many excellent examples:

“ *Sponne School is a paradise, filled with innovation and learning. In a world where children can't go to school, because of unnecessary wars, we have the privilege to go to such a pristine school.*

Our books are like our tickets on the train of life, leading to a bright, glowing future. These “tickets” are deemed as a luxury to less fortunate individuals. ”

“ *Sponne is a building of knowledge and achievements where people grow not only physically but as a person. In a world of war and negativity, Sponne is a school of peace and positivity. Together in Sponne we are a family who Dream, Believe and Achieve.* ”

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week



Sponne took part in National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. This year's theme was "My Voice Matters"

All pupils attended an assembly which was themed around the importance of talking and managing your worries led by our Safeguarding lead, Rebecca Chapman.

Ms.Chapman took the opportunity to inform our students where to find help in school within the Wellbeing & Support Team. They were also encouraged to talk to their Form Tutors

Members of the Wellbeing Team were also available at social times talking to and listening to students. The team was asking our pupils "How would you make the world a better place?" to create a noticeboard capturing student voices.

Please find below additional support material for parents/carers to help with engaging and encouraging our children to talk at home. We are also fortunate to have local support services in Towcester.

If you have any worries about your child please contact their Form Tutor or PLL. You can also contact the school via safeguarding@sponne.org.uk.



Sponne PE want to hear from You

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.

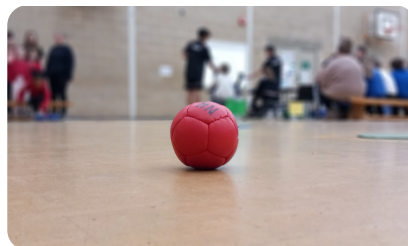


Sports News

KS2 SEND Inclusive Festival

On Thursday 1st February we hosted the KS2 SEND Inclusive Festival. Our brilliant Sports Leaders ran different activities for all the children to try: Boccia, Kurling, Archery, Indoor Rowing, Bean Bag games and Table Tennis coconut shy!

We are immensely proud of all the Sponne leaders and thank you to our primary schools for coming.



U18 Netball - East Midlands Regional Finals



A huge congratulations once again to the U18 Netball Squad who recently took part in the East Midlands Regional Finals at Oundle. This was a tough day of Netball with some very close games against solid opposition.

Results were as follows:

Rushcliffe College - 14-14

Ratcliffe - 10-12

Ecclesbourne 17-9

Stamford 13-10.

After finishing 3rd in the pool of 6, Sponne were playing for the Regional Plate title with the first game against Lincoln Priory. This performance was one of the most impressive of the day. The team pulled together and played with real flare with the final result being 17-11. This result put Sponne in the Final of the plate competition against a dynamic West Bridgford team.

The final game of the day saw a 17-11 result with Sponne being awarded Runner Up of the Regional Plate.

Congratulations.



Futsal News

Y7/8 Girls Futsal



Congratulations to the Y7/8 girls futsal team. They were team winners at the district finals and have qualified for the Level 3 school games!

Congratulations to all our players but especially players' player, Holly, who scored 8 goals and coaches' player Alyssa who also scored 1 goal (and nearly scored at least 5!)



Y10 Girls Futsal



On Tuesday 23rd January, we had a fantastic evening at the girls U15 Futsal District Finals. Sponne beat Moulton 6-3. Sponne will now represent South Northants in the Country Level 3 School Games.

Player of Match - Chloe

Players' Player - Ava

Coaches' Player - Lily

Well done girls



Other Sports News

Primary Sports Hall Athletics



On Thursday 18th January, we hosted the Sponne Cluster primary schools sports hall athletics competition.

A brilliant afternoon of fantastic talent, sportsmanship, perseverance and lots and lots of cheering each other on!

Thanks to my amazing leaders who all work very hard and are a credit to Sponne and especially themselves!

Congratulations to our winners, Nicholas Hawksmoor.



Sponne Equestrian Team

Well done to all of our riders on the Equestrian Team who competed at Bury Farm in January. The day was a huge success with 2 teams and 2 individuals winning their classes and qualifying for the national championships at Hickstead.

Alongside this we had many more placings throughout the day.

Well done to all involved.



English Schools Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Dylan who has been selected to represent Northamptonshire at the English Schools Cross Country Championships. A fantastic achievement!

The event takes place on the 16th March in Pontefract, and will include the top 8 runners from 46 counties. Dylan was 6th fastest for Northamptonshire. Well done Dylan!



Sponne Darts



- Hand-eye Coordination
- Mental Arithmetic
- Stress Relief
- Social Skills
- Concentration
- Teamwork
- Strategic Thinking

After an incredible PDC World Championships, our own darts club is busier than ever.

The (then) 16-year old sensation Luke “THE NUKE” Littler reaching the final, on his debut year, seems to have got everyone talking about darts.

Killer and Round the World remain the most popular games on Thursday afternoon sessions.

Next term, we will be moving onto checkouts, including learning to count, around the board.

sponnedarts.weebly.com



100% attendance club

- Hailey C, 7CCM
- Liam N, 7CML
- Harry P, 7AMG
- Ellis S, 7AMG
- Carter H, 8NC
- Jake R, 11TN
- Max R, 11TN
- Isaac B, 12HLW
- Henry E, 12SR

Darts Club attendees are welcome to bring their own darts into school.

BUT...

They must be in a named case.
And handed into D16 BEFORE the school day starts.

Thursdays - 3.05 - 4.15pm in W9

✉ darts@sponne.org.uk

Darts Club Tournaments

- For students interested on progressing into matchplay, we have started running tournaments, separate to the weekly darts club sessions.
- These events are 301, single in, double out, round robin events.
- It also means a return of the Sponne Darts Order of Merit, to acknowledge, the top performers!



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|-----------------------|
| 1st. Leo B, 8RW |
| 2nd. Nathan S, 9KP |
| 3rd. Ethan B, 8NC |
| 4th. Liam C, 8RW |
| 5th. Jack D, 8AMT |
| 6th. Harry I, 8RW |
| 7th. Harrison H, 8AMT |
| 8th. Carter H, 8NC |





SPONNE FOOTBALL

23/24

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 (and Futsal) Term 3: 2023/24

This term has been hit particularly hard by the cold/wet weather, but we have still managed to run some after school club sessions, which have been consistently well attended by students in Y7 & Y8.

Going into term 4, we hope to be able to run a set of more regular football (and futsal) sessions (predominantly) on **Wednesdays** from **3.05 - 4.25pm** for boys in Year 7-9.

County Cup Results

- U12s 3-1 LOSS vs. Parker (h)
- U13s 2-0 WIN vs. Kingsthorpe College (h) *progressing to a Quarter Final vs PWS, in Oundle!*
- U14s 5-2 LOSS vs Guilsborough (a)



Playmaker Coaching & Refereeing

We continue to offer students opportunities to develop their wider understanding of football, through both coaching and officiating angles. These are FREE courses for students aged 14+. Not only do they allow students to develop their knowledge about the game, they look great on a CV plus are the first steps required, in order to become a qualified coach/ referee.

- Coaching information; bit.ly/Playmaker2324
- Refereeing information; bit.ly/Referee2324



Opportunities to enrol and engage with these developmental courses are offered throughout the year. These periodically run as one hour sessions afterschool in D16. Further information to follow.

Correct Kit

Students are reminded to attend sessions fully prepared, with their FULL Sponne PE kit, including shin pads and correct footwear. Full details can be found on this poster; bit.ly/SponneFootballKit.



Football Fixtures

When selected for football fixtures, students are asked to bring in a £1 voluntary contribution BEFORE the game kicks off. This is to allow us to arrange and pay for qualified officials to oversee matches.

- STT, JMH, SC & CJR



U12s 3 - 1 LOSS vs. Parker (h)



U13s 2 - 0 WIN vs. Kingsthorpe College (h)



U14s 5 - 2 LOSS vs Guilsborough (a)

Football sessions are generally WEDNESDAYS - but are always subject to staff availability. Students should regularly check Google Classroom, Gmail and Football Notices (in PE, E10 & D16) for latest information

✉ football@sponne.org.uk



Sponne Football - Kit List



**Sponne PE Shirt
(black)**



Black Football Shorts



Black Football Socks



Shin Pads



Football Boots



For club sessions - always pack TRAINERS too, just in case sessions move indoors

ANY Tracksuit Top or Jumper



**Baselayer, hat, gloves
(as appropriate)**



Small snacks

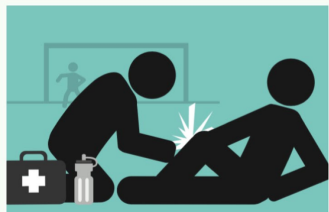


Particularly important for fixtures and away events

Refillable Drink Bottle



Plus anything else **YOU** need (eg Sock tape, Goalkeeper gloves etc.)
It is **YOUR** responsibility to attend with **ALL** the correct kit!



How to be involved with your team when you're injured

At Training:

Help the coach set up the session



Manage a team in the game at training



Give advice to team mates during breaks



Referee games



Keep the score for the players during training games



At Matches:

Analyse team performance



Join the team in the changing room before the game



Assess the player in your positions



Give feedback to players at half time



Warm up the substitutes



Injury aware

Only do what you can.
(If you're on crutches you might not be able to warm up)



Be a good team player



Be a good helper for your coach



Get better soon

Why?

- Keep you positive
- Helps you keep learning about the game
- Feel part of the team
- Help your team-mates



@coachingmanual

www.thecoachingmanual.com

Just because you may be **injured** or **unable to actively participate** in a sports club session or fixture, **does not** mean you cannot get involved.

All help & support is appreciated!

[Click here to see the full infographic](#), in detail

NON
LEAGUE DAY
23·03·24

An annual event which celebrates semi-professional and grassroots football

- ✓ Affordable tickets and refreshments
- ✓ Stand/sit where you like
- ✓ Volunteer-led, community football
- ✓ Supporting your local club

Non-League Day is about supporting affordable, volunteer-led community football.

It is always scheduled to coincide with an International break, where Premier League (and Championship) football is not played.

Fixtures within 10 miles of Sponne School:

(use the [match-finder](#) for a complete list)



**Bugbrooke St Michaels
vs. St Neots Town**

@ Birds Close, Gayton Road,
Bugbrooke, NN7 3PH
twitter.com/BadgersUcl

**United Counties League
Premier Div South**
(currently 10th, as of 11.2.24)

Step 5 | Ninth Tier
of English Football

Founded 1929



**Brackley Town
vs. Alfreton Town**

@ St. James Park, Churchill Way,
Brackley, NN13 7AJ
twitter.com/BrackleyTownFC

National League North
(currently 6th, as of 11.2.24)

Step 2 | Sixth Tier
of English Football

Founded 1890



nonleagueday.co.uk





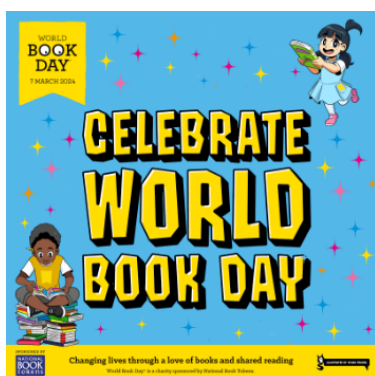
Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to the following Year 7 and 8 students who have made fantastic progress in Accelerated Reader since their return to school in January: **Jorge Horak, Dexter Amphlett, George Song, Liam Nickel, Bryony Emm, Rory Castle, Akshra Karanatakam, Clayton Gilheany-Pockett, Claire Sopko and Harry Philpot.** Our Star Readers of the term have all been awarded extra Sparks for their superb effort.

Several Year 7 forms are vying for top spot in our Accelerated Reader quiz competition. The leading form last term, 7CML, have now been overtaken by **7CCM**, who currently have a total 'quizzes passed' score of 161. Our top Year 8 form remains **8JDG** with a score of 136. Keep up the great work as there is still plenty of time for the lead to change!

Don't forget, you can check to see if any of your books at home have quizzes at www.arbookfind.co.uk

World Book Day - 7 March 2024



We're looking forward to World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Students will be given their £1 book voucher in due course and should check their notices for information about events to celebrate the day.

If you would like to find out more and see which £1 books are available in bookshops this year, visit <https://www.worldbookday.com>

COMPUTING

PART OF THE BUSINESS & INNOVATION FACULTY

Digital
Literacy

Computer
Science

Information
Technology

Computing is studied as a **core subject**, across Years 7-9. Throughout term 3, students have been engaging with **Computer Science** modules, covering Scratch, Edublocks and Python.

Programming allows students to develop fundamental principles of computer science, including **abstraction, logic, algorithms** and **data representation**.

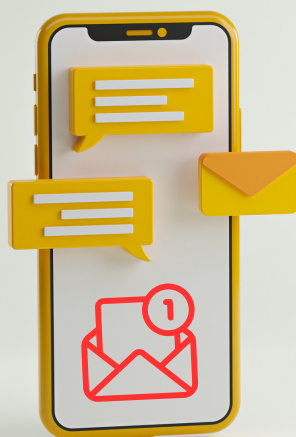
These skills, have **relevance** and **application** outside the world of computing, and are also useful in most other school subjects.

SCRATCH



"In terms of real-world applications outside of computer science, computational thinking is an effective tool that can help students and learners develop problem-solving strategies they can apply to both their studies as well as everyday life."

- University of York



Student Google Accounts

All students have a Google account, for school. This includes a Gmail account, which must be used in accordance with our Acceptable Use Policy.

The recommendation is that students check their mailbox at least twice per week.

D16 is open at lunchtimes for students who need help with Gmail, including support using settings, labels, filters & more!

Term 3
Computing Stars

Harley R, 7EH

Charlotte B, 7EH

Ed R, 7STW

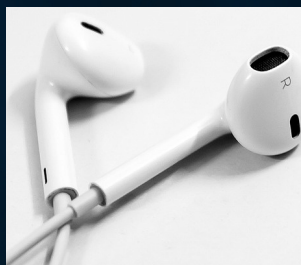
Ejona X, 7STW

NEXT

Y7
E-Safety &
Web Design

Y8
Digital
Graphics

Y9
Cyber Security &
Digital Footprints



Students are reminded to bring **3.5mm, wired earphones** to **Computing** lessons.



COMPUTING

"The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international award winning programme that helps you develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free."

WELL DONE TO OUR LATEST SET OF BRONZE AWARD WINNERS!

JAN/FEB '24

Mahalia H (8AMT)
Will R (8JDG)
Jacob W (8KAS)

Henry A (9SC)
Sophie A (9RHB)
Ellie B (9GB)
Aidan F-S (9SLB)
Josh G (9GB)
Alex K (9RHB)

Katie L (9KP)
Drew M (9AAW)
Isaac S (9KP)
Charlotte S (9SLB)
Charlotte W (9AAW)

iDEA is embedded into the Computing curriculum across Years 7 to 9... but students will only earn a bronze/ silver award, by putting in considerable extra hours to acquire badges across the 4 components; citizen, worker, maker and entrepreneur!



ALL TIME TOTALS

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

Year 10

Year 11

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3 10

2 0

3 41

2 2

3 30

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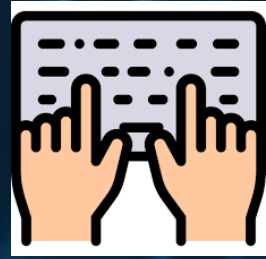
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COMPUTING

Reasons to Touch Type

- Increases productivity
- Reduces fatigue (time spent typing)
- Learning how to type, means you can focus on the content, you are typing
- Reduces the risk of developing RSI (repetitive strain injury)
- And, it engages most parts of your brain, helping to activate new memory muscles and build more active and strong cognitive connections that in turn will enhance your overall brain capacity and function.



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EXERCISES COMPLETED

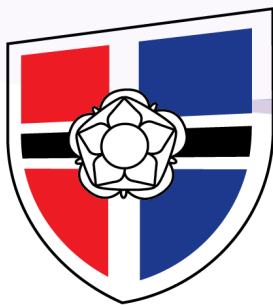
SPEED WPM

ACCURACY %

Form	Keyhero Completed	Change since 8-Jan-24
9SC	7368	529
9GB	6894	394
9KP	6818	417
9RHB	5967	503
9RB	5895	358
9MG	5831	417
9SLB	5713	356
8KAS	5710	627
9AAW	5650	398
8OW	5117	470
8PG	4378	487
8JDG	4226	402
8RW	4056	376
8AMT	3870	375
8JSP	3773	321
8NC	3471	395
7CML	2866	604
7CCM	2401	651
7AMG	2401	592
7CJR	2361	399
7EH	2358	604
7STW	2290	445
7KAM	2275	417
7CRS	2224	377

Form	Keyhero Speed (WPM)	Change since 8-Jan-24
9SC	40.32	1.82
9RHB	36.86	2.07
9AAW	34.54	2.31
9KP	33.81	0.70
8OW	33.17	0.83
9MG	33.12	2.65
9SLB	32.58	1.32
8PG	32.13	0.90
9GB	31.40	0.07
9RB	29.82	1.08
8RW	27.94	0.85
7CCM	27.93	0.04
8AMT	26.89	0.22
8KAS	26.64	1.39
8NC	26.50	1.83
8JDG	25.14	0.26
7EH	25.06	0.44
8JSP	23.01	-0.23
7KAM	22.34	-0.64
7STW	21.88	0.12
7AMG	21.69	1.22
7CJR	21.57	2.13
7CRS	21.43	-0.23
7CML	21.06	1.66

Form	Keyhero Accuracy (%)	Change since 8-Jan-24
9RHB	94.29%	0.50%
7CML	93.74%	-0.27%
9KP	93.60%	-0.18%
7CCM	93.54%	0.89%
7EH	93.05%	0.40%
7AMG	92.86%	0.73%
9AAW	92.74%	1.80%
9GB	92.73%	-0.09%
9SLB	92.66%	0.74%
9SC	92.64%	-0.76%
8RW	92.62%	0.53%
7CJR	92.60%	0.52%
7STW	92.43%	1.14%
8NC	92.31%	0.22%
8KAS	92.28%	0.09%
9RB	92.15%	3.12%
9MG	92.13%	0.12%
8PG	92.12%	0.56%
8JSP	91.77%	-1.47%
7CRS	91.77%	-1.51%
8OW	91.57%	0.36%
7KAM	91.38%	-0.48%
8JDG	90.62%	-0.59%
8AMT	88.24%	-0.29%

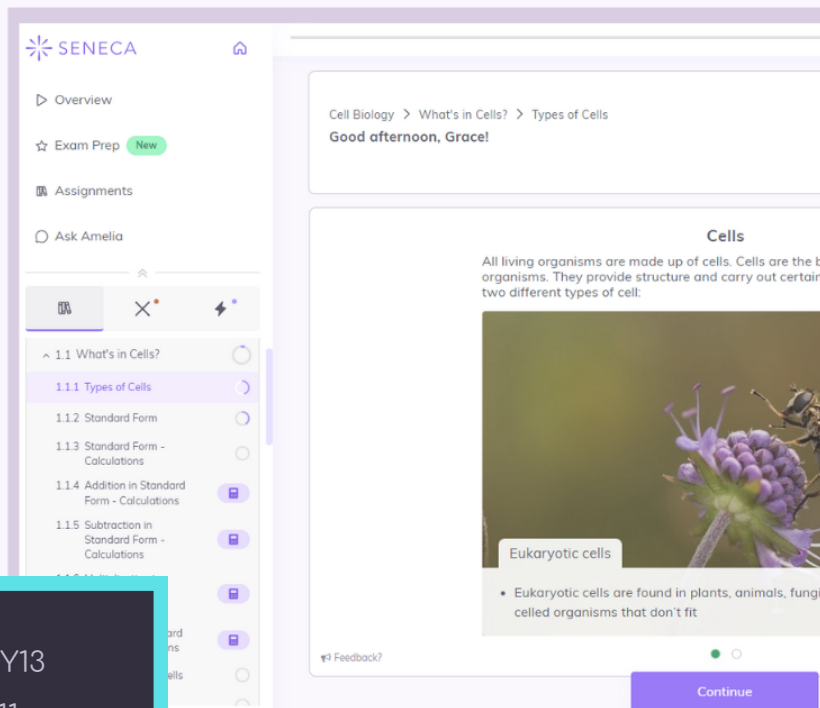


Seneca's online platform can be thought of as **an effective & engaging interactive learning and revision guide that can be used for free forever!**

The platform is linked to a students timetable, therefore teachers may set specific Seneca assignments, to be completed.

Equally, students can explore courses and modules themselves, and revise anywhere, anytime!

Learn 2x Faster with Seneca



Top students by study time 1.1.24 to 9.2.24

1st Will H, Y13	6th George S, Y13
2nd Akshra K, Y8	7th Annie C, Y11
3rd Max R, Y11	8th Zach G, Y9
4th Harley-Jaime C, Y11	9th Matthew W, Y13
5th Tom C, Y12	10th ... Archie L, Y13

Join over 10 million users

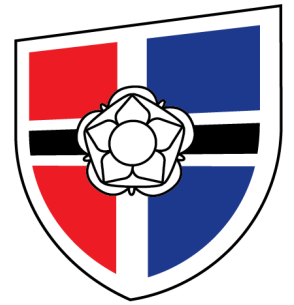
Use Free A-Level, GCSE, KS3

& KS2 Homework and

revision

Study time 1.1.24 to 9.2.24

Computer Science	360h 30min
Science	177h 16min
English	34h 11min
Business	26h 34min
PE	24h 29min
Food Prep	23h 34min
Other	32h 29min



*apps available on
both Android and
Apple devices

Recommended Apps for students



Gmail



Keep



Classroom



Drive



Calendar

Recommended Bookmarks for students

bit.ly/SponneStuDash

= the student dashboard, containing news, links & more

bit.ly/SponneOnline

= the student guide to profiles & communicating online

bit.ly/SponneStuWell

= the student wellbeing site, full of useful information

bit.ly/Sponne404

= help/ advice about using Chrome with Sponne systems

AI and Assessments

A quick guide for students



What is AI?

- AI stands for artificial intelligence and using it is like having a computer that thinks
- AI tools like ChatGPT or Snapchat My AI can write text, make art and create music by learning from data from the internet, but watch out – they can also make things up and be biased



How can AI be misused in assessments?

AI misuse is when you take something made using AI and say it's your own work.

THIS IS CHEATING!

How do I make sure I don't misuse AI?



1 Know the rules

- You're **not allowed** to use AI tools when you're in an exam
- Your teachers will tell you if you're allowed to use AI tools when doing your coursework – the rules will depend on your qualification
- Even if you're allowed to use AI tools, you can't get marks for content just produced by AI – your marks come from showing your own understanding and producing your own work

2 Reference reference reference!

- If you're allowed to use AI tools, you must reference them clearly
- Name the AI tool you used
 - Add the date you generated the content
 - Explain how you used it
 - Save a screenshot of the questions you asked and the answers you got

3 Declare it's all your own work

– When you hand in your assessment, you have to sign a declaration. Anything without a reference must be all your own work. If you've used an AI tool, don't sign the declaration until you're sure you've added all the references

What happens if I misuse AI?

If you've misused AI, you could lose your marks for the assessment – you could even be disqualified from the subject.

DON'T RISK IT!



REMEMBER
Misusing AI is cheating!

Know the rules
Talk to your teachers
Reference clearly

Sponne PFA Quiz & Pizza Night

Once again Sponne PFA are running a Quiz and Pizza night at Sponne School on Friday 1st March 2024 at 7pm.

Last year this event was a sell-out, with Mr GerCs running a fantastic quiz, and Milandy Pizza bringing their Wood Fired Oven on site to make fresh pizzas to order.

On Friday 1st March, Milandy Pizza have agreed to join us again to serve up delicious pizzas on site, and the PFA will be running a licenced bar. All proceeds raised will go to the Sponne Minibus Appeal.

Tickets are £5 per person for the quiz night, and you can purchase pizzas for only £10 each (choice of toppings available on the night).

Over 16s only, unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
Maximum team size of 8 people.

Tickets are available now on SCOPAY, or if you do not have access to SCOPAY please email sponnepfa2@gmail.com to book your place.

Sponne School



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH

7PM

SPONNE SCHOOL

Join us for a family quiz night, hosted by 'Quizmaster Gercs', and enjoy wood fired pizza from Milandy Pizza, in aid of Sponne PFA Minibus appeal.

**MILANDY
PIZZA**



**Entry £5
per person**

Pizza £10

Licensed Bar

Prize for winning team. Max team size 8 people.
No unaccompanied U16s. Purchase tickets on SCOPAY
or email sponnepfa2@gmail.com by 23rd Feb'24.



SPONNE
School

Careers Fair 2024
Tuesday 16th April
11am-4pm

**We are looking for businesses to be
stand holders at
our upcoming Careers fair**

**Are you able to help our students
learn more about the world of
further education, work and the
different career pathways beyond
school?**

**To book a stand at our Careers Fair
or for any queries please email:
careers@sponne.org.uk**

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SPONNE
School

Work Experience 2024

**Could you offer a placement to
one of our students for work
experience?**

Year 12 students 13-17 May

**Year 10 students 8-19 July
(could be for 1 or 2 weeks)**

**If you can help please email us
with some details about your
workplace to:
careers@sponne.org.uk**

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My VOICE MATTERS

Place2Be's
**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – “My Voice Matters”.

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week – to help shape the activities we create for schools, the messaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.



LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour. and act on their views.

[PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- ① We don't need to have 'one-off' conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- ② I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- ③ Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- ④ Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- ⑤ Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- ⑥ Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- ⑦ Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- ⑧ If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- ⑨ Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- ⑩ Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.



WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

For primary children: bit.ly/3PzCGI8

For secondary children: bit.ly/3LBD2wK

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT
YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE
BEST THING ABOUT
TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST
STRESS / WORRY IN
YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR
ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO
IF YOU WERE FEELING
WORRIED ABOUT YOUR
MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO
HELP YOU?



South Northants
Youth Engagement



Towcester
Youth Engagement

WEDNESDAYS
**TOWCESTER
YOUTH CLUB**

STARTS 1ST NOVEMBER

13 - 15 YEARS

7PM - 8:30PM

YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, ISLINGTON
RD, TOWCESTER. NN12 6AU

£2 ENTRY



West
Northamptonshire
Council





South Northants
Youth Engagement

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED!

Just once a month!

SNYE runs youth clubs, activities, events + projects with young people across South Northants.



VOLUNTEERS WILL RECIEVE:

- Enhanced DBS check
- Level 2 Safeguarding Training
- First Aid Training
- Make new friends + become part of a GREAT team!
- Great experience for a job or university application

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM?

For more information please contact us on...



07816 466134



admin@youth-
engagement.co.uk



TRAIN TO TEACH OPEN EVENT

Tuesday 13th February 2024

Open evening 5pm - 7pm

GUTP House, Sponne School, Towcester, NN12 6DJ

Please email gutprecruitment@sponne.org.uk with your name and subject of interest to register your attendance

WE OFFER PGCE COURSES WITH QTS IN:

- Business Studies
- Computing*
- Design-Technology (including Food)*
- English *
- Geography*
- History
- Maths*
- MFL (French, German, Spanish)*
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)*
- PE

*Bursaries available, eligibility criteria applies

www.gutp.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary

Spring Half Term

School closes Friday 16th February 2024

Half term break Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February 2024

TERM 4

School opens Monday 26th February 2024

STEM Day (Y8 - P1-3)

Tuesday 27th February 2024

Year 8 Parents' Evening B Half (Remote)

Thursday 29th February 2024

Year 8 Options Evening

Thursday 7th March 2024

French Trip

Monday 18th March - Thursday 21st March 2024

D of E Expedition Training Day

Saturday 23rd March 2024

Music Concert

Tuesday 26th March 2024

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 27th March 2024

Easter 2024

School closes Thursday 28th March 2024

Easter break Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

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

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