



# PARENT BULLETIN

23RD JANUARY 2026

## CURRICULUM

### Year 9 Options – events coming up

Year 9 Information Evening for parents/carers  
Thursday 29th January 2026 3.15–6pm – There will be two presentations, 4.15pm and repeated at 5pm. After the presentations, there will be a chance for you to discuss your child's options with a member of SLT on a drop-in basis should you wish.

Year 9 academic review evening Thursday 5th February 2026 – This evening provides an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to seek guidance on option subjects, ahead of students receiving their GCSE options form on Friday 6th February. We strongly encourage parents and carers to attend, as this will be a valuable chance for face-to-face discussions with subject teachers to support informed decision-making. A letter with full booking details has been sent via email and booking is now open. Y9 have now had their option pathway booklet and parents/carers will be send their child's pathway shortly via class charts.

**Year 9 Learning4Life** – Students are due to start their RSE Block (Relationships and Sex Education). If you have any concerns your child may struggle with this topic, then please email [russellp@laurencejackson.org](mailto:russellp@laurencejackson.org) or the year manager.

**KS3 Home Learning** – this will be shared on Monday

The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:

- **Sparx Reader and Science Educake (Today)**
- **Geography Educake (Wednesday)**
- **Sparx Maths (Thursday)**
- **MFL (in the lesson you have been told to hand it in this week)**

New Home Learning Tasks set this week:

1. Sparx Reader and Science Educake (set TODAY)
2. Sparx Maths and Geography Educake (set Wednesday)

Make sure you don't fall behind with your History that was set last week as this will be due in next week.

ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS

**KS3 Explore. Enrich. Excel** – we are launching our new and exciting addition to our KS3 Home Learning students next week. Separate information will be sent to parents/carers about this via class charts.

### Explore. Enrich. Excel

A new and exciting addition to our KS3 Home Learning approach  
...more details coming later this week!



Building curiosity, confidence and challenge beyond the classroom

## CAREERS

Training Colleges and Apprenticeships – these offer valuable, practical routes for young people in the Tees Valley, combining learning with real workplace experience. Middlesbrough College, Stockton Riverside College and Hartlepool College work closely with employers across key regional industries including engineering, construction, health and digital, and all Year 9, 10 and 11 have attended an apprenticeship session ahead of National Apprenticeship Week in February. The below links here are trusted sources of information from government and education providers to help support informed choices about apprenticeships.

Stockton Riverside College Apprenticeships  
<https://www.stockton.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

Find an Apprenticeship (GOV.UK)  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship>

Middlesbrough College Apprenticeships  
<https://www.mbro.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

Hartlepool College of Further Education Apprenticeships  
<https://www.hartlepoolfe.ac.uk/apprenticeships>

Amazing Apprenticeships (student & parent guides)  
<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com>

## UPCOMING DATES:

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| 29 <sup>th</sup> January     | Y9 Options Event for parents |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> February     | Y9 Academic Review Evening   |
| 23–27 <sup>th</sup> February | half term holiday            |

**SEND Family Voice Parent and Carer Forum, Redcar and Cleveland** – please see the link below:  
<https://sendfamilyvoicerc.co.uk/>