



PARENT BULLETIN

22 MAY 2026

We break up for the half term holidays today, Friday 22nd May; all students return at the normal time on Monday 1st June. We wish our families a lovely half term holiday.

Year 10 parents/carers, we'd like to confirm that the Year 11 GCSE 2027 exam window is, provisionally, Thursday 6th May until Friday 18th June 2027. The date for the 2027 Year 11 Prom is Thursday 8th July 2027.

Congratulations Eva M (Y7) who recently carried out a remarkable act of kindness and community spirit whilst helping her Mum treat a member of the public who had taken a fall in the town. We are immensely proud of the way Eva represented herself, her family, and the young people of your local community. Eva and family received a letter from Luke Myer MP for Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland to thank them for their actions.

KS3 Core Home Learning Updates

No KS3 home learning tasks set next week. We would appreciate it if you could check in with your child to see if they have anything to catch up on and to support them to do so over the break, if possible. On Monday 1st June, students will be reminded of the following during form time:

KS3 Core Home Learning – Wk A

<p>The following Home Learning Tasks are due in this week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sparx Reader and Science Educake (Today) • Geography Educake (Weds) • Sparx Maths (Thursday) • MFL (in a specific lesson) 	<p>New Home Learning Tasks set this week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sparx Reader (set today) and will be due in on Monday next week. 2. Science Educake (set today) and will be due in in 2 weeks. 3. Geography Educake (set Wednesday) and will be due in in 2 weeks. 4. Sparx Maths (set Wednesday) and will be due in on Thursday next week. <p>ALL DETAILS OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DO WILL BE ON CLASS CHARTS</p>
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We mentioned in last week's Bulletin about our Oracy Focus Day and a specific activity. We revealed the answer to students on Monday – please see below! Do keep your eye out for similar tasks in our drive to support and challenge students to 'Speak for Success'!

I can reveal that the fake bee is.... the **ACCORDION BEE!** (I thought it appropriate to announce this via Be(e) Ready. ☺)

Well done if you managed to refrain from 'Googling' the answer! Well done too if you managed to engage in some quality discussion with other people about this.

It has been great to feel the 'BUZZ' around this activity. Mrs Crawford




KEY LEARNING:

- **Teddy Bear Bee:** A robust, solitary bee native to eastern Australia. Covered in thick, golden-brown fur and reaching up to 20mm in length, they look like tiny flying teddy bears
- **Vulture Bee:** Belongs to a group of three rare, stingless bee species found in Central and South American rainforests. It is the only type of bee in the world that feeds exclusively on animal carcasses rather than pollen or nectar
- **Blue-Banded Bee:** A solitary, ground-dwelling bee famous for its electric-blue abdominal stripes, native to Australia and Southeast Asia
- **Sweat Bee:** Commonly confused with a Hoverfly, the Sweat Bee belongs to a highly diverse group of nearly 4,500 species found on every continent except Antarctica. Named for its habit of landing on humans to drink sweat for essential salts and minerals, this bee is highly beneficial and a critical native pollinator.
- **Accordion Bee:** If you did 'Google' an answer you might have found that an Accordion Bee does exist BUT only in paper form...you can make a paper Accordion Bee (name because of the way you fold paper to create it's body – this resembles a Musical Accordion!)

Student timetables 2026–27 - We often find that when student timetables are published at the end of the summer holidays, we get questions about classes. We understand that starting a new school year can be stressful and hope that this information will reduce anxiety when next year's timetables are published. Timetables for next year will be viewable on Arbor in the last week of the summer holidays. You will see that your child has 'class codes', generated by our timetabling software; made up of letters / numbers and not indicative of the ability range of the class because in most subjects, classes are mixed ability. Our timetable model is predominantly structured with mixed ability classes. These mixed ability sets are re-organised each year. Students are generally taught in mixed ability classes across the curriculum so they will have lessons with a different group of students in each subject. Students are grouped by ability in maths from Year 7 onwards and classes are organised using KS2 data and internal assessment data. Students are also streamed in Y9 Science and MFL in order to support the tiered exam entry at KS4. As we progress through the year teaching groups are reviewed and, where needed, changes are made based on academic and pastoral evidence. Further curriculum information can be found [here](#) on school website.

The ticket link for our summer production of Sister Act is below – we look forward to seeing you there!
[Link to TicketSource](#)



Music by ALAN MENKEN Lyrics by GLENN SLATER Book by CHERI STEINELLNER & BILL STEINELLNER

Additional Book Material DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

SISTER ACT

WEDNESDAY 8th JULY
THURSDAY 9th JULY
FRIDAY 10th JULY

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