



Dates for the diary

16 March	Chester Zoo Trip – Year 9
16-20 March	Science Week
18 March	Woman in Black Theatre Trip – Year 10 & 11
24 March	Extra Curricular Freshers Fair – Year 7 & 8
24 March	Year 9 IAG Meetings (information to follow)
25 March	Extra Curricular Freshers Fair – Year 9 & 10
26-30 March	Iceland Trip
26 March	Whole School Assembly and Break up for Easter
27 March	Staff Training Day (No students in school)

Reminder
that all
events can be
found on the
school
calendar

[School Events
- Calendar](#)

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all enjoying the brighter spring days; it certainly feels good to have a little more daylight back in our mornings and evenings.

This week, our Year 11 students took part in a fantastic walk-through of the English mock examination. The session gave them a really valuable insight into how to approach the exams they'll be sitting in the summer term, and they engaged brilliantly throughout.

I also wanted to let you know that I will be spending two mornings each week supporting another school in a leadership role. During these times, Mrs Mukherjee will be deputising for me. School life will continue as normal, but if you request to speak with me on those mornings, it may be Mrs Mukherjee who gets in touch on my behalf.

Looking ahead, we're very excited to be celebrating British Science Week. We have some wonderful visitors and activities planned, and I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Roberts and the Science Department for designing such an inspiring programme for our students.

Finally, I would really appreciate your feedback on our latest data collection reports. You can help us greatly by completing the short survey below; it should only take a few minutes, and your views are incredibly valuable to us.

[Parent Questionnaire - School Reports – Fill in form](#)

Thank you in advance.

Warm regards,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

UPDATED EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please find below the link to the updated school extra curriculum activities taking place at lunch and after school.

[Extra-Curricular-Activities.pdf](#)

ABSENCES

All absences must be reported **before 9am** every morning of absence. **Please leave a brief description of illness, not just "ill/unwell"**.

Please can you also remind you that if your child has a diarrhoea and/or vomiting bug that they should stay off school until they have not had symptoms for two days.

Telephone: 01756 752215 (press 1- line open 24 hrs)

Email – absence@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

EVERYONE'S INVITED RESOURCES No 3

Following the Parents and Carers online workshop with the charity *Everyone's Invited* on Monday 2nd February, we were provided with a range of resources that may be helpful when supporting your child at home.

Here is the link to the third resource guide, which provides an overview of the session.

<https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/3-parent-carer-glossary-of-terms/>

SCHOOL DINNERS

Have you ever wondered what your child can choose from for school dinner?

There is a 3-weekly menu for each term on the school website (link below)

[Canteen-Dinner-Menu.pdf](#)

STAFF AND STUDENT IFTAR – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

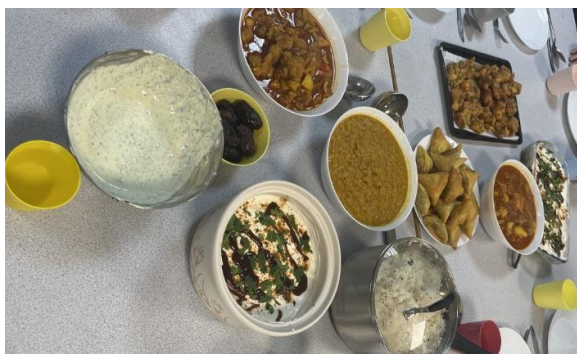
On Thursday 5th March, we were delighted to host a staff and student Iftar in school. It was a wonderful opportunity for members of our school community to come together to mark this special time.

Throughout the afternoon, students and staff worked together to prepare a variety of delicious dishes. The menu included homemade pakoras, chaat, chicken curry, lentil curry, and a lemon drizzle cake, along with a selection of other puddings. It was fantastic to see so many students getting involved in the cooking and sharing their enthusiasm and skills in the kitchen.

The evening had a truly warm and welcoming atmosphere, with everyone enjoying the opportunity to share food and spend time together.

A huge well done and thank you to all the staff and students who helped plan, cook and organise the event. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Friends of UWS, who kindly funded the ingredients and made it possible for us to host the event.

We are already looking forward to hosting another iftar in 2027.



LOST PROPERTY

Once again, we have a large collection of lost property. Please may we remind you to name your child's uniform and PE kit as it makes it so much easier to return items to the correct person.

Also, your child should retrace their steps from that day if any items are lost. Science rooms, North Block and Sports Hall should all be checked along with the lost property bin outside the AV room.

YEAR 11 PROM

To help raise funds towards this year's Prom on Thursday 25 June, the Prom Committee are holding a bake sale on **Wednesday 25 March** at break.

Any donations homemade or bought would be greatly appreciated.

STUDENT FIDGET TOYS

If a student needs to bring a fidget toy into school, please may we suggest only bringing in a small one that does not make a noise. Unfortunately, the big square squishes are not to be brought into school as they are too big and distracting to other students. Please see some examples below.



SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL – Last Tuesday, 3 March, the Year 7 and Year 8 netballers travelled to Settle College for a fixture. We had amazing weather and an even better final score.

Year 8
UWS 11–4 Settle
POM – Mia H

Year 7
UWS 18–3 Settle
POM – Scarlett C



SWIMMING - On Monday 2 March we hosted the Dales Cup swimming gala.

There were lots of fierce competition between the schools including some Yorkshire swimmers battling out against each other.

Results
UWS - 104
TSA - 102
Settle - 86



Big shout out to Ben C who competed against older year groups. Well done to all that took part.

YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER AND YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION

UWS is very proud to announce that we have gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the Young Photographer and Young Artist 'Beauty in Nature' competition for the 5th consecutive year. We have also gained 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the Senior Artist competition and 1st position for the Senior Photographer competition.

33 Art students have been invited to attend the exhibition and 12 photographers. The exhibition will run for the month of March and April at the Craven College campus in Skipton. We would like to congratulate and celebrate the creativity of all our UWS students who participated in the annual competition.

CAREERS AND POST 16

We are pleased to provide access to an online information hub created by NYBEP, offering guidance to help parents and carers support their child's post-16 decision-making.

You can find further details and a link to a helpful webinar here:

<https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/open-access-parent-and-carer-letter/>

Additional careers information is also available on our school website under *Information/Careers*.

All students receive independent careers guidance through scheduled meeting with our careers advisor Mr Soroczan in Year 10 and Year 11.

Parent and Carer Support Group

From the Mental Health Support Team

Our online Parent and Carer Support Group offers a safe and welcoming space to explore ways of supporting your child's emotional wellbeing, and your own.

Each half term, we cover a new wellbeing topic inspired by the Five Ways to Wellbeing, and share practical tips and ideas. It's also a chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, and support one another.

This half-term's topic:

Take Notice – Stress, Anxiety and Worry

This session will give parents and carers a greater understanding to what stress, anxiety and worry is for young people and share useful tools to support their young person at these times.

Date: **Tuesday 24th 2026**

Times: **10:30am – 12:00pm or 7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Platform: **Microsoft Teams**

To register your interest and receive a joining link, please email:
mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



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Parent / Carer Workshop Accessing Health Services

Specialist advice for parents of children with a Learning Disability
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven



Join our specialist nursing team to gain essential advice and information for people with Learning Disabilities, including:

- Annual Health Checks and the importance of accessing them
- What to expect during the transition to Adult Health Services
- Hospital Passports and how to develop yours
- How to support children with any medical procedures they may find anxiety provoking (including injections)

12:30 to 14:30 20 March 2026

**at Fisher Medical Centre,
Community Hub Room, Millfields,
Coach Street, Skipton, BD23 1EU**

If you cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.



Book your place today! email: ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk

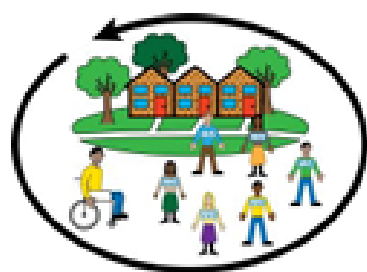


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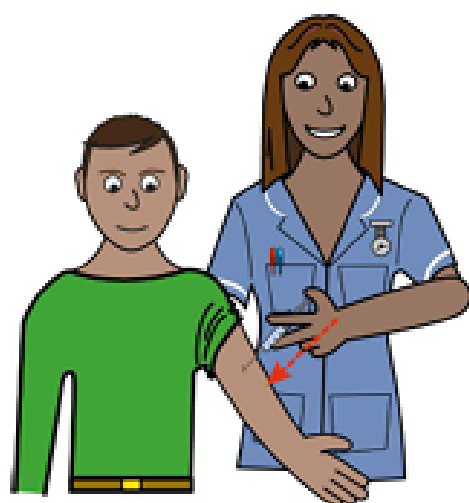
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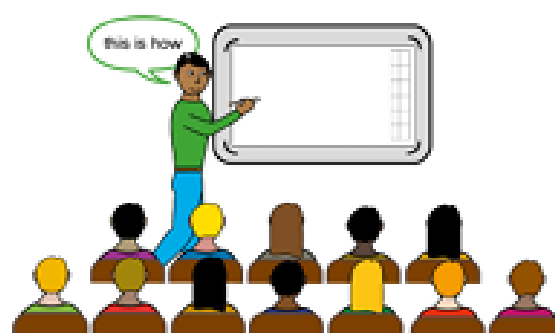


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