



Food

For upcoming practical
cookery lessons
w/c 2 February

Year 7

Mashed potato

Year 8

Potato accompaniments,
hassle backs and wedges.

**PLEASE NOTE NO
COOKING IF LESSON
FALLS ON TUESDAY
OR THURSDAY
BECAUSE OF THE
HOSPITALITY AND
CATERING
PRACTICAL EXAMS**

Year 11

Final practical exam

Please see MCAS or Teams,
Files - ~Ingredients needed
for practical lessons."

In an emergency you can
email Mrs Doidge:
jdoidge@uws.n-
yorks.sch.uk

**N.B ingredient lists are
posted on Wednesday and
Thursday the week before.**

DRAMA

Rehearsals for this year's
school production 'Frozen'
Rehearsal Dates:

**Mon 9/2/26 ALL DAY
8.50-3.20**

**Wed 11/2/26 Primary
Performance Matinee 1pm**

**Thurs 12/2/26, Fri
13/2/26 SHOW TIME -**

ALL CAST MEMBERS

Dates for the diary

9 February	Deep Learning Day (see page 2)
	Yr 11 Poetry Live Trip Bradford
	Yr 8 Bradford Science & Media Museum Trip
12 February	Frozen Jr – School production
13 February	Non-Uniform Day
	Frozen Jr – School production
24 February	Yr 9, 10, 11 Table Tennis
26 February	Yr 9, 10 Netball at Settle
3 March	Yr 7, 8 Netball at Settle

Reminder
that all
events can be
found on the
school
calendar

[School Events](#)
[- Calendar](#)

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many of you at the Year 11 IAGs this week. The evening provided a great opportunity to talk about the run-up to the public examinations, discuss next steps, and reflect on students' progress. Your engagement and support make an enormous difference at this important stage.

Next week, we look forward to hosting our Honour Roll Breakfast, where a number of students have been invited in recognition of their positive effort and behaviour. Choosing students was particularly challenging this year as the standard was exceptionally high. It promises to be another wonderful morning of celebration, and we are very proud of all those involved.

Our school show, *Frozen*, also launches next week. The production will open with a matinee performance on Wednesday for invited primary schools, followed by evening shows on Thursday and Friday. Tickets are available for families who would like to attend. Having seen a few rehearsals myself, I can confidently say it is shaping up to be a fantastic performance, and the students and staff have worked incredibly hard to prepare.

We also have several exciting curriculum events on the horizon, including the Year 11 Poetry Live trip and the Year 8 visit to the Bradford National Science and Media Museum. These experiences offer valuable enrichment opportunities, and we are grateful to staff for their planning and support.

As we continue into this busy but exciting half term, we kindly ask that if you need to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office by email or telephone to arrange an appointment. As you will understand, the school day is very busy, and unexpected visits can disrupt scheduled meetings and the support we are providing to students. By booking in advance, we can ensure that the appropriate member of staff is available and able to give you the time and attention your query deserves.

Next Friday will also be a non-uniform day, Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity and support.

As this is our final newsletter before we break for half-term break, on Friday 13th February, I would like to wish all our students a restful and enjoyable week off. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 23rd February, when we begin the term with our Year 9 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 25th February.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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](#)

ICELAND 2028 FIELD TRIP

We're excited to let you know that our **Iceland 2028 field trip** for current Year 8 students will be **launched in March**, with full details about the itinerary, costs and payment schedule. If you would like to secure a place, the **first deposit of £350 will be due on 30th April**. **Further information will be shared in March**.

ABSENCES

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

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

Email – absence@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk

EVERYONE'S INVITED RESOURCES

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.

There are seven resources in total, including a glossary of commonly used terms and slang, a reflection guide, and information about support services.

The first resource, which provides an overview of the session can be seen using the link below

<https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/1-parent-carer-one-page->

DEEP LEARNING DAY

Monday 9th February

Year 7 - Climate change

Year 8 - Science and Media Museum trip Bradford

Year 9 - Tolerance, misogyny and careers

Year 10 - Revision skills in the morning and misogyny in the afternoon

Year 11 - Poetry Live trip Bradford

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Just a reminder that **13 February 2026** is the deadline for students to have secured their work experience placement for the summer. Anyone struggling should please speak to Mr Mitton before this date.

EMOTIONAL LITERACY SUPPORT ASSISTANT

We are pleased to say that after a very successful first ELSA group we have another set of ELSA sessions running for some group 7 Students after the half term. Please reinforce positive coping skills to help our young people thrive.



BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

We will be hosting a Scholastic BOOK FAIR in the school library from Tuesday 10th February - Friday 13th February. A range of books will be available to buy during lunchtimes on these days. Please can form tutors encourage your forms to attend and have a look. Payments can be made in cash, via a parental link/QR code (obtainable from the book fair itself) or direct contactless with mobile device.

Please come and have a look. See you there!

HELP WITH OLD DVDs

If you are having a Spring clean, please could you consider school when throwing away DVDs. If they are in good working order and are age appropriate, please drop off at school or send in with your child we can play these during wet Lunch times. Thank you in advance this would be greatly appreciated.

BIRDS AND WILDLIFE AREA

A huge thank you for all the bird food/feeders - we are desperately trying to attract birds to our (noisy) school field and so far, we have made some pigeons very happy.

We would love to develop a wildlife area. If anyone has any interest in helping us or supplying us with materials, then please email Miss Roberts (proberts@uws.n-yorks.sch.uk) with suggestions!

SPORTS NEWS

U13 boys had a short commute down the avenue to WRUFC to play Bingley Grammar at rugby. Final Score was UWS 45-30 Bingley. Well done to all that took part.

Students have been embracing cross-county recently. A group of students travelled to Skipton Academy to take part in the annual Dales Cup event. Then on Wednesday 4 February we took a group of Year 7 & 8 students (picture below) to compete in a cross-country event in Keighley.



UPPER WHARFEDALE
PROUDLY PRESENTS

Disney

FROZEN JR.

THURSDAY 12TH
FRIDAY 13TH
FEBRUARY
7PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW



LOVE IS A FORCE OF NATURE