



Dates for the diary

16 October

w/c 19 October

22 October

Restart a Heart

Mock Exams start (See timetable below)

Wear Pink and Cake stall

Break up until 2 November

**School Bulletins can also be found on our school website
using the link below**

<https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents>

Reminder
that all
events can be
found on the
school
calendar.

[School Events
- Calendar](#)

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I would like to thank all families for their continued support throughout what has been a busy and productive half term.

A reminder that Friday is a designated staff training day and, therefore, students are not in school. We look forward to welcoming students back after the half-term holiday on Monday 2 November.

I hope that all our students, families and staff enjoy a well-deserved rest over the break. Thank you for your continued support, and I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term.

With best wishes,
Mr I Chapman
Headteacher

DETENTION CONCERNS PROCEDURE

If your child has received a detention and they think it has been given unfairly or in error, please encourage them to attend the detention and talk politely to the teacher to explain why they think this. Children are expected to attend any detention that has been issued, even if they believe it has been given unfairly or in error. Attending the detention demonstrates respect for school procedures and helps avoid further consequences for non-attendance.

Following the process calmly and respectfully helps us maintain a fair and consistent approach for all students. Please do not email the office or the teacher asking for sanctions to be removed.

Learning to respond appropriately to decisions they disagree with is an important part of growing up and developing maturity, resilience and independence. By attending the detention and discussing their concerns respectfully with staff, pupils learn how to advocate for themselves, explain their viewpoint and resolve disagreements in a constructive way. These are valuable life skills that will help them navigate challenges and differences of opinion both in school and beyond.

WEAR PINK DAY: Thursday 22 October – BREAST CANCER NOW

UWS is proud to continue raising vital funds to enable ongoing support and research by Breast Cancer Now.

Fact: 55,000 people are diagnosed with breast cancer each year in the UK!

- UWS are holding a bake sale on **Thursday 22 October**, students can buy a cake (50p-£1, cash only) and all donations will go to support the charity.
- Wear it PINK day- **One PINK item** (not everything Pink. Your PINK, your way, your style. Let's turn UWS PINK! £1 donation will be collected in form time. **(Please consider the UWS non-uniform policy first)**
- Win a jar of sweets- across the week students can guess the number of sweets in the jar to win to sweets, 50p a guess.

ANY DONATIONS FOR THE BAKE SALE WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED AND SHOULD BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO MRS LAIDER-SMITH IN THE

OCTOBER HARVEST – 5-22 October 2026 - REMINDER

We are once again inviting our school community to come together in support of local charities, families and individuals who may need a little extra help.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, and we would still be very grateful for any donations of tinned goods and non-perishable items. Toiletries and household products would also be warmly welcomed.

All donations received will be shared within the local community through Homeless Not Hopeless and Skipton Food Bank.

How to donate: Students can bring items into school and either place them in the donation box outside Mr Headington's office, given to Mrs Laidler-Smith or hand them to their form tutor.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness and continued support.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Just a quick reminder this is the link for the timetable on the school website [Extra-Curricular-Activities.pdf](#)

YEAR 11 ASSEMBLIES – POST 16

We have managed to arrange for various Post 16 providers to come into school to do assemblies for our KS4 students to give them some insight into what courses they run: A-Levels, T-Levels etc. These will take place on the following dates: -

16/10 Ilkley Grammar School	6/11 Ermysteds/Skipton Girls High School
13/11 Giggleswick School	20/11 Keighley College

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY - LABCORP

We are delighted to share with you details of the Labcorp virtual work experience programme which will be running in November. This is fantastic opportunity for students to learn more about what is involved in the drug development process and the interesting and varied careers available in this field. Students of any age are welcome to join but the program may be particularly pertinent to:

- Students in year 9 who are considering GCSE options
- Students in years 10/11 who are considering post-16 options
- Students in years 12/13 who are considering future options (University / Apprenticeships / Employment).

Interested parties will need to register interest via the following link (also available on the flyer):



STEM WEEK – CAN YOU HELP?

Our third annual **STEM Week** will take place from **8 to 12 March 2027**, giving students the opportunity to discover the huge range of careers and pathways available through Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

We are looking for parents, carers and members of our wider community who could share their career experiences through talks, workshops, Q&As, workplace visits, videos or careers profiles. No teaching experience is necessary, and we can help with planning.

If you work in STEM, or know a colleague, friend or family member who does, please get in touch or share this opportunity with them.

We would love as many different careers and industries as possible to be represented and to inspire our students about where STEM could take them.

Last year we welcomed over 40 visitors - not including the horse, dog and robots - please see here for a few of the highlights and feedback from our visitors: [STEM week at UWS 2026](#)

BECOME A SCHOOL GOVERNOR

We are always keen to hear from members of our community who may be interested in becoming a governor at Upper Wharfedale School.

The Governing Board plays a vital role in supporting and challenging school leaders to ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. Governors help to shape the strategic direction of the school, monitor its performance and provide valuable expertise and insight.

We welcome expressions of interest from people with a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and skills. Whether your expertise lies in education, finance, business, law, human resources, health, communications, community work or another field, your knowledge could make a valuable contribution to the school.

Being a governor is a rewarding opportunity to support local young people and help shape the future of our school and wider community.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a school governor, please contact the school and we would be delighted to discuss the opportunity with you.

SCIENCE NEWS – GROUP CHANGES

KS3 classes (years 7-9) will be rotating to their next science room next week (19th October). This will change on their Bromcom timetables from Monday, but the rooms will be different to any handwritten timetables for instance on their lanyards. *Biology --> Chemistry --> Physics*

- a. If they have been in Biology with Miss Roberts (room 11), they will move to Chemistry with Mr Lloyd (room 10).
- b. If they have been in Chemistry with Mr Lloyd (room 10), they will move to Physics with Mr Barton (room 12).
- c. If they have been in Physics with Mr Barton (room 12). they will move to Biology with Miss Roberts (room 11).



Year 7 House Walks 2026

Excellence for all



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HOUSE HILL WALKS

During the first two weeks of term all year 7 students had the opportunity to walk to the top of their designated house hill. Elbolton, Langerton, Kail and Stebden.

It was wonderful to see students supporting one another, demonstrating excellent teamwork and resilience as they tackled the challenge together. These events continue to be a highlight of our house programme and provide valuable opportunities for students to develop character and strengthen friendships.



REMINDER – HOW TO GET ON TO EDUCAKE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child will soon be given a username and password for something called Educake. Educake is an online homework and revision system for secondary schools.

Students can use it on a PC, tablet or smartphone by going to www.educake.co.uk.

They can also access Educake via the Student Portal homepage.

Logging in

They should scroll down and click 'sign in with Microsoft' and use

Teachers might set quizzes for homework or classwork in

can be retaken as many times as students want to improve their score. Every question is auto marked, and students get instant feedback. They can also 'query' an answer for their teacher to review.

Educake makes revision easy and effective. Students can set themselves quizzes for more practice. They can see how they are doing on every topic and can identify areas to revise based on their progress. If they're not sure where to start, the revision wizard shows them which topics they need to work on and creates personalised quizzes.

The next page of this letter will show you how Educake works.

When you have logged in to use Educake as a student, you see this page first:

The image shows the Educake login interface. At the top is the Educake logo. Below it are two main input sections. The first is labeled "Educake username" and contains a text box with the placeholder "For example, maxg0004", a red error message "Please enter a username", and a checkbox labeled "Remember my username". The second section is labeled "Educake password" and contains a text box with the placeholder "Enter your Educake password here" and a red error message "Please enter a password". Below these is a purple "Log in" button. A horizontal line with the word "or" in the center separates this from the social login options. There are two buttons: "Sign in with Google" (with the Google logo) and "Sign in with Microsoft" (with the Microsoft logo). A red arrow points to the "Sign in with Microsoft" button.

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Educake. Quizzes

When your teacher has set you a quiz, it'll be here. Click on it to take it. Your progress is always saved, so you can return to it later.

Find all of your quizzes in one place. Click on one to go over your results and see if your teachers have left you any feedback.

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My Educake

Revision wizard >

Your Upcoming Quizzes View all your quizzes

Subject	Quiz name	Assigned by	Due
English	The Secret Garden (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	16-11-2021
Chemistry	Pure Substances (39 Qs)	Dr Vander	19-11-2021
Geography	Urban change quiz 1 (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	22-11-2021
Computer Science	Algorithms (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	25-11-2021

Study and Quiz Yourself KS3 GCSE

GCSE Science – AQA	70%
Biology	66%
Chemistry	67%
Physics	69%
Maths for Science	86%
Working Scientifically	0%
GCSE Geography – AQA	54%
GCSE Maths – Edexcel	52%
GCSE English – Edexcel	71%
GCSE Computer Science – OCR	65%

The revision wizard calculates your strengths and weaknesses and sets you exactly the quizzes you need to improve. Take the quizzes to improve your knowledge and understanding.

View your progress by clicking on any subject to see a breakdown of your topics.

To set yourself an Educake quiz, choose the topics and how many questions you want.

Here's a 2-minute video that gives parents and carers a quick overview of Educake [Educake for Parents \(Secondary\)](#)



WINTER MOCK EXAMS

With the winter mock exams for Year 10 and Year 11 students are approaching, the timetable is as follows:

Year 11

Monday 19 October	Morning	English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel	1h45m
Tuesday 20 October	Morning	English Language Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing	1h45m
Tuesday 17 November	Throughout the day	French Paper 2: Speaking Foundation/Higher	15m per student
Monday 23 November	Morning	English Literature Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry	2h15m
Monday 23 November	Afternoon	Geography Paper 1: Living with the physical environment	1h
Tuesday 24 November	Morning	Biology Foundation / Higher Combined Science Paper 1: Biology 1 Foundation / Paper 1: Biology 1 Higher	1h45m 1h10m
Tuesday 24 November	Afternoon	French Paper 1 - Listening Foundation/Higher	45m/1h
Wednesday 25 November	Morning	History British depth study & Period study Drama Understanding Drama	1h50m 1h45m
Wednesday 25 November	Afternoon	Mathematics Paper 1 (Non-Calculator) Foundation / Higher	1h30m
Thursday 26 November	Morning	Chemistry Foundation / Higher Combined Science Paper 2: Chemistry 1 Foundation / Paper 2: Chemistry 1 Higher	1h45m 1h10m
Thursday 26 November	Afternoon	French Paper 3 - Reading Foundation / Higher	45m/1h
Friday 27 November	Morning	Mathematics Paper 2 (Calculator) Foundation / Higher	1h30m
Friday 27 November	Afternoon	PE Component 1: Fitness and Body Systems	1h30m

Monday 30 November	Morning	Physics Foundation / Higher Combined Science 1h10m Paper 3: Physics 1 Foundation / Paper 3: Physics 1 Higher	1h45m 1h10m
Monday 30 November	Afternoon	Health and Social Care - IF REQUIRED Health and Wellbeing	1h
Tuesday 1 December	Morning	English Language Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives	1h45m
Tuesday 1 December	Afternoon	Geography Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment	1h
Wednesday 2 December	Morning	Business	1h45m
Wednesday 2 December	Afternoon	Mathematics Paper 3 (Calculator) Foundation / Higher	1h30m
Thursday 3 December	Morning	Art (teaching group 11D/Ad1) Design & Technology Component 1 Hospitality & Catering The Hospitality and Catering Industry	3h 2h 1h20m
Thursday 3 December	Afternoon	Art (teaching group 11D/Ad1)	2h
Friday 4 December	Morning	Art (teaching group 11B/Ad1) PE Component 2: Health and Performance French Paper 4 - Writing Foundation / Higher	3h 1h15m 1h15m / 1h20m
Friday 4 December	Afternoon	Art (teaching group 11B/Ad1)	2h
Monday 7 December	All day	Catch up sessions for missed exams	

Year 10

Friday 4 December	Afternoon	Y10 Religious Studies Short Course Y10 Religious Studies Full Course	1h 50m
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Mock exams are really important because they are the final chance for the students to show their teachers what they can do in a formal assessment before the real exams next summer.

As such, please encourage your child to prepare well and be ready for what is asked of them.

If anyone misses an exam because of illness or unavoidable absence from school, there will be sessions to catch up on missed exams – Mr Willis will liaise with students about this, but all catch up sessions will take place during the main exam period, 23 November to 7 December.

**Mr Willis will be contacting students and parents in the next couple of weeks about access arrangements.
In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Willis at school.**



Bradford District Care
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent / Carer Workshops

Specialist advice for parents of children with SEND living in the Craven area
Delivered by the Children's Learning Disability Team Craven

Accessing Health Services



Information session covering: Adult health services, Annual health checks, Hospital passports, preparing for procedures/ interventions.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 18 September 2026 and 19 March 2027

Behaviour strategies and support



Explore the reasons for behaviour of concern, as well as strategies to manage and reduce them.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 16 October 2026 and 16 April 2027

Strategies to improve Sleep



Evidence based advice and strategies on how to improve your child's sleep routine and environment.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 20 November 2026 and 21 May 2027

Toilet training support



Specialist advice on how to prepare, manage and support your child with toilet training.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 15 January 2027 and 18 June 2027

Preparing for Puberty



Strategies on how to support your child on their journey towards and through Puberty, ages 7+.

🕒 12:30 to 14:30

📅 19 February 2027 and 16 July 2027

📍 **Fisher Medical Centre, Community Hub Room,
Millfields, Coach Street, Sipton, 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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GAMES



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**BE
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YOUTH CLUB

**A SPACE TO HANG OUT FOR
SCHOOL YEARS 6 - 11
INSIDE AND OUTSIDE
ACTIVITIES**



**TABLE
TENNIS**



ROUNDERS



FOOTBALL



Thursday 1st October

📍 KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Monday 5th October

📍 GRASSINGTON CHURCH HOUSE
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Monday 12th October

📍 LINTON VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Monday 19th October

📍 CRACOE VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



Thursday 29th October

📍 KETTLEWELL VILLAGE HALL
🕒 6PM - 8PM



CRICKET



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