

Newsletter

“ Being the best
we can be! ”

Scalby Academy

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Latest from the Headteacher

End of Term Update – Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the first half of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been a fantastic start to the academic year here at Scalby Secondary Academy.

We are now eight weeks into the term, and I'm proud to say that our students have settled in brilliantly. Across the school, routines and expectations have been embedded with consistency and care. From the moment students enter the classroom, they are focused—planners and equipment out, titles and dates written, and straight into learning through our daily 'drill' activities. These small habits are helping build a strong culture of learning and purpose.

Year 11 Trial Exams & Mentoring

This half term has seen our Year 11 students preparing for and sitting trial exams in English, Maths, and Science. Staff have worked incredibly hard to support students through revision sessions, Walking Talking Mocks, and pre-exam breakfasts. These efforts have helped ensure students feel confident and prepared—thank you to everyone involved. I'm pleased to say all data in, is pointing towards another set of excellent results in the Summer with improvement evidenced across all subjects.

We also launched our SLT Mentoring Wars, with 46 Year 11 students and 8 senior leaders taking part. The competitive spirit has been fantastic to see, and it's clear that both students and staff are thriving under the challenge!



Dates for your Diary



Half Term

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October
Students return
Monday 3rd November



Year 9 Holland Trip

5th - 9th November 2025



Year 11 Exam Prep Evening

12th November at 6pm



Y11 Trial Exams

Start Monday 24th November



Staff Training Day

Monday 1st December
School Closed to students
School re-opens Tuesday 2nd December

Enrichment & Cultural Capital

We've had some brilliant enrichment opportunities this term:



Year 7 students attended the Scarborough Engineering Fair, sparking curiosity and ambition in STEM.



Students in Years 7–10 took part in cultural enrichment workshops led by external speakers, helping to broaden horizons and build cultural capital.



Year 10 students took part in Geography fieldwork down the Coast.

Sports & Performing Arts

Our sports teams have been busy with after-school fixtures, and it's been wonderful to see so many students involved and performing with pride. Meanwhile, rehearsals are in full swing for our Drama Department's production of *Guys and Dolls*. The cast is growing by the day, and the excitement is palpable.

Attendance & Rewards

Improving attendance remains a key priority, and I want to thank all staff, students and families who are working hard to support this. It was a pleasure to join Mrs Vickers in visiting mentors and handing out Pick and Mix rewards which were greatly received by those students with 100% attendance in September.

This week, we also celebrated our first major reward event of the year—Dunny's Spooktacular! The event was fantastically received by students, with plenty of fun, laughter, and recognition for those who've shown excellent behaviour and attendance in recent weeks. A huge thank you to Mr Dunn and all staff involved in making it such a memorable occasion.

Looking Ahead

As we head into the half term break, we remain focused on maintaining the pace of learning and making every second count. Next half term is packed with exciting opportunities and important milestones:

Year 9 students will be heading off on their much-anticipated trip to Holland.

Year 11 will sit another round of trial exams across all EBacc subjects.

Year 10 will complete a Maths trial exam.

KS3 students will take part in assessments across all EBacc subjects.

We'll also be speaking to families at our Year 9 Parents' Evening.

These events are key to supporting student progress and ensuring we continue to challenge and inspire every learner.

Thank you once again for your support. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Warm regards,

Chris Robertson
Headteacher

Boy Band 'As1one' Visit

We were delighted to extend a warm Scalby welcome to touring performers 'As1one' on 9th October.

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 enjoyed the music and messages the group brought with their unique perspectives across traditions and cultures.

With members from both Israeli and Palestinian backgrounds the young men shared empowering narratives around challenging discrimination, positive mental health and hope for the future.

Our students matched their energy and enthusiasm with an overwhelming response to this uplifting opportunity.



Dunny's SPOOKTACULAR Quiz



🎃 Spooktacular Rewards for Stellar Students! 🧛

This half term, we celebrated the fantastic efforts of our students who met their behaviour and attendance targets with a frightfully fun treat — a Halloween-themed quiz event from Mr Dunn, that was equal parts eerie and exciting!

🧠 Brains and Boos! Held in the final week of October, the quiz brought together our most dedicated students for a ghoulishly good time. From creepy cryptic questions to spine-tingling trivia, teams battled it out in a cauldron of knowledge. The atmosphere was electric — with cobwebs, pumpkins, and plenty of laughter echoing through the dining hall.

🎁 Tricks, Treats, and Triumphs Winners didn't just earn bragging rights — they walked away with Halloween-themed prizes.

🌟 A Big Thank You to all the staff who helped organise this! We're incredibly proud of all the students who earned their place at the quiz. Your dedication to showing up and showing respect makes our school a better place every day. Keep up the great work — and who knows what themed surprises await next half term?

🕸 Until then, stay spooky and stay brilliant!



Year 11 Afterschool Intervention

Monday

Subject	Location	Staff
Science	Subject Classroom	Subject Teachers
GCSE PE/Sport	V14	Mrs Peake /Mr Curran Miss Trotter
KS4 Art Support	A2	Mrs Morrison
KS4 Textiles	V13	Mrs Devaney
Year 11 Drama	Drama	Mrs Buric (3.30-5.30pm)

Tuesday

Subject	Location	Staff
French Higher Tier	L2	Mrs Pearson

Wednesday

Subject	Location	Staff
GCSE Maths Support	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
GCSE History Support	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
Art – All other YR groups	A2	Mrs Morrison

Thursday

Subject	Location	Staff
GCSE English	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
GCSE Geography	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
KS4 Art Support	A2	Mrs Morrison

Friday

Subject	Location	Staff
GCSE French (Foundation tier)	L2 L3	Mrs Pearson Mrs Pickering
GCSE Geography	Subject Classrooms	Subject Teachers
Art (all other YR groups)	A3	Mrs Devaney
Year 11 Drama	Drama	Mrs Buric (3.30-5.30pm)
Year 11 Music	V12	Miss Bancroft



Performing Arts Department:

Guys and Dolls Junior

We are staging a musical!!

Rehearsals are now underway for our school production of Guys and Dolls Junior which will be performed at the YMCA Theatre on the 9th, 10th and 11th of July.

The rehearsal schedule is currently 2.30pm to 4.30pm every Wednesday and Thursday. The schedule is placed on both the Drama and Music doors. Please check when you may be needed.





Term Dates 2025-26

Academic Year 2025/2026



Autumn Term 2025

- > Staff Training Day - Monday 1st September (School Closed to Students)
- > Autumn Term Commences - Tuesday 2nd September (Students Return to School)
- > Half term - Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October
- > Students Return to School - Monday 3rd November
- > School Training Day - Monday 1st December (School Closed to Students)
- > Autumn Term Finishes - Friday 19th December at 12.30pm
- > Christmas Break - Monday 22nd December to 2nd January

Spring Term 2026

- > Staff Training Day - Monday 5th January (School Closed to Students)
- > Spring Term Commences - Tuesday 6th January (Students Return to School)
- > Half Term - Monday 16th February - 20th February
- > School Reopens - Monday 23rd February (Students Return to School)
- > Spring Term Ends - Friday 27th March at 14:30pm
- > Easter Holidays - Monday 30th March - 10th April

Summer Term 2026

- > Summer Term Commences - Monday 13th April (Students Return to School)
- > May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May (School Closed to Students)
- > Half term - Monday 25th May - 29th May
- > School Reopens - Monday 1st June
- > Staff Training - Friday 26th June (School Closed to Students)
- > Summer Term Ends - Friday 17th July at 12:30pm
- > Staff Training Day - Monday 20th July (School Closed to Students)



Term Dates 2026-27

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

- > Staff Training Day - Monday 7th September (School Closed to Students)
- > Autumn Term Commences - Tuesday 8th September (Students Return to School)
- > Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October
- > Staff Training Day - Monday 2nd November (School Closed to Students)
- > Students Return to School - Tuesday 3rd November
- > Staff Training Day - Friday 4th December (School Closed to Students)
- > Autumn Term Finishes - Friday 18th December at 12.30pm
- > Christmas Break - Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

Spring Term 2027

- > Spring Term Commences - Monday 4th January (Students Return to School)
- > Half Term - Monday 8th February - 12th February
- > School Reopens - Monday 15th February (Students Return to School)
- > Spring Term Ends - Friday 19th March at 14:30pm
- > Easter Holidays - Monday 22nd March - 2nd April

Summer Term 2027

- > Summer Term Commences - Monday 5th April (Students Return to School)
- > May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 3rd May (School Closed to Students)
- > Half term - Monday 31st May - 4th June
- > School Reopens - Monday 7th June
- > Staff Training - Friday 2nd July (School Closed to Students)
- > Summer Term Ends - Friday 23rd July at 12:30pm
- > Staff Training Day - Monday 26th July (School Closed to Students)



Catering Update

The new school menu is now up and running, and the uptake and feedback from students has been fantastic.

We will no longer be allowing any student to go overdrawn on their school dinner accounts, please check daily that your child has enough money on their account.

Students that receive a free school meal receive £2.55 daily for lunch which covers the meal deals available. They will not be able to use their FSM allowance at break time or breakfast.

Please encourage

Information on items available throughout the day is available on the school website.

All Meal Deals £2.55

OPTION 1	Main Meal Dessert or Homebake or Fruit or Yoghurt Generation Juice 250ml
OPTION 2	Vegetarian Meal Dessert or Homebake or Fruit or Yoghurt Generation Juice 250ml
OPTION 3	Smartfood Pasta Dessert or Homebake or Fruit or Yoghurt Generation Juice 250ml
OPTION 4	Jacket Potato - One Topping Dessert or Homebake or Fruit or Yoghurt Generation Juice 250ml
OPTION 5	Simple Sandwich - One filling Dessert or Homebake or Fruit or Yoghurt Generation Juice 250ml





Afterschool clubs: Changes after half term

Netball: Due to clashes with Drama and DoF, Netball practice will now take place on **Mondays** afterschool.

Basketball - Will take place in the Sports hall on **Wednesdays**.

Dance with Lauren: Dance club with Lauren Exley will now take place on **Tuesday** afterschool in the Village Gym.

Richard Lucas Cross Country - A Great Turnout!

We were incredibly proud of all participants who represented the school with determination, grit, and great sportsmanship in the annual Richard Lucas Cross Country event on Wednesday 25th September. It was a fantastic afternoon of Cross Country. Special mentions go to:

- Noah Y7 - 2nd place
- Sophie Y9 - 6th place
- Miller Y9 - 6th place
- Freddie Y11 - 9th place

Well done team Scalby!



Y11 District Netball - Great Teamwork and Spirit

Congratulations to our Year 11 Netball Team, who recently competed in their final tournaments for Scalby School in the Partnership and District Netball Tournament. The girls played fantastically well, demonstrating sharp passing, solid defence and teamwork that made us all proud. The girls were also sporting our brand new Netball Dresses. The team looked smart and professional on the court—bringing a new level of confidence and pride to their game!



Year 10 Boys Rugby Tackling the Season Head-On

Our Year 10 Rugby Team have made a powerful start to the season with strong performances in recent fixtures. Their teamwork, discipline, and physicality have been impressive. Player of the tournament: Joe M. Keep up the great work, boys!

Women's Rugby World Cup Celebrating Women in Sport

Special congratulations go to ex-student Zoe Aldcroft, England Captain on her outstanding achievement in the Women's Rugby World Cup.

Zoe's journey from our school fields to the international arena is truly inspiring for our current students—proof that dreams and dedication can take you far. Well done, Zoe.

Scarborough Netball Club Tuesday Sessions Open!

Are you looking to develop your netball skills outside of school? The **Scarborough Netball Club** runs weekly sessions on **Tuesdays** from 5:00-6:00 PM at Scalby School. All abilities are welcome, and it's a great opportunity to meet other players and improve your game. Speak to a member of the PE dept if you'd like more info or help signing up.



**Thank you for your continued support
-The PE Department**

Health Focus: Living a Healthy, Active Lifestyle

At the heart of our PE programme is the goal to help students live a healthy, balanced life—not just now, but into adulthood. So far this half term students have been discussing:

The 4 Attributes of a Healthy, Active Lifestyle:

1. 60 minutes of physical activity per day
2. Hydration - 6-8 large glasses of water per day
3. Nutrition - fuelling the body with the correct nutrients
4. Sleep - 8-10 hours of quality sleep every night

Benefits of Leading a Healthy Lifestyle:

- **Physical** - Stronger muscles and bones, Reduced risk of illness and long-term health problems
- **Emotional** Improved concentration and academic performance
- **Social** Better emotional regulation and self-confidence

Encourage your child to get moving every day—whether it's walking, team sports, dance, or fitness challenges. Every little bit counts!

Stay active, stay healthy, and get involved.

— The PE Department

After School Clubs

Monday

Club	Location	Staff
Netball	Yard Sports Hall	Mrs Peake / Miss Trotter
School Band	V12	Miss Bancroft

Tuesday

Club	Location	Staff
Dance	Village Gym	Lauren Exley

Wednesday

Club	Location	Staff
Basketball	Sports Hall	Mr Curran
Football	Sports Field	Mr Curran
Couch to 5K	Meet at V9	Miss Choat
Drama Rehearsals Guys & Dolls	Drama	Mrs Buric/Miss Bancroft / Mrs Doubtfire (2.30-4.30pm)
Book Club	LRC	Mrs Selby

Thursday

Club	Location	Staff
Badminton	Sport Hall	Mrs Peake
Table Tennis	Village Gym	Mr Curran
Drama Rehearsals Guys & Dolls	Drama	Mrs Buric / Miss Bancroft / Mrs Doubtfire (see schedule)
Stem Club	F6	Miss Brennan

Friday

Club	Location	Staff
LGBTQIA+	V9	Miss Choat
Chess Club	F16	Mr Buric