

Summer Newsletter July 2025

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Introduction

Dear Parents/Carers

As the academic year comes to a close, can I thank you all for your ongoing support this year. Working in positive collaboration with families, allows the best outcomes for our students, whether these are emotional, social or academic. We appreciate your time and your cooperation.



This year, as I am sure you are aware, we had our first Ofsted inspection under our new leadership structure. As much as the outcomes did not meet our expectations, or reflect where we feel we are moving as a school, the report reads positively and the lead inspector was highly complimentary about the work that has been done by staff, students, governors and the support we have from our families.

As we move the school forward, we are using the recommendations from the Ofsted report, in order to implement the incremental changes required. We do this with our school community at the forefront of any decision that is made. A great deal of research has been carried out by the senior team and we are confident of the planned changes for September.

There has been much to celebrate over this past academic year, but the school community has also faced difficult times. I am sure that you are aware that we tragically lost Kye Cunnington from Year 11. This was a difficult time for all those who knew and loved him, the positives that came from the devastation, are something of which we are immensely proud. Kye's friends, along with staff from school and external agencies, planned a charity football match "Kye's Kick Off". Hundreds of spectators attended the event, along with Kye's family, to watch our Year 11 football team play out Year 9 football team at South Shields Mariners. The event was a huge success, raising over four thousand pounds for charity. Kye's friends then went on to win a Special Recognition award, at the Key's Award Event for showing remarkable heart, resilience and purpose for the event. We are immensely proud of how the school worked as a community to navigate such a difficult time and, in turn, something that would benefit others.

I hope that you enjoy the information in the summer newsletter. The school has much to celebrate and I hope that you enjoy reading about it.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer. Students have been encouraged to relax and keep themselves safe. We look forward to welcoming everybody back in September.

Mrs L Pippin
Head Teacher

Term Dates 2025/26

Wednesday 3 September 2025

Year 7 only - 8.40am

Years 8 to 11 - 9.50am

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Pastoral Updates

Punctuality

Students are reminded that morning line up is 8.40am and **MUST** be there in their tutor groups at this time. Registration will promptly start at 8.45am with all students in the classroom ready to learn and retrieve. Late marks will be issued for those students who continuously arrive after 8.40am.



Attendance

We continue our drive to improve attendance into the next academic year. As part of this, students will be congratulated and encouraged to attend school every day, alongside those who may require additional support. It is proven that those who attend school 95% are more likely to achieve their best potential. Please support and encourage your child to have the best attendance and have minimum days away from learning.

There will be an increase in recognition for both improvements and maintaining high standards.

ALL students who attend the first day back in September will receive 25 positive behaviour points.

ALL students who attend the first week back in September will double their points to 50 positive behaviour points.

Fantastic kick start to the new academic year.

Please see the table below outlining how many days learning is missed depending on the attendance of your child.

Attendance	Days Missed Per Year	What it means
100%	0	Excellent – Full attendance!
98%	-4	Very good – almost perfect!
95%	-9.5	Good – but nearly 2 full weeks of learning lost
90%	-19	Concerning – that's nearly 4 weeks off
85%	-28.5	Serious risk – over half a term missed

Please continue to support your child by:

- **Making school a daily non-negotiable routine.**
- **Booking appointments outside school hours whenever possible- evidence required.**
- **Avoiding term-time holidays.**
- **Keeping communication open with the school if your child is struggling.**
- **Encouraging a positive attitude toward school.**

Punctuality has improved significantly in the last term, we continue to make further improvements next year. ALL students are required at 8.40am morning line up. Students are required to attend line up as a calm and consistent start to the day, hear important messages and be part of our school community. ALL students are required at line up and no student is exempt from this.

There will be some big prizes to be entered into at Christmas (end of Term 1) for those students who turn up on time every day. To be launched in September 2025.

Minimising lost learning

We continue to encourage students to go to the toilet during designated break and lunch times. This is to ensure we minimise the risk of lost learning by being out of the classroom. Learning and retrieval at the start and end of every lesson is crucial for long term retention of information and maximum success. Students will not be permitted to go to the toilet in the first and last ten minutes of all lessons to support learning.

Please be aware that students with toilet passes will be taken off the system at the start of every academic year. Early passes will also be removed from class charts for all students. Please get in touch with your child's year lead if you require further discussion around long term requirements (this will be subject to medical information)

Drop-offs



The front of the school is becoming very busy in the morning due to parents/carers dropping their child at the front reception door. Please can all parents/carers drop their child in the designated drop off areas as students are not permitted to enter the school through these doors- visitors/staff and parents are to use this entrance. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Equipment



All students will be provided with an equipment pack on their return in September. Each will receive a pencil case with pens, pencil, ruler, rubber and highlighter to equip them for lessons. If a student needs to replace any of these items, they can be purchased through the class charts rewards app (further information to follow) or with cash. Students are welcome to bring additional equipment if they wish.

Intervention

We have done some preparation this half term with our Year 10 cohort who we will welcome back as Year 11 in September. Some information was shared with parents at the last parents evening. Please be aware that there will be a strong focus on intervention for them next year. Interventions will happen both in registration and after school. Lists of students required will be shared ahead of interventions beginning. We are looking forward to working with the year group to elect a student Council and a Prom Committee. Entry requirements for Prom 2026 are as follows:

- 95% attendance or above
- Good punctuality to school
- 85% behaviour ratio on Class Charts
- No suspensions
- 90% attendance to interventions

Uniform Updates

Please ensure all students return to school with the correct uniform, including Boldon School jumper, white polo top (branded or non), either black tailored trousers or black tights and knee length skirt and polishable black school shoes.

To note: trainers of any type/ leggings/ short tight skirts will NOT be permitted.

As a school we have invested in brand new uniform for the store and this will be washed after every wear. Changing facilities are available next to the uniform store.

Our uniform store will continue to support those students who arrive in school with incorrect uniform through no fault of their own. This is a discrete and supportive measure. Students are required to access the uniform store before school to ensure they make a positive start to the school day.

The uniform store will also aid in those students who have chosen to ignore the uniform policy and wear incorrect uniform. Students will be required to borrow the correct uniform for the day to avoid further sanctions. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Please be aware that there will be NO trainer passes on the system for September. ALL students are expected to be in appropriate school shoes.

There are NO sportswear items as part of our uniform policy e.g. NO tracksuit bottoms, trainers or leggings.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child starts the new term appropriately dressed and part of the Boldon School Community.

ALL students require a suitable bag for school. This is a requirement to ensure they start the day well with all equipment. This should be big enough to fit a PE kit in, equipment packs and any additional items e.g. lunch. Small handbags are NOT appropriate and NOT suitable.



Catering



National Breakfast Programme

A reminder that we offer a free breakfast to all students from 8.00am Monday to Friday. This includes bagels, selection of cereals and weetabix.

Break and Lunch Provision

Chartwells continue to provide our food provision. Breaktime has a variety of food available, ranging from a slice of toast, at 25p, to a bacon sandwich/pizza slice and many more.

Lunch has a range of hot and cold options ranging from sandwiches, hot meal deals (selected meal and dessert), grab and go and pasta pots. There is always free water available.

To support with allergies and intolerances our school kitchen is completely nut free.

Regarding your child's school meal account, can you please log onto ParentPay and check if your child's account is in debit? If so, can we request that this be settled? If you need your log-in details, please email gayle.eglintine@boldonschool.org.uk

Please ensure you top up your child's Parent Pay account regularly so they do not go into a minus.



Scholars Bus Timetable

AM Service - Bus Number 542

07.25 LOW SIMONSIDE, Falmouth Drive, Taunton Avenue, Lynton Avenue, Auckland Terrace, A194 Leam Lane

07.34 EDINBURGH ROAD, Perth Avenue

07.37 IVERNESS ROAD, Perth Avenue, John Reid Road

07.41 CREMATORIUM, Chesterton Road

07.43 BIDDICK HALL, Sheridan Road, Galsworthy Road, B1298, Nevison Avenue, King George Road Roundabout

07.50 NEVISON AVENUE, Whiteleas Way

07.55 WHITELEAS SHOPS, Galsworthy Road, Benton Road

08.07 NEW ROAD, Hubert Street

08.10 ARRIVES BOLDON COLLIERY ASDA

PM Service – Bus Number 542

15.25 BOLDON SCHOOL, New Road, Hubert Street, Henley Way, Abingdon Way, Hedworth Way, A19 Slip Road, A19, Lindisfarne Roundabout

15.38 LEAM LANE A194, John Reid Road

15.41 CREMATORIUM, John Reid Road, Chesterton Road, Sheridan Road

15.48 BIDDICK HALL ESTATE, Galsworthy Road, Nevinson Avenue

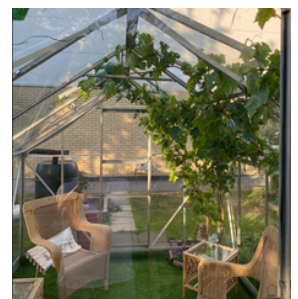
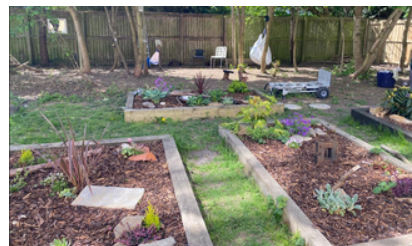
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Boldon School Garden

A massive thank you to Val and the team for the many hours, hard work and labour in turning what was essentially waste land into our fabulous garden.

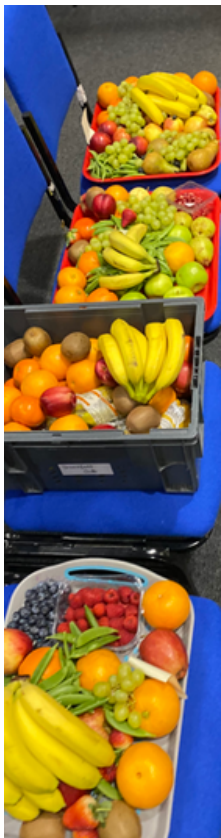
The garden is used for student and staff wellbeing and is somewhere tranquil and peaceful for everyone to use.



Fruit and Veg

We were successful in securing a school grant from Tescos earlier this year, The grant provides funding to schools for fruit and vegetables ensuring everyone gets their 5 a day!

Thanks to Val and of course all the students who have participated in collecting the shopping from Tescos on a weekly basis!



Music Summer **Showcase**

Mrs Townsend took great pride in organising the Music Summer Showcase, held on June 26th in the school theatre. The event was a resounding success, drawing a large and enthusiastic audience of family, friends, and staff. Students dazzled with an impressive display of talent, showcasing their skills in singing, dancing, and musical performance. The energy and enthusiasm on stage were truly infectious, and the students are already looking forward to doing it all again next year.



Congratulations to Mrs Townsend, and to all the students for their outstanding performances!

Bolams PE Kit

The process for ordering your Boldon School PE kit has recently changed - please follow the below instructions to set up your own personal account and password. Alternatively, you can visit the store in South Shields and buy/order directly.

How to Access the New Club Shop.

- Visit www.bolampremiersportswear.co.uk
- Navigate to the Club Shop page in the white bar in the header
- Click your associated club icon from the list
- Register for a new user account with your email address

Once you register, you will receive a link in an email to the address you used, where you can set your Club Shop password.

Return to your Club Shop again and log in with your new credentials. You won't be able to access the Club Shop unless you log in with a registered account.

Year 11



On Thursday 26 June we welcomed our Year 11 students back into school for their leavers' assembly. The students had a great time signing shirts and saying goodbye to their teachers. It was a lovely morning. We then gathered in the theatre for the last time. Tutors spoke about their memories of their tutor groups and Miss Prince and Mrs McIvor-Cross shared lots of funny memories and anecdotes from the last few years. Students and staff shared photos and paid tribute to our late friend Kye who we all miss and will remember forever. Kye's friends have worked incredibly hard to ensure his legacy lives on at Boldon.

We are so incredibly proud of this cohort of students and wish them every success in the next stage of their journey.



Summer Activities



Please use this link below to view activities taking place this Summer!
<https://southtynesidefamilyhubs.co.uk/summer-2025-programme-available-to-book/>

South Shields Sea Cadets are Recruiting!



GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

We're recruiting 12-17 year olds to join our amazing team of cadets at South Shields Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadet unit!

Get involved in a host of amazing activities, team building, waterborne activities like rowing, sailing, powerboating, paddle sports and so much more!

Address: Wapping Street, South Shields, NE33 1LQ
Parade days: Monday & Friday
Parade times: 1900 - 2130*
Cost: £2 per night
Email: general@southshields-scc.co.uk
Telephone: 0191 4560345* (parade times only)
Available to contact on Facebook Messenger

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

sea-cadets.org/southshields

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Charity Registration No. 1087355



Safeguarding Update

Introducing our Child-on-Child Abuse Policy

As part of our commitment to safeguarding and ensuring a safe, respectful environment for all pupils, we are introducing a new Child-on-Child Abuse Policy. This policy outlines how we prevent, identify, and respond to any situations where harm may be caused by one child to another.

To support a smooth and well-informed start to the new academic year, we are sharing this information ahead of the summer holidays. Students have already received age-appropriate information about this policy through recent assemblies, helping them to understand the importance of respectful behaviour and speaking up if they have concerns.

Further details have been emailed to parents/carers.

Youth Groups

There are numerous Youth Groups running on an evening throughout South Tyneside.
Please see their website.

Summer Safety



Network Rail

Trains are fast and quiet, travelling up to 125mph and taking 2km (1 and a quarter miles) to come to a stop.

It is against the law to trespass on the railway and can result in a fine of £1,000 and a criminal record. This isn't just about going onto the tracks; climbing over our fences, throwing things onto the railway etc. is still dangerous and can lead to police involvement even if you don't go on the tracks.

The electricity is ALWAYS switched on around the railway including our equipment boxes and overhead wires, and these use very high voltages and are very dangerous.

You don't have to be touching the wires to receive an electric shock as electricity can jump (arc) up to 3 metres in any direction – including upwards. Even if you're above the wires (e.g. climbing on a bridge) it doesn't mean you're safe from them when getting too close. The injuries received from such a shock can be life-changing, and unfortunately are often deadly.

Always Stop, Look and Listen before using a Level Crossing. Never start to cross a level crossing when its lights are flashing.

Make sure you're paying attention whenever you use any kind of level crossing; keep dogs on short leads, walk across with bikes and horses rather than riding them across, and don't be distracted by phones, earphones etc. as you use the crossing.

Trains can generate turbulence as they go past, it's strong enough to drag someone onto the tracks or under the train – another good reason to not trespass, and the reason why we have the yellow lines on our platforms.

Should you witness any incidents of unauthorised access or trespass, or any other dangerous behaviour on or near railway land please contact British Transport Police by texting 61016, or in emergencies call 999. You can also call the Network Rail 24-hour helpline on 03457 11 41 41.

For more information on railway safety you can visit the websites <https://switchedonrailsafety.co.uk/> which has games, quizzes, and activities aimed at those aged 3 to 16+ and <https://www.youvstrain.co.uk/> which has further resources available for those aged 11+. Please note, the You vs Train website and the 12-16 section of the Switched On website contains content that some people may find upsetting and so is targeted at secondary school-aged children and older. We'd encourage you to visit these sites with your children, if suitable, and discuss with them the dangers of trespassing on the railway.



Summer Safety



**NORTHUMBRIA
POLICE**

E-scooters, EAPCs, E-bikes, and Motorcycles

Information for parents & carers

Road safety law is there to protect riders and other road users. In the event of a collision, the physical consequences can be devastating, life-changing and can ultimately result in the loss of life. Make sure that when your children ride on the roads they are doing so legally and safely with protective equipment such as helmets. Visit [THINK! Road safety](#) and [Road safety - Police.uk](#) for more information.

What does the law say?

E-scooters

NOT ROAD LEGAL
for ANYONE to use

It is illegal for ANYONE to ride a private e-scooter on public land – roads, pavements and cycle paths included. In law, they are treated as motor vehicles and, because they have no number plate, often don't have rear lights or signalling ability, **they cannot be used legally in public.**

[Read more here](#) about penalties and offences.

EAPC

(electrically-assisted pedal cycle)

ROAD LEGAL
for those aged 14 and over. Helmet use is advised but optional

An EAPC must have pedals meaning that the bike can be used with or without the motor, and the fitted motor must cut off at a top speed of 15.5 mph (the speed of an average pedal cyclist)

[Read more here](#) and [here](#)

Electronically powered motorcycle – “E-bike”

Whether or not these are road legal depends on certain conditions (see below)

To be road legal an E-bike must have :

- A number plate
- Brake lights
- Indicators

An E-bike without these is **NOT ROAD LEGAL.**

Also, the rider is subject to the same licence requirements as those for a moped/scooter/motorcycle (see column to the right), and they must have insurance.

Mopeds, scooters and motorcycles

ROAD LEGAL
for those aged 16 and over with a motorcycle licence. Helmet use is mandatory

A provisional driving licence is required and compulsory basic training (CBT) must be completed. The age limit will depend on the type of motorcycle – [visit this link for details](#)

What's the difference between a moped and a scooter? Basically, it's all about engine size, but [read more about it here](#)

Why are rented e-scooters road-legal?

- Renters must have at least a provisional driving licence which has [category Q or P/M entitlement](#)
- The rental company provides insurance for the rider as part of the rental agreement
- They must be ridden in approved areas and only on the road

E-scooter schemes in the Northumbria Police area:

There is an e-scooter rental scheme available in Newcastle. Find out more here:
[Neuron Mobility e-scooter hire in Newcastle upon Tyne](#)

Read the following article for tips on how to [protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter from theft](#)

Summer Safety

As the warmer weather approaches and schools break up for summer, we want to ensure that everyone can safely enjoy our coastline and parks.

We recognise for some young people, particularly when exams and term ends, there is pressure and temptation to engage in risky behaviours such as drinking alcohol or using drugs which can lead to difficult and sometimes dangerous situations.

Aside from the more widely known medical concerns, alcohol and drug use makes young people hugely vulnerable and at risk – as well as to those who could exploit them.

When young people consume alcohol underage, it is often to excess and with the aim of getting drunk.

Our teams have the power to confiscate alcohol to keep children and young people safe as well as protecting the community.

We urge parents, carers and young people to work with us in ensuring our coastline and parks are a safe place for everyone to enjoy this summer break.

We appreciate the difficulties parents can have with teens in particular and would encourage them to talk to their children around large gatherings and the associated risks.

If you are a parent or carer and worried about a young person's alcohol or drug use please seek confidential support from the Matrix Young Peoples Service on 0191 4975637 or email enquiries@ypmatrix.org

Dedicated joint patrol activity will be taking place throughout the summer to tackle any pockets of disorder, and we'd ask anyone with concerns to speak with those on duty.

You can get in touch with Northumbria Police by sending a private message on social media, visiting the live chat on their website or by completing a crime update form.

If you're unable to contact us this way, you can call 101. In an emergency, or where a crime is taking place, always dial 999.

Residents can also report anti-social behaviour to South Tyneside Council by emailing: ASB@southtynesidehomes.org.uk

Summer Safety

E-cigarettes (vapes)

Information for parents & carers



What does the law say?

While it is not illegal for someone to possess a vape if they are under 16, the police can confiscate it in a public place. It is, however, illegal for shops to sell vapes to those under 18, or for an adult to buy or attempt to buy a vape for someone who is under 18. Those who break the law could face a £50 fixed penalty notice or be fined up to £2,500.

If you know of a retailer who is selling vapes to those under 18, you can report this to the relevant local authority's trading standards department using the methods below:

Via online reporting forms:

[Northumberland County Council](#)
[Newcastle City Council](#)
[South Tyneside Council](#)
[Sunderland City Council](#)

By email to Gateshead Council:

tradingstandards@gateshead.gov.uk

By email to North Tyneside Council:

trading_standards@northtyneside.gov.uk

Counterfeit Vapes

You cannot be sure what is in these products both in terms of the construction of the vape itself (poor quality materials e.g. batteries) and the contents of the liquid. [This article](#) gives information about how to spot fake vapes. Any trader selling these counterfeit items should be reported to Trading Standards as above.

Vapes containing THC and synthetic cannabinoids ('SPICE')

THC is the psychoactive component of cannabis (the part that gives the 'high') and 'Spice' is a synthetic form of cannabis which has a similar but much stronger effect to that of cannabis. It's illegal to produce, possess or supply cannabis (THC) in the UK, and it's illegal to produce or supply Spice (as well as it being illegal to possess Spice in a prison), including in vape form. The use of these illegal vape products is on the rise. Users can experience side effects such as nausea, loss of coordination, seizures and overdose. As with the consumption of any drug no one can be sure how their body will react, and when taking illegal substances you can never be sure what they contain or the strength of those ingredients. [The Talk to Frank website](#) contains lots of information about drugs and their side effects. You can report the supply of illegal substances to [Northumbria Police](#) or to [Crimestoppers](#).

Further information

The following e-leaflet for parents and carers contains tips on how to speak to children and young people about vaping: [Vaping and e-cigarettes - The facts for parents and carers](#).

If you'd like to know more about vapes and the pressures young people feel to vape or smoke, visit these websites:

[Vapes | FRANK \(talktofrank.com\)](#)

[Smoking | Childline](#)

**If you have concerns about your child's use of vapes and their health,
please seek advice from a pharmacist or your GP.**

More Information

Website

www.boldonschool.com

Email

info@boldonschool.org.uk

Facebook pages

Boldon School
Boldon School PE
Boldon School DofE

Instagram

[boldonschool_english](#)
[boldon_school_art](#)
[@boldonschoolpedept](#)

We always use social media in a positive way.



Instagram



ClassCharts





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