



# Sheldon School

BE KIND | BE BRAVE | BE THE BEST YOU

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the days grow longer and the first signs of spring emerge, there's a real sense of energy and renewal at Sheldon. The brighter evenings bring fresh opportunities, and our school has been busier than ever with a fantastic range of activities and events. We're excited to share some of the highlights from this term with you below and provide an overview of upcoming events in Term 4.

## **Stranger danger update**

Unfortunately, we had two incidents this term, where students were approached by a stranger on their way to and from the school site. I am pleased to report that this matter appears to have been resolved, and no further incidents have occurred since an arrest was made. I would like to thank staff for increasing their presence around the school before and after hours to reassure our students. We will continue to monitor the school entrances and exits as usual, with staff in high-visibility jackets. If students ever have any concerns, please encourage them to speak to a member of staff located there. We continue to be in contact with the police and will provide further updates, should we get them.

On a more positive note, this has been another fantastic term, with staff and students achieving great success in a variety of events and performances. Some of these highlights are mentioned below. To stay up to date with students' achievements, please follow our [Facebook page](#). For those who don't use social media, you can also read the Sheldon Standard, which is published at the beginning of each term.

## **Be Kind**

The student leadership team organised a great finish to the term with a Staff Vs Students volleyball match to raise money for The Grand Appeal. I look forward to sharing with you next month how much money they have raised.

## **Belonging – Lunar New Year celebrations and EAL coordinators**

It was great to see the catering team and our new English as an Additional Language (EAL) team celebrating the Lunar New Year with our Asian students. They shared dishes from their countries and exchanged small gifts. The new team is working with an increasing number of students and parents who have come from abroad to join Sheldon School, ensuring they feel welcome through translation services and events. If you would like to know more, or would like additional support, please contact [smundy@sheldonschool.co.uk](mailto:smundy@sheldonschool.co.uk).

## **Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund- thank you and help**

The Sheldon Student Opportunity Fund is a registered charity that raises money to support students to cover the costs of extracurricular activities, educational trips and equipment. Many of these valuable opportunities would not be possible without the support of the fund. They recently raised £350 with the help of Roz Chandler Fitness, by hosting a Clubbercise session and £300 via the school lottery.

To continue this important work, they are holding a fundraising raffle in March, and we are reaching out to local businesses and companies for support. We would be incredibly grateful if you could consider donating a raffle prize, voucher, or experience to help us raise funds. Please email - [opportunityfund@sheldonschool.co.uk](mailto:opportunityfund@sheldonschool.co.uk)

## Be Brave

National Careers and Apprenticeship Week has been a key focus this term at Sheldon. Our fantastic careers team has arranged for a wide range of employers to visit during lunchtime, showcasing local career pathways and opportunities. This term alone, we've welcomed the Royal Navy, Wavin UK, Bath College and the Royal United Hospital. The careers team is available at break and lunchtime next to the refectory for further guidance. Please encourage your child to be brave, and speak with employers during lunchtimes to find out about these exciting opportunities.

## Pencelli Year 9 Outdoor Adventure Trip

A highlight of the Sheldon experience is the Year 9 trip to Pencelli Outdoor Adventure Centre in the Brecon Beacons. In January, students embraced the challenge, taking part in canoeing, climbing, mountain walking, caving, and gorge walking. They had a fantastic week, fully immersing themselves in every activity and creating lasting memories. A huge thank you to the students for representing Sheldon so well and to the staff who organized and supported the trip. Current Year 8s will hear more about this exciting opportunity later this year.

## Revision opportunities

As we move into Term 4, each subject is offering Year 11 students revision opportunities during lunchtime and after school. Please encourage your child to be Brave and attend.

**Y11 Revision Workshops Timetable**  
January-May 2025

Monday-Thursday workshops are after school at 3pm.  
Friday workshops are held during lunch.

| Week 1   | Week 2  |
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| <b>Monday</b><br>Geography – H2<br>Dance – A10<br>Business – V11                                       | <b>Monday</b><br>History – H7<br>Dance – A10<br>Business – V11                |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>Science – Refectory<br>Drama – A3  | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Science – Refectory<br>Drama – A3<br>PE – PE1               |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>French – L2/L3<br>German – L1/L4<br>Spanish – L2<br>English – E1<br>Art – A6/A5/A4 | <b>Wednesday</b><br>RS – P5<br>English – E1<br>Art – A6/A5/A4                 |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>Maths – Refectory<br>Music – A1/A2  | <b>Thursday</b><br>Maths – Refectory<br>DT / Food – DT Rooms<br>Music – A1/A2 |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Business – V11 (Lunchtime)  | <b>Friday</b><br>Business – V11 (Lunchtime)                                   |

## Be the best you

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Former, Otis, who won a gold medal at the England Athletics National Indoor Championships in Sheffield. He earned a new PB of 2.09m in a jump-off against teammate and former Sheldon student. They are both having a great season and we look forward to monitoring their successes as they progress to the outdoor season.

## Year 9 South West Rugby Champions

Congratulations to our Year 9 boys Rugby team who were the undefeated winners of the Eric Blackman Cup! They travelled to Millfield to represent Wiltshire in the tournament of 10 teams who all won their regional competitions across the South West. The boys performed fantastically well and won all of their matches, culminating in a close fought final against Stonehenge School, with Sheldon coming out on top. A fantastic achievement!

## Year 11 and 13 Mock Examinations

These year groups have their mock examinations taking place in the first two weeks back after half term, these examinations will take place in the Sports hall and will replicate the exam conditions they will experience in

the summer. All the students have been working through the revision Olympics resources, which are a step-by-step approach on how and what to revise for each subject. All resources can be found [here](#) on our website or on Epraise. I hope the students continue to work hard over the half term and I wish them good luck in the exams.

If you want to support your child, please ask them to complete each subject task each week, there are also revision timetables and advice on how to structure their revision on the website [here](#). The photo below outlines what equipment students need for the exams and other important reminders.

**Equipment**

All equipment must be kept in a clear pencil case or sandwich bag.

You will need:

- 3 x black biro's (not gel)
- 2 x HB pencils
- coloured pencils
- protractor
- compass
- ruler
- rubber
- pencil sharpener
- calculator (without lid)

Calculators must be used without the lid.  
Water bottles must be transparent and without any labels.

**Don't forget...**

**BE ON TIME**

8:30am for morning exams  
12:45pm for afternoon exams

**DON'T BRING DEVICES INTO EXAM VENUES**  
This includes phones, watches, headphones or any other web enabled device.

Use the break to revise, prepare and relax. Get plenty of sleep and look after yourself. It's OK to feel anxious, but remember to be kind, be brave and be the best you!

**Good Luck you got this!**

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### Additional information

With more students choosing to ride their bikes to school, we kindly ask parents to remind their children to wear a helmet. Their safety is our priority, and wearing a helmet is a simple but vital way to protect them. Recently, we have had a few students experience near misses, and in one case, a student was knocked off their bike but thankfully avoided serious injury because they were wearing a helmet.

We will continue to encourage students to wear helmets through assemblies and tutor time, but your support in reinforcing this message at home would be greatly appreciated.

### Welcome our new Chair of Governors

I am pleased to welcome our new Chair of Governors, Richard Jones. He has been a valued member of the governing body for the past two years and is excited to lead the team while working closely with the school's leadership to ensure Sheldon School fulfils its vision of providing high-quality education, enrichment, and pastoral care that enhance the life chances of all students. Richard works in global broadcasting as a technical consultant and currently has a daughter at the school.

Thank you again for all your support this term. We hope you have a great half term and we look forward to welcoming all our students back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes

Pete Lynch  
Headteacher

# Sheldon School Term Dates 2024 – 2025

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| <b>Academic year begins</b> | Mon 2 September 2024  | <b>SDD Days School Open for staff</b><br>Fri 4 Apr 2025 |
| <b>Christmas holiday</b>    | Fri 20 December 2024 (finish 12.35pm) – Tues 7 January 2025 |   |
| <b>February half term</b>   | Mon 17 February 2025 – Fri 21 February 2025                 |   |
| <b>Easter holiday</b>       | Fri 4 April 2025 – Mon 21 April 2025                        |   |
| <b>Half term break</b>      | Mon 26 May 2025 – Fri 30 May 2025                           |   |
| <b>Summer term ends</b>     | Fri 18 July 2025 school finishes 12.35pm                    |   |

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| <p><b>Open Mornings</b><br/>30 Jun-01 Jul 2025</p> <p><b>Year 6 Open Evening</b><br/>Weds 2 Jul 2025</p> | <p><b>Parents' Evenings</b></p> <p><b>Years 7-9 - 4:00pm – 6:30pm (f2f)</b><br/>Year 7 L side    Tues 22 Apr 2025<br/>Year 7 R side    Thurs 01 May 2025<br/>Year 8 L side    Tues 06 Mar 2025<br/>Year 8 R side    Tues 11 Mar 2025</p> <p><b>Years 10-13 – 3:45pm – 6:45pm (f2f)</b><br/>Year 12            Thurs 19 Jun 2025<br/>Year 13            Tues 01 Apr 2025</p> <p><b>Year 12 Parent Information Evenings</b><br/><b>Post-18 options</b><br/>Tues 10 Jun 2025</p> <p><b>New Year 7 Parents' Evening</b><br/>Thurs 10 Jul 2025 6-9pm</p> | <p><b>Year 11 and 13 Mocks (Sports Hall)</b><br/>w/c 24 February 2025<br/>w/c 03 March 2025</p> <p><b>Year 10 &amp; 12 Mock Weeks (Sports Hall)</b><br/>w/c 28 April 2025<br/>w/c 05 May 2025</p> <p><b>Year 7, 8 &amp; 9 Assessment Weeks</b><br/>w/c 9 June 2025<br/>w/c 16 June 2025</p> | <p><b>Year 10 Work Experience Weeks</b><br/>Week beginning 16 June 2025<br/>Week beginning 23 June 2025</p> <p><b>Year 12 Work Experience Week</b><br/>Week beginning 07 July 2025</p> <p><b>Year 11 Prom</b><br/>Thurs 19 June 2025</p> <p><b>Year 13 Ball</b><br/>Tues 01 July 2025</p> <p><b>Summer Concert</b><br/>Tues 15 Jul 2025</p> |
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