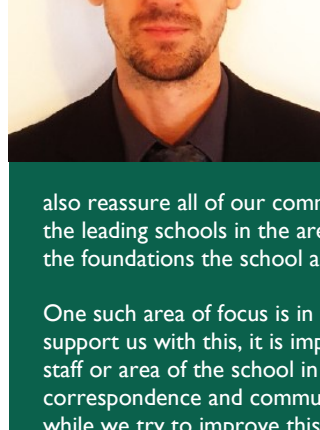


# family BULLETIN



## Welcome

I would like to thank those parent/carers that have expressed their support for the school and their acknowledgement of the challenges being faced at this time. It is very pleasing to know that many of the parent/carers in our community are supportive of the school and the efforts we are making during a turbulent time. The school has been undergoing a number of changes as we merge with Sapientia, inevitably, these will not always be popular, however, I would like to express my personal gratitude to the team that are supporting us through this transition period. I can

also reassure all of our community that the trust is determined to support us in becoming one of the leading schools in the area. We are determined to target areas for improvement and build on the foundations the school already has.

One such area of focus is in the communication between school and parents/ carers. In order to support us with this, it is important that communication from home is directed to the correct staff or area of the school in order to speed up the process. As such, we have included some correspondence and communication advice in this bulletin. I thank you for your understanding while we try to improve this area. Furthermore, updates are taking place on the website to ensure that these correspond with letters and other forms of communication.

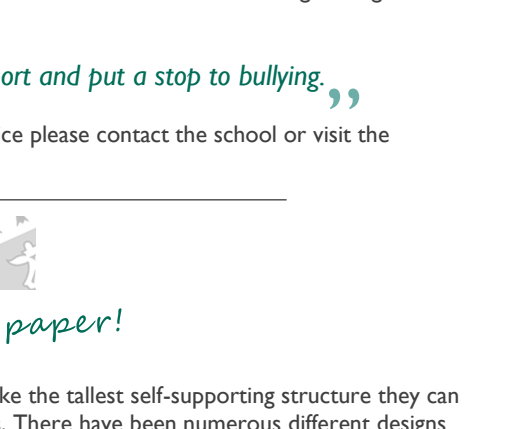
On a personal note, I am determined to develop the areas that are being identified by us. The Sapientia Trust, parent/carers and the student council, I do appreciate the constructive communications and comments I have received already from you, I hope that you will notice the improvements in the longer term.

Mr Jackson  
Deputy Head of School

## ANTI - BULLYING WEEK

This week, 13 - 15 November, has been Anti - Bullying week.

In assemblies across the week, students have been "making some noise about bullying". They have been informed about bullying, it's affects and how to speak up if they have a bullying concern about themselves or others.



If your child has a concern then please let us know and have them speak to a trusted member of staff. This may be their form tutor, Pastoral team, SEND team, Safeguarding team or any teacher within the school.

*"We are here to listen, support and put a stop to bullying."*

If you would like any further information or advice please contact the school or visit the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) website.

## DT

### Creative thinking with paper!

This week students have been attempting to make the tallest self-supporting structure they can using only paper, no adhesive or other materials. There have been numerous different designs with some outstanding creative thought processes evident. Well done to all the students that participated in this challenge, it was a lot of fun for all.

## ENRICHMENT

### Summer Enrichment Week 2024

## AMSTERDAM

MONDAY 15 JULY - FRIDAY 19 JULY

DURATION: 5 DAYS/ 4 NIGHTS  
TRANSPORT: COACH & EUROTUNNEL / FERRY (tbc)

PRICE PER PERSON: £690  
PLACES AVAILABLE: 50

#### Also included in your tour:

- Hotel accommodation and meals
- Visit to the Rijksmuseum
- Canal boat cruise
- The Royal Palace of Amsterdam
- Visit to Natural History Museum
- Anne Frank's House
- Visit to the Van Gogh Museum
- Tour of the Gassan diamond factory

#### Payment plan:

- 1st instalment required by 15 December - £128.00
- Four further instalments of £128 will be due in January, February, March and April 2024.

#### Sign up:

To sign up, please go to the ArborTrips section and make a holding deposit of £50.00 to secure a place.



## LONDON

LITERARY LONDON & HARRY POTTER TOUR  
MONDAY 15 JULY - THURSDAY 18 JULY

DURATION: 4 DAYS/ 3 NIGHTS  
TRANSPORT: COACH

PRICE PER PERSON: £490  
PLACES AVAILABLE: 40

#### Also included in your tour:

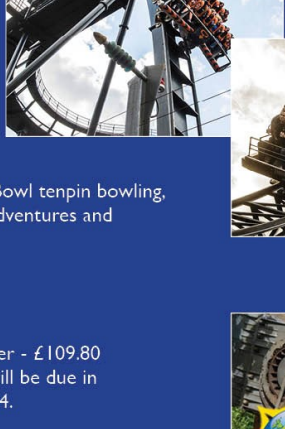
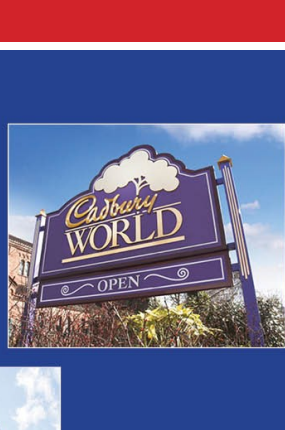
- Hotel accommodation and meals
- National Theatre backstage tour and a West End theatre workshop
- Shakespeare's Globe tour
- Visits to Tate Modern, the National Gallery and the British Library
- Time in Covent Garden and Hyde Park
- Harry Potter Studio including a Making of Harry Potter tour

#### Payment plan:

- 1st instalment required by 15 December - £88.00
- Four further instalments of £88 will be due in January, February, March and April 2024.

#### Sign up:

To sign up, please go to the ArborTrips section and make a holding deposit of £50.00 to secure a place.



## THEME PARKS

MONDAY 15 JULY - THURSDAY 18 JULY

DURATION: 4 DAYS/ 3 NIGHTS  
TRANSPORT: COACH

PRICE PER PERSON: £599  
PLACES AVAILABLE: 40

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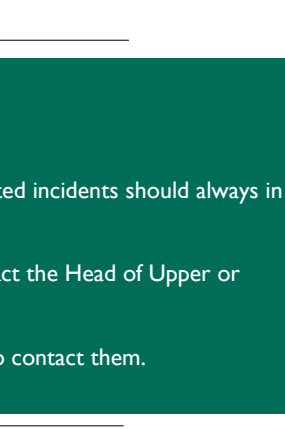
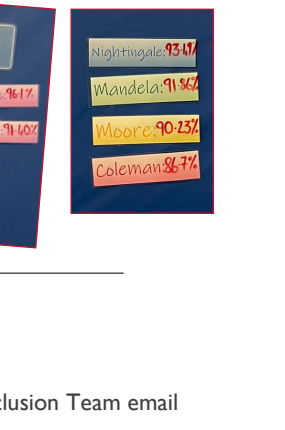
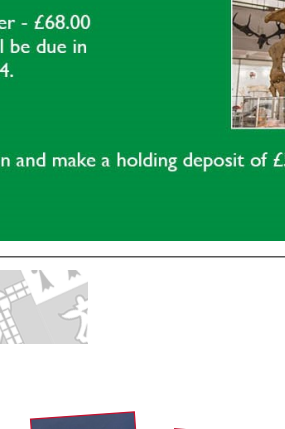
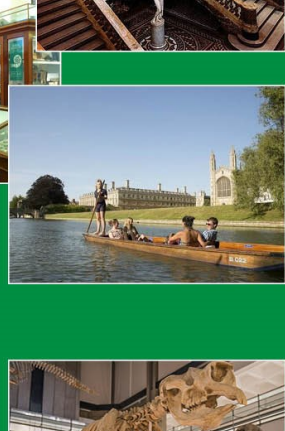
- Hotel accommodation and meals
- Visits to Cadbury World, Hollywood Bowl tenpin bowling, Thorpe Park, Chessington World of Adventures and Alton Towers

#### Payment plan:

- 1st instalment required by 15 December - £109.80
- Four further instalments of £109.80 will be due in January, February, March and April 2024.

#### Sign up:

To sign up, please go to the ArborTrips section and make a holding deposit of £50.00 to secure a place.



## CAMBRIDGE

MUSEUMS & CULTURE  
MONDAY 15 JULY - THURSDAY 18 JULY

DURATION: 4 DAYS/ 3 NIGHTS  
TRANSPORT: COACH

PRICE PER PERSON: £390  
PLACES AVAILABLE: 50

#### Also included in your tour:

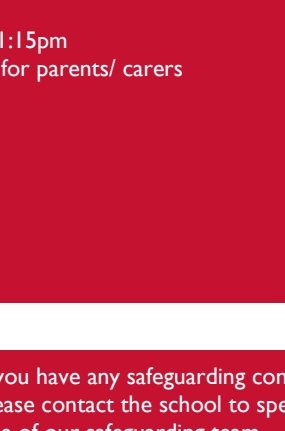
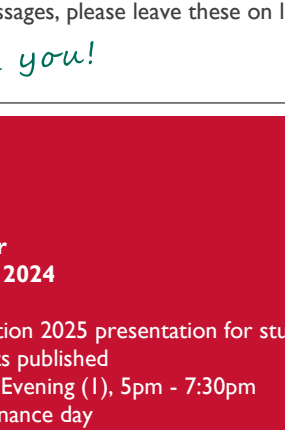
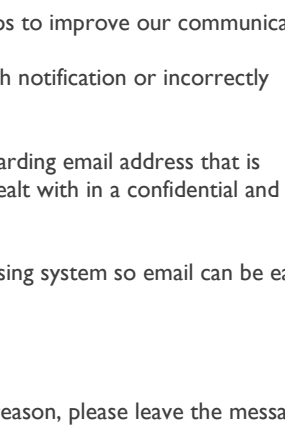
- Hotel accommodation and meals
- Cambridge walking tour
- Chocolate tasting course
- Fitzwilliam Museum
- Punting boat tour
- University Museum of Zoology
- Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

#### Payment plan:

- 1st instalment required by 15 December - £68.00
- Four further instalments of £68.00 will be due in January, February, March and April 2024.

#### Sign up:

To sign up, please go to the ArborTrips section and make a holding deposit of £50.00 to secure a place.



## ATTENDANCE

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## SEND TEAM CONTACT

Please send all communications relating to SEND need to The Inclusion Team email [sendteamixworth@seckfordeducation.org.uk](mailto:sendteamixworth@seckfordeducation.org.uk)

## STUDENT-RELATED ENQUIRIES

PLEASE NOTE - general enquiries about students or student-related incidents should always in the FIRST instance go to their Tutor.

If for any reason this does not resolve the issue, please then contact the Head of Upper or Lower school, whichever is relevant to your child.

Please see the [staff list](#) on the website for tutor names and how to contact them.

## FROM THE OFFICE TEAM

Following on from your feed back we have taken a number of steps to improve our communication.

We have turned off the Arbor app messages due to the issues with notification or incorrectly displaying the messages on our side.

In addition, we are in the processes of creating a dedicated safeguarding email address that is separate from our enquiries so all safeguarding concerns can be dealt with in a confidential and quick manner.

We have also overhauled the enquiries inbox with a new categorising system so email can be easily identified as to actioned or not.

### Absence recording

If you are calling to inform us your child is sick or absent for any reason, please leave the message on line 1 only at the prompt. For all other messages, please leave these on line 2.

*Thank you!*

## Key dates 2023 - 24

**Christmas break :**  
**Last day of term - Friday 15 December**  
**Return to school - Thursday 4 January 2024**

Wednesday 22 November - Borneo Expedition 2025 presentation for students

Thursday 23 November - Mock exam results published

Thursday 23 November - Year 8 Kitchens of the Globe, 12:30pm - 1:15pm

Friday 24 November - PSHE Careers and Finance day

Monday 27 November - Options Taster Week 1

Tuesday 28 November - Year 8 Kitchens of the Globe, 12:30pm - 1:15pm

Wednesday 29 November - Borneo Expedition 2025 presentation for parents/ carers

Thursday 30 November - Year 11 University of Suffolk visit

Thursday 7 December - Awards Presentation Evening

### 2024

Thursday 1 February - Year 9 options evening, 5pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 8 February - Year 10 Progress evening, 5pm - 7:30pm

## Safeguarding Information

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school to speak to one of our safeguarding team.

**01359 234050**



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## Useful websites and helplines

Crisis – 0337261800

Child Line – 0800 1111

Customer First – 0800 800 4005

Samaritans – 116 123

Child Line – [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

Children' Society – [www.childrenssociety.org.uk](http://www.childrenssociety.org.uk)

Food Bank – [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)

Kooth – [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

Mind – [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk)

NHS website – [www.england.nhs.uk](http://www.england.nhs.uk)

NSPCC website – [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

Place 2be website – [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)

Young Minds website – [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

For more information, please visit the [Safeguarding](#) page of our website.

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