

N TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SUMMER 2025



Headteacher's Message

Lucie Wainwright (Headteacher)

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we approach the end of this wonderful school year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the many achievements and memorable moments we've shared at Tibshelf.

Our students are incredibly fortunate to be part of a school that offers such high-quality teaching and a wide range of opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. From exciting enrichment trips to the day-to-day learning experiences, we strive to give every student a rich, well-rounded education.

A particular highlight this year has been the opening of our brand-new building – a wonderful new space that supports learning, creativity, and growth. We've also had the pleasure of welcoming 180 enthusiastic Year 6 pupils for their transition, and we're looking forward to seeing them again at our Summer School. Our more recent events, such as sports day and the Year 11 prom, always serve to highlight how positive and mature our students are. Please do look through our end of year newsletter to celebrate all of these incredible young people.

Thank you to all our students, staff, and families for making this year such a success. We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break – and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 9th September for the start of another exciting year.



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Chair of Governors

Peter Wragdsdale

It has been another successful year working to support our talented students, teaching and support staff. We recognise and appreciate the dedication everyone brings to making Tibshelf Community School the success it is today.

We would like to congratulate our Y11 and Y10 students for the effort and dedication they have shown over the past few months whilst sitting their GCSE's and PPE examinations. We wish you all the very best of luck for your results and future endeavours.

It was a great pleasure to see so many families at the End of Year Awards evening supporting and celebrating students receiving awards, it is a very special night and one governors look forward to every year.

The governing body would like to wish you all a safe and happy summer break, and we look forward to continuing to work alongside the Tibshelf community next year.



Health & Safety Officer and Site Manager

Continuing LED lighting Conversion

As we continue to invest in our sustainable future, we will be undertaking yet more work this summer converting our lighting to LED. After this next instalment we should be in excess of 40% of all lighting on site now on LED.

The project will continue into the next academic year thanks to our financial planning allowing further capital investment.

Food waste

Due to new legislation which came into force earlier this year we have separate food waste from other recycled and general waste. We have invested in the correct bin types so there are food waste caddies, mixed dry recycling, and general waste bins accessible around the whole school.

We have placed a lot of emphasis on the importance of recycling to students and have also placed these various bins in the main diner for students to separate the waste themselves. We can see the immediate impact this has had as we have now been able to reduce the number of general waste bins we have on site due to the amount being recycled. So not only are we helping the environment it is also having financial benefits. With the continued support of both staff and students, this will have the positive impact that we are striving to achieve.



Craig Selby
H&S Officer and Site
Manager

Year 11 Leavers

It is with a heavy heart that we have said goodbye to our latest cohort of Year 11's. They have finished their exams and celebrated their time with us at Leavers Day and at the Prom, finishing in style as we wish them all well.

As usual, and as expected, Year 11 have conducted themselves brilliantly during the exam period, with excellent feedback from our team of invigilators, and we hope this pays dividends when they return to pick up their results next month.

Leavers' day was emotional, sharing memories of their time at Tibshelf School and the final assembly was filled with pictures from year 7 onwards, at sports days, personal development days and from the various trips and visits they have been on together.

This also gave an opportunity for tutors, teachers, teaching assistants, senior staff and me to share how proud we are of what they have achieved!

Goodbye and the best of wishes to all our year 11s and their families, it's been emotional.



Mr Allbright
Year 11 Head of Year



Prom 2025

As the Year 11 students have come to the end of their academic journey with us, they celebrated in style with their 2025 Prom!

"It was an absolute pleasure to welcome our class of 2025 to their prom. They all looked stunning and arrived in class and style ahead of a night celebrating their time at Tibshelf Community School" - Lucie Wainwright, Headteacher.



"Oh, what a night. Our Prom was a great success, as we had more family and friends than ever before turn up to see them arrive in a wide range of transportation, from a homemade go-kart, our actual school bus and driver, to a cavalcade of Hells Angels and many, many more. It was a great night of celebration as the year group came together for one final time and then lit up the dancefloor even before dessert had arrived. - Mr Allbright - Head of Year.

Post 16

Throughout the year, we have had local post-16 providers come into school for our careers fair and weekly Y11 assemblies to promote the courses we offer.

We wish our Y11s good luck with their post-16 endeavours. Our students have a variety of destinations, such as sixth form, colleges, apprenticeships, football scholarships and T-Levels.

Prefects 2025/26

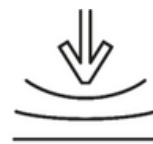
As we prepare to welcome a new team of prefects, there's a buzz of anticipation in the air. These upcoming student leaders will soon step into roles that require responsibility, empathy, and a commitment to the school community. We look forward to seeing them bring fresh ideas, uphold our values, and serve as role models for their peers. Their journey begins in September, and we can't wait to see the positive impact they'll make.



Miss Barrett
Head of Year 10



**Head Prefect & Deputy
Prefects**



Year 10 Work Experience

Our Y10 students are partaking in work experience on Monday 21st – Thursday 24th July. A variety of companies and industries are involved to give them invaluable experience of the workplace.

We hope the Y10s gain insight into a working environment and the career of their choice.

Good Luck!

Exams & PPE's

As a school, we have had an excellent exam and PPEs season. Our students' behaviour was exemplary throughout, and we look forward to finding out our Year 11 students' results during the summer holidays.



GCSE Results Day

You will be able to collect your results between 10am and 11am on Thursday the 21st of August.



Duke of Edinburgh - Bronze Award Qualifying Expedition

A huge congratulations to our incredible students who successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition! Over two challenging days, they tackled some of the Peak District's most iconic and demanding landmarks – including the famously steep Bamford Clough, the breathtaking Bamford Edge, Win Hill, Stanage Edge, and the stunning Ladybower Reservoir.

Throughout the expedition, our students demonstrated true Tibshelf character: their curiosity drove them to explore new landscapes, their resilience shone through as they pushed on through steep climbs and unpredictable weather, and their community spirit kept team morale high every step of the way. Most of all, they approached the entire journey with outstanding positivity, making memories that will last a lifetime.

Well done to all involved – you've made Tibshelf proud!



Art Lessons

There have been some excellent pieces of artwork created in lessons! For this project, students were asked to draw and recreate their interpretation of a gargoyle made from clay.

There were some very imaginative drawings, and I'm sure you'll agree, some quite scary ones too!



Young Engineers and Scientists of Derbyshire Design Challenge Competition - Derby University

Year 7 students visited Derby University to compete in the 47th annual Young Engineers and Scientists of Derbyshire 'Mind the Gap' competition.

They were tasked with designing a bridge to enable an electric train to cross over a ravine using problem solving, creativity and accuracy.

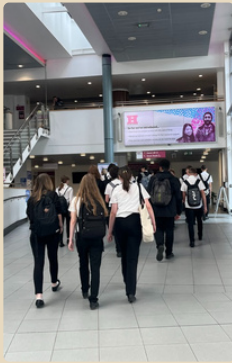
Maya T was awarded the Tony Claridge award for enthusiasm for Year 7&8 students, beating eight different schools from across Derbyshire.

It was a fantastic day for all involved, and experiencing a day in a university setting was very insightful. The three teams competed admirably across the day and were a credit to Tibshelf School.



University Trips

As part of their Personal Development Day, students from Year 9 visited either Sheffield Hallam University or Derby University. They were given a tour around campus, received motivational talks and participated in activities throughout the day.



Personal Development Day -

School Sustainability Project

During the personal development day on 18th June, Y8 students had the brief to design their version of a sustainable school.

The day started with discussions around what sustainability is and what might make a building or area sustainable. They then completed their research before building a model of their school using a variety of recycled materials.



D&T Lessons

Students were hard at work during a Design & Technology lesson, creating wooden items of their choice, which will eventually contribute to their final exam results.

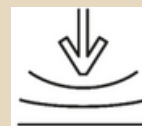
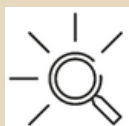


Leadership in Sport

Our students continue to shine in PE and Sport, not just through participation but also through leadership and learning.

Our Year 7 students have successfully completed the Young Leaders Award, showing great enthusiasm, communication, and initiative. As a result, they are now preparing to become our Tibshelf Developing Leaders, a programme designed to cultivate confident young role models who will support and inspire others in sport and physical activity across the school.

In addition, our BTEC Sport students have been demonstrating exceptional practical ability as part of their Level 2 BTEC Tech Award in Sport (2022). They've taken ownership of delivering structured warm-ups and isolated practices with outstanding professionalism and subject knowledge. Their confidence and coaching skills have impressed staff and peers alike, and these experiences are providing valuable preparation for future careers in sport, fitness, and education.

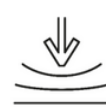


Girls Football



The girls' football team attended a football festival in May, where Chesterfield FC led a variety of drills in a carousel set up, followed by a football tournament.

They won every game in the tournament and showed amazing teamwork, resilience and respect throughout the day.



Year 9 BTEC Sports

As a practical part of their BTEC Sports studies, Year 9 students had to prepare and deliver different sports activities to Year 5 students from Tibshelf Town End Primary School.



Year 9 vs Year 10 Boys Football Match

Our Year 9 & 10 boys had a friendly after-school football match on Thursday 3rd July. There was an amazingly fun atmosphere, which resulted in the Year 10 boys winning 2-0.



Sports Day Bunting

As a school, we are constantly trying to be more sustainable. Every year, we make our own sports day bunting; therefore, this year we decided to make it into a competition.

Each form made their piece of bunting to represent their house and form group, and afterwards, house points were awarded for the best bunting per year group.

Mrs Kelley (PE teacher) kindly sewed them altogether, and these will be displayed each year on sports day.



Our Sporting Achievements

Cricket Fixtures

Well done to the students in Y7, 8 and 9 who have competed at the BSSP cricket fixtures over the last few weeks at John Fretwell Sports Centre.

The students compete against other schools in our district, playing 60 overs each way.

The U15 Girls won their tournament, and the U13 Girls and U15 Boys came 2nd in their tournament.



Transition Week

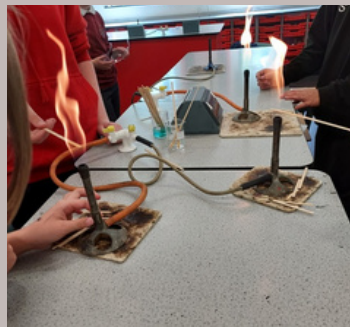
This term saw us welcome our upcoming Year 7 students for their Transition week, to give them a taster of our wonderful school and what their daily routine will consist of.

“Thank you all for your outstanding behaviour during transition week. You've shown maturity, respect, and a real eagerness to learn and get involved, which has made this week a positive and welcoming experience for everyone.

It's been a pleasure to see how well you've adapted to new routines, supported each other, and embraced the challenges of a new environment with such a positive attitude. Your behaviour has set a great example and given us every confidence that you'll thrive in the year ahead. Well done – we're really proud of you!”

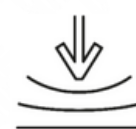
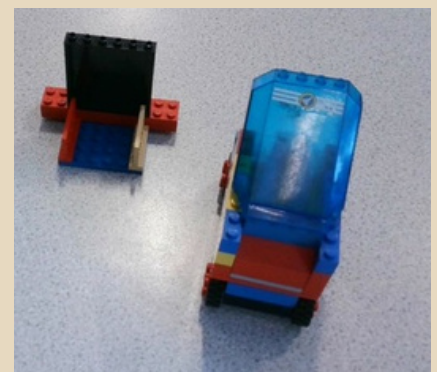
Mr Stanhope

Senior Assistant Headteacher.



Transition Week - History

During Transition week, our Year 6, upcoming students, that will be in 7T were asked to make 'Lego creations' for the keywords of our 'golden threads', in History. We looked at Agriculture, Parliament and Christianity. They gave fantastic answers and explained using the visualiser with confidence.



Building Effective Relationships Together **(BERT) Bronze Award**

We are delighted to have achieved the Bronze standard in the Building Effective Relationships Together (BERT) Award. We firmly believe in the importance and value of high-quality Personal Development within school to support the progression and well-being of our students. We continuously work hard to ensure our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) offer is of high quality, and we have worked collaboratively with staff, parents, governors and students to ensure that we have an effective Personal Development curriculum. We continue to improve and adapt our Personal Development offer to ensure we meet the ever changing needs of our students. We are very proud that we have been recognised for our work on Relationships and Sex Education, and we now look forward to working towards the Silver standard.



End of Year Awards Ceremony 2025

The end of the school year was celebrated with the KS3 Awards Ceremony.

Well done and congratulations to all our students who received an award!

MR & MRS BIRD - ENGLISH AWARD

SUBFRAMES UK - MATHS AWARD

STAFFA HEALTH- SCIENCE AWARD

THE ROTARY CLUB - LANGUAGE AWARD

TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL - HUMANITIES AWARD

STAGESTARS - CREATIVE ARTS AWARD

MR & MRS GILBODY - SPORTS AWARD

TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL - TECHNOLOGY AWARD

TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL - HEADTEACHER AWARD

Parents & Carers

A huge thank you to all parents and carers for showing their continued support by turning up to parents' evenings and various celebratory events.

Your continued support does not go unnoticed!

Thank you



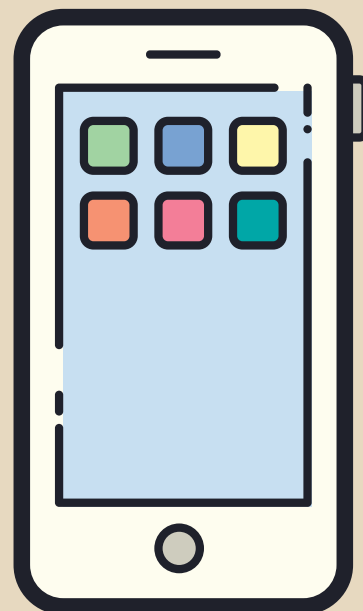
Arbor

Make sure your notifications are turned on!

Arbor- learn about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log in to Arbor to see and update your child's information. You can find all the details on your students' trips, attendance, and positive and negative marks through the Arbor app.

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop), and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App, or the Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, to safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.



Information



Parent Pay

Please remember to use the secure online payment system, ParentPay, to pay for school lunches, purchase any resources and equipment from ParentPay Shop, or donate to any charity event.

If you have any questions, concerns or experience any difficulties using ParentPay, please see our website for further details or contact the Finance Office.

Email: finance@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk, and a member of the finance team will contact you.



ParentPay

No Mobile Phones

If your student is to bring their mobile phone into school, it **MUST** be switched off and put away in their bag.



If they are seen with a mobile phone on the school site, at any point throughout the school day, including social times, it will be confiscated and stored in the Focus Room. It will be available to collect at the end of that day. If a student persistently breaches this policy, it will be viewed as defiance and escalation up the behaviour ladder will commence.



Information

Uniform and PE kit expectations

Students should arrive at school in full school uniform every day, including ties and blazers.

Full uniform and PE kit can be found on our school website:

<https://tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk/information/uniform/>

Please also be reminded of our uniform policy, which stipulates that jeans/jeggings are not permitted, neither are trainers, hoodies, or face piercings, including clear/skin-colored retainers in the nose. Pupils will be required to remove such items.

We are required by Health and Safety guidance to keep rooms well-ventilated, which can make rooms colder than they would normally be, so we have taken some measures to mitigate against this.

No coats are to be worn in lessons.



Attendance and Illness at school



Reminder from our Attendance Officer

If we have not had communication regarding an absence before 8.30am this will be recorded on your child's Arbor as an unauthorised absence.

Students are required to be in tutor time for 8:30am, anyone not present will receive a late mark.

Illness at school

If your child is ill during the school day, they need to speak to their teacher, and a First Aider/Medical Officer will be contacted. If they feel that they are too unwell to stay in school, the first aider will contact parents/carers.

If your child is on medical evidence, then the First Aider/Medical Officer will seek their Head of Years' permission.

Students should NOT contact home without the permission of their Head of Year.



Reminder from our Medical Welfare Officer

Medication in school

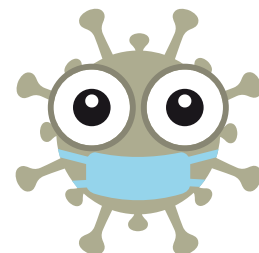
If your child needs to take medication during school time, please fill in the required form, which is available on our website, from reception, or send a letter with instructions and a signature.

You will need to complete one form per medication type.

Healthcare Plans

If your child has any diagnosed medical conditions that the school needs to be aware of, please ensure a healthcare plan is completed annually and shared with our medical welfare officer, Mrs J Marshall.

Any changes to their plan also needs to be updated with the school at the earliest opportunity.



Key Dates

September 4th, 5th & 8th (School Opens 9th)

Inset Days

September 11th

Y7 Welcome to Secondary School

September 18th

Y7 & Y10 Individual school photos

September 18th

Y10 Introduction to GCSE

September 25th

Y8 Lea Green Trip

September 25th

Y7 The Mill Adventure Base

Sept 2025

Oct 2025

Nov 2025

October 2nd

Y5 & Y6 Open Evening

October 14th

Y10 & Y11 Careers Evening

October 27th - 31st

Half Term

November 6th

Spanish Tapas Experience - Y8/9/10

November 11th

Parent Forum

November 13th

Bletchley Park Computing Trip

Schools Gotta Dance - Y8/9/10

November 18th

Y11 Parents Evening

November 20th

Prize Presentation



Communication

To communicate effectively with parents, we frequently update our website: www.tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Our main method of communication is through the Arbor in-app message system; any communication with an attachment will be sent via email.

Please ensure we are kept informed of any changes to your email address by emailing us at info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

You can also follow us on:



Contact Details

Could you please ensure that when you change your mobile number or address, you give the school office a call or drop us an email to info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk with your new details.

Unfortunately, we are finding that a number of parent/carer mobile phone numbers are out of date, and it is really important that we are able to contact you in the event of an emergency.

Telephone Options

- Option 1 Report Student Absences
- Option 2 Report Staff Absences
- Option 3 Site Staff
- Option 4 Leave a message for Reception
- Option 0 Reception

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TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL **CHARACTER VALUES**



Resilience



Respect



Positivity



Integrity



Community Spirit



Curiosity

