

N TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



SPRING 2026



Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of a busy and rewarding term, I want to express how proud I am of our students for their resilience, positivity, and unwavering commitment to learning. They have embraced every challenge with determination, and there is so much for us to celebrate together. From academic achievements to creative projects, sporting successes, and acts of kindness across our community, this term has truly showcased the very best of our school.

Please head over to our social media platforms, where we have highlighted many of these wonderful accomplishments.

We wish all our students, families, and staff a restful and happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the summer term.



**Lucie
Wainwright**



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Chair of Governors

As we come to the end of a short but truly wonderful term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Although brief, these past weeks have been filled with impressive achievements, joyful moments, and a real sense of community across the school. Our pupils have shown enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness in everything they've taken on, and we are incredibly proud of them.

My sincere thanks also go to our dedicated staff, whose commitment ensures our children thrive in every aspect of their school life.

I wish you all a peaceful, enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the summer term.

Jill Smith

Acting Chair of Governors

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to EMH from Year 7, **OB** from Year 8, **BH** from Year 9, **JS** from Year 10, and **KK** from Year 11 who have all achieved 100% attendance this half term.

Coming to school every day, on time, shows real dedication.

You should be very proud of this fantastic achievement. Keep up the great work!



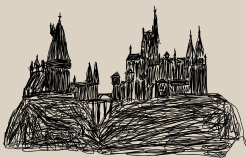
School Trips - Harry Potter Studios



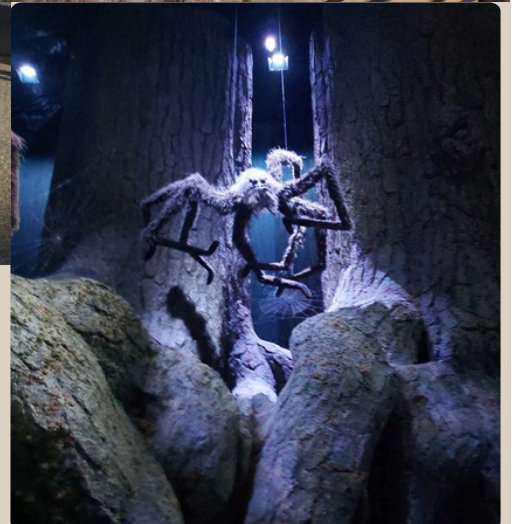
The Harry Potter visit went down a treat this term. Students could watch in amazement as the doors to the Great Hall opened, revealing the famous hall from the film franchise.



The studio tour didn't stop there either, with a visit to Privet Drive and a wander through Diagon Alley.



The trip also included a workshop with the team where students could learn about storytelling and the magic of film-making. For braver souls, there was even a chance to see an acromantula.



Derbyshire Fire and Rescue YES Scheme



An amazing highlight this term as Tibshelf Community School students took part in the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Youth Engagement Scheme.

The aspiring pupils spent the week at Chesterfield Fire Station learning and demonstrating key fire service skills:

- Hose running
- Breathing apparatus procedures
- Pump operating procedures
- Fire Service hose and branch techniques
- First Aid
- Search and Rescue
- Drill and parade



As an added bonus, students had a brilliant chance to boost confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, and communication skills as well.



Students ended the week with a pass out parade where approximately 70 people came to watch them demonstrate their skills in a phenomenal showcase.



Year 8 Options Evening

Year 8 Options Evening was a highly anticipated event in the school calendar - well attended by students and staff alike.

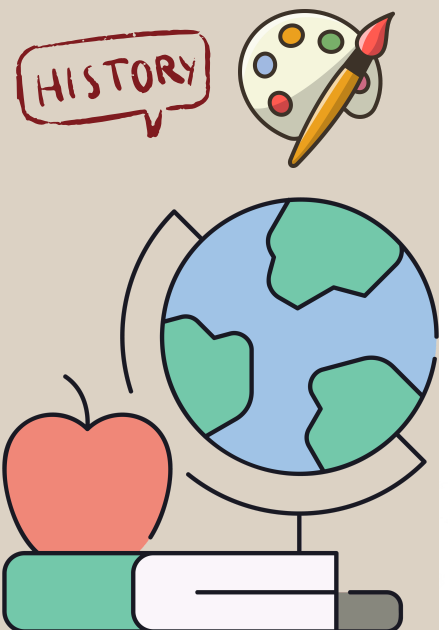
Options are a big time for Year 8 pupils. This is the point in their education when they can pick out the subjects that interest them most.

While core subjects like Maths, English, and Science remain, pupils can choose an option like History or Music to study in more detail.



This was a brilliant opportunity for the community to come in and ask questions about options for next year and think about next steps for the future.

We hope everyone involved enjoyed the evening and look forward to welcoming people back next year.



Student Life @ Tibby

Record-breaking rowing

A special congratulations to Tibshelf School's indoor rowing team who did a fantastic job of representing North Derbyshire. With an impressive total of 6115m, this broke a district record.



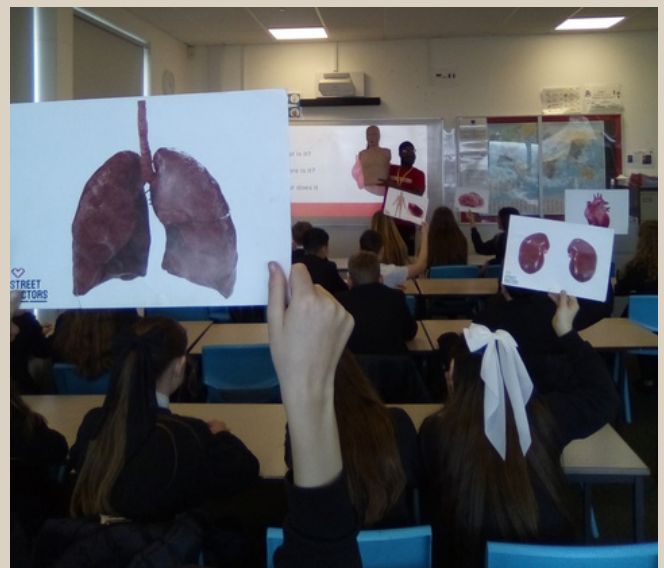
County Champs

Tibshelf students returned to high praise after being crowned county champions in the Derby Spring Games. Competing in curling, basketball, and bowling, it has been another successful trip for the PE department.



PD Day Success

Tibshelf Community School welcomed visitors from Street Doctors, Qualitas, and many more for our third Personal Development Day for the academic year, teaching skills in coaching, career planning, as well as first aid.



Student Life @ Tibby



Science Live

Students have had some incredible opportunities to meet renowned scientists and hear all about their work this term.

From Lord Robert Winston to Dr Eleonora D'Elia, topics from time travel to brain chemistry were shared and discussed at length.



Reading Mentors

Tibshelf's reading mentors welcomed primary school students from up the road this half-term too.

Mr Moon has been incredibly pleased with the dedication from the student teams this half-term.



School Trips - Bletchley Park

Tibshelf Community School pupils relived WWII history at Bletchley Park.

Students could learn about Alan Turing plus some of the mathematical methods behind codebreakers cracking the enigma machine. There was even a chance to see the early stages of computing at this historic museum.



Celebrating The Year 11s!



Congratulations to our amazing Year 11 students, who will be moving on to the next exciting adventure in their lives.

We are incredibly proud of everything you've achieved and the dedication you showed throughout your time with us.

We wish you all the very best—keep aiming high and follow your dreams.



Well Done Year 11

Mrs Tipping and Ms Richardson would like to share a special shout out to their classes who completed their drama exam this term.

The effort and dedication has been wonderful.

2026 Orders

Sadly the deadline has come and gone for hoodies, but there's still time to get your leavers' books and prom tickets.

Speak to your Head of Year for more information on how you can get your order in.



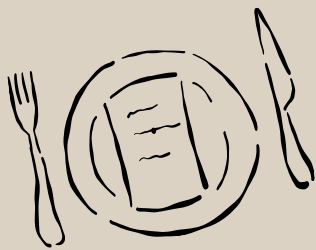
From The School Canteen

Our school canteen team continue to treat staff and students to a fantastic range of themed menus and seasonal delights.

This term is no exception, from World Book Day desserts to Takeover Tuesday's specials for the Chinese Lantern Festival.

On top of that, there's a new menu coming as well - everything from lite bites to main meals, puddings and more.

Keep a lookout for these on our website and social media.



FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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Information

Work Experience

A reminder to Year 10 parents to support their child in securing a work experience placement. Work experience is scheduled for 20th–23rd July 2026. Once a placement has been found, parents and students should complete the form available via this link: [Work Experience July 2026 - Placement Information](#).

A [list of potential employers, FAQs, and other helpful documents](#) can be found on the school website to assist in the process.

ParentPay Reminder

Please remember to use our secure online payment system, ParentPay, to pay for school lunches, purchase resources and equipment from the ParentPay Shop, or make donations to charity events.

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

Email: finance@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk

Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

If a student brings a mobile phone into school, it must be switched off and stored securely in their bag. If a phone is seen anywhere on the school site during the school day—including social times—it will be confiscated and placed in the Focus Room. The phone can be collected at the end of the day.

Persistent breaches of this policy will result in escalation through the behaviour ladder.



Information



Uniform and PE Kit Expectations

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

As part of Health and Safety guidance, classrooms must remain well-ventilated, which can make them cooler than usual. We have taken measures to help mitigate this, but coats are not to be worn in lessons.

Full details of our uniform and PE kit requirements can be found on our [school website](#).

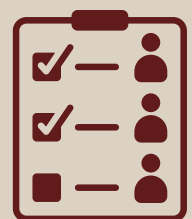
Attendance and Illness at School

Reminder from our Attendance Officer

- If we have not received communication regarding an absence before 8:30am, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.
- Students must be in tutor time by 8:30am or will receive a late mark.

Illness During the School Day

- If your child feels unwell, they should inform their teacher. A First Aider/Medical Officer will then be contacted.
- If the First Aider feels your child is too unwell to remain in school, they will contact parents/carers directly.
- If your child is on medical evidence, the First Aider/Medical Officer will seek permission from the Head of Year before any decision is made.



Information

Medication in School

If your child needs to take medication during the school day, please complete the required form. The medication form is available on our website or from reception.

You can also send a signed letter with clear instructions.

Please note: A separate form must be completed for each type of medication.



Healthcare Plans

If your child has a diagnosed medical condition that the school needs to be aware of, please ensure a healthcare plan is completed annually and shared with our Medical Welfare Officer, Miss Marshall.

Any changes to the plan must be updated with the school as soon as possible

Key Dates - 2026

April

- 13th** - School re-opens
- 21st & 22nd** - Y11 Practical Art Exam
- 22th** - Y7 Girl's Rugby Festival
- 28th** - Y9 Parents Evening
- 29th - 30th** - MFL Speaking Exams

May

- 1st** - Y11 Formal Exams begin
- 2nd - 5th** - Barcelona Trip
- 4th** - Bank Holiday
- 13th** - Alton Towers
- 19th** - Triathlon Comp
- 25th - 29th** - Half Term

Stay In Touch

Please ensure that if you change your mobile number or address, you notify the school office by calling us or emailing info@tibshelf.derbyshire.sch.uk with your updated details.

We have found that some parent/carer mobile numbers are out of date, and it is essential that we can contact you quickly in the event of an emergency.

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Telephone Options

Option 1 Report Student Absences

Option 2 Report Staff Absences

Option 3 Site Staff

Option 4 Leave a message

Option 0 Speak to Reception



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TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL CHARACTER VALUES



Resilience



Respect



Positivity



Integrity



Community Spirit



Curiosity