



## Weekly Bulletin 1st December 2025

### [Headteacher's Message](#)

**I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the *Inclusive Attendance Bronze Award!***

This recognition celebrates the incredible efforts of our entire community in building strong habits of attendance and fostering a positive culture around it.

A special thank you to **Natalie Bragoli**, whose leadership has spearheaded this initiative, and to our **tutors, attendance officer, parents, and students themselves** for their commitment and collaboration.

Together, we've worked to identify and reduce barriers to attendance, ensuring that every student feels supported and included. This award is a testament to the power of teamwork and shared responsibility.

**Fabulous community work—well done, everyone!**

## Vocational Curriculum update

This term, our KS3 students have made excellent progress across both Computing and Core PE. In Computing, students in Years 7–9 have completed their first units of study, developing skills in Python programming, word-processing and presentation software, and the creation of vector graphics. They have approached each topic with enthusiasm, building confidence in using a wide range of digital tools and applying their knowledge with increasing independence.

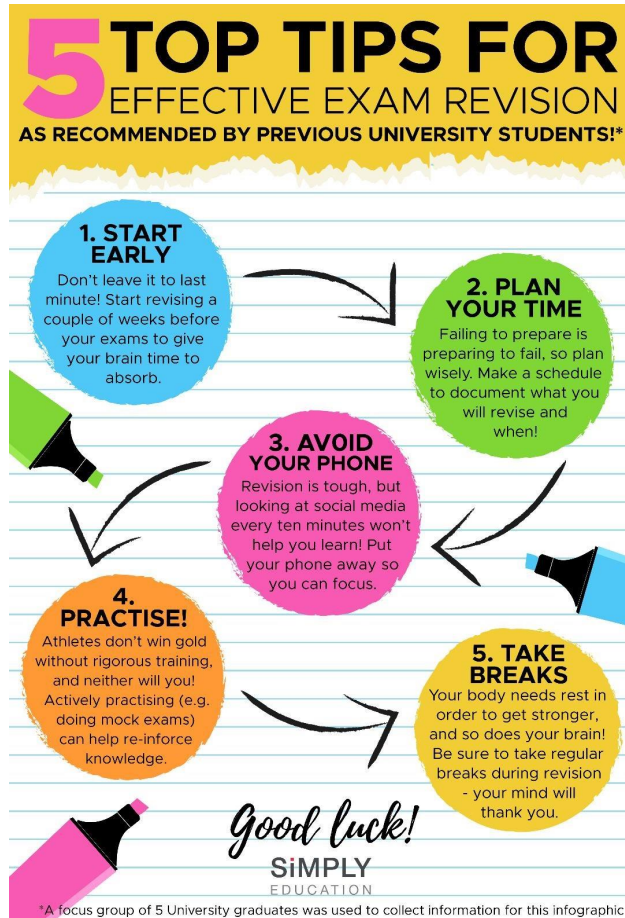
In Core PE, students across all year groups have completed units in football, netball, or rugby, alongside two exciting new additions to the curriculum—Flag Football and Ultimate Frisbee. Both sports have been very well received, with students demonstrating strong engagement and a good grasp of the key skills and tactics involved.

Last week, we also concluded our cross-country unit. Despite some very cold conditions, students showed impressive motivation, resilience, and determination, pushing themselves to achieve their personal bests. Well done to all involved.



At KS4, our Year 10 students have made a strong start to their vocational courses, studying one of BTEC Sport, CNat Creative iMedia or CNat Engineering, alongside BTEC Enterprise and BTEC Travel & Tourism. The step up from KS3 is always noticeable, but students have risen to the challenge, working hard to engage with new theoretical content while also applying their knowledge through their first pieces of assignment work. We encourage students to stay focused and organised, as all assignments contribute directly to their final grade at the end of Year 11.

Our Year 11 cohort has continued to show real commitment across their qualifications. For two subjects—BTEC Sport and BTEC Enterprise—the exam units will be sat in January. As we approach the Christmas break, we recommend that students take some time to review key content and practise exam-style questions so they feel confident and well-prepared, while still ensuring they enjoy a well-earned rest over the holidays.



We have now completed Block 1 of our Enrichment programme, with students across KS3 and KS4 engaging in a wide range of activities designed to develop skills, build confidence and explore new interests.

Our sports-focused groups have been working exceptionally hard, showing great determination in both fitness-based sessions and football skill development. Creative Writing students have produced some fantastic pieces of work, demonstrating imagination and flair.

In Film Studies, students explored Batman, Into the Spider-Verse and Across the Spider-Verse, using these films to examine the idea that heroes and villains—like real people—are often far more complex than they first appear. A particularly exciting outcome has been one student feeling inspired enough to apply to study A-Level Film Studies at college.

Block 2 is now underway, with some popular activities returning for a new cohort of students. We are also introducing new opportunities this half term, including KS4 Revision Sessions, Animal Care for Year 10, and Forest School for KS3.



## Key Dates



- Tuesday 2nd December and Wednesday 3rd December SEND APDR parent meetings
- Thursday 11th December Year 10 Parents Evening
- Friday 12th December Christmas jumper Day (normal 'bottom half' uniform)
- Wednesday 17th December - Local Governing Board Meeting
- Thursday 18th December Christmas Lunch
- Friday 19th December Term ends 12:35

## Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)



We have received the following information from The Wildlings Project about a HAF programme:

"We are excited to share details about our upcoming Forest School Winter HAF project, which will be hosted at Baggeridge Country Park, South Staffordshire, during the Christmas holidays.

Our project offers children a chance to spend quality time in nature, exploring woodlands, climbing trees, completing Christmas crafts using tools, and creating a campfire.

If you have a child who receives HAF funding and you think this project would be a good fit, please share this information with them."

More details can be found via the links below:

[Wildlings Christmas HAF Project. with The Wildlings · Eequ](#)

[www.thewildlings.co.uk](http://www.thewildlings.co.uk)