



## Weekly Bulletin 15th December 2025

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

As we reach the end of the Autumn term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and engagement. It has been a term full of enriching trips and experiences for our students, and we are proud of all they have achieved.

Our Year 11 students have successfully navigated their mock examinations, demonstrating resilience and commitment. Across the school, learning in classrooms has been strong, ably supported by our two dedicated cover supervisors, Mr Beckett and Mrs Barton.

We have seen continued improvements in behaviour for learning, guided by our TREA Way, and attendance is moving in the right direction thanks to the efforts of students, staff, and families working together.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and restful Christmas. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

## Safeguarding Notices



### How You Can Contact Us

If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns—big or small—please get in touch with the school. Our safeguarding and pastoral team is here to help, listen, and support wherever possible.

Thank you for your continued partnership during this busy time of year. Together, we can help ensure every student feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.

**If you need any support over the Christmas break, please find some helplines below:**

**Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD)** if you have concerns or are worried for a child and wish to make a referral: **0300 111 8007**

**NSPCC Helpline** Call **0808 800 5000** or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk) if you're worried about a child.

[NSPCC Christmas Support \[nspcc.org.uk\]](https://www.nspcc.org.uk)

**Childline** Free, confidential support for children and young people: **0800 1111** or [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk)

**Samaritans**

**116 123** [samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)

**Citizens Advice Staffordshire** – Debt, benefits, budgeting

**0808 278 7874**

**StepChange Debt Charity** – Free debt advice

**0800 138 1111**

Take care, and have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year,

The TREA Safeguarding Team.

## **Exciting News: Launching Sparx Maths as Our Maths Homework Platform!**

The logo for Sparx Maths, featuring the text "Sparx Maths" in white, bold, sans-serif font centered within a solid blue rectangular background.

We are delighted to announce that **Sparx Maths** will soon become our main platform for maths homework. This platform is personalised to your child, helping your child build their confidence and mastery in maths.

Before the Christmas break, all students will have **onboarded during their lessons**, so they will be familiar with how Sparx works and how to access their homework online. This means they'll be ready to start using the platform for homework in the new term.

**How Parents Can Support Their Child**

Your involvement can make a big difference! Here are some simple ways to help:

- **Check Homework Regularly** - Encourage your child to log in and complete their Sparx homework each week. Homework is personalised, so every student gets tasks suited to their learning needs.
- **Create a Positive Routine** - Set aside a quiet time and space for homework. Consistency helps students stay on track. We also offer homework club at school.
- **Celebrate Effort** - Sparx rewards persistence. Praise your child for completing tasks - even if they find some questions challenging.
- **Encourage your child to try first before offering any help** - this helps ensure that their homework is tailored to them.
- **Stay Connected** - If your child is struggling, remind them to use the support features within Sparx or speak to their teacher. You can also check progress through the parent dashboard.

We believe Sparx Maths will make homework more meaningful and enjoyable for students, and we appreciate your support in making this a success!

## Key Dates



- Wednesday 17th December - Local Governing Board Meeting

- Thursday 18th December - Christmas Lunch
- Friday 19th December - Term ends 12:35
- Monday 5th January - INSET day (Teachers only)
- Tuesday 6th January - Term starts 09:00 for all students
- Thursday 8th January Year 11 BTEC exams: Business & Sport
- Thursday 8th January: Year 7 & 8 Higher Horizons (11:35-15:30)

## Contacting school

If your child is ill and will not be in school, please phone school as early as possible and chose the option to report your child absent and leave us a message. Alternatively, you can email [absence@ruralenterpriseacademy.com](mailto:absence@ruralenterpriseacademy.com). We will call you back later in the day to check how your child is doing, this is normal procedure in school.

If your child is ill in school, we will contact you either for advice or for you to collect them. Please tell your child that if they feel ill in school, they must speak to a member of staff first and we will contact you. If we haven't called you, please call us before you come to collect them. Thank you.

## Letter for parents



We have been made aware that several titles in the **'According to Humphrey'** series contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material that should not be accessed by children at any age.

Above are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. The link can be found on the back cover or may be also included on a page inside.

For clarity and reassurance, we are not aware of any children who have accessed this link at our setting. We have already completed a search of the school and have found no copies of the book in our library or classroom reading areas.

**Actions and Next Steps:**

- If you have any of these books at home, we advise you to remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, you can return them, and we will dispose of them accordingly.
- Be extra-vigilant with all children's books that contain links and ensure that they are checked by an adult.

Thank you to the parent who raised this with us, and to all our families for being such strong partners with the school. We are grateful for your continued support in working together to keep our children safe.