

WHAT'S ON?

SIR GRAHAM BALFOUR SCHOOL

SUPPORTING THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUR CHILD

EVENTS, COMMUNITY, CAREERS AND ENRICHMENT

TERM 1 2024





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN TERM

September	16 th September at 6pm	Duke of Edinburgh information Evening for parents (Y9 and 10 only)
	27 th September	Y7 and 10 Photographs
October	1 st October 6-8pm	Open Evening
	8 th October – within the school day	PSHE day
	7 th October- 11 th October	Y11 Pathways meetings held over this week (appointment only- further information to follow)
	17 th October 6pm-8pm	6 th Form Open Evening
	22 nd October 5-7pm	Y7 and 12 Form Tutor Evening (appointment only- further information to follow)
	25 th October	Staff INSET day – School closed to students.
November	5 th November	Y11 Parents Evening (appointment only- further information to follow)
	12 th Novembers	Y10 Parents Evening (appointment only- further information to follow)
	19 th November	Y13 Parents Evening (appointment only- further information to follow)
	22 nd November	Staff INSET day- school closed to students.
December	3 rd December	Y11 Form Tutor Evening (appointment only- further information to follow)
	20 th December	Final school day of the Autumn Term- School closes at 12.30pm. Return to school 6 th January.



ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE AUTUMN TERM

Enrichment timetable Autumn Term 2024					
Day	Club	Year	Time	Staff	Venue
Monday	Creative Writing	All	Lunch 1.40-2.15pm	Mrs Giles	Rm 30
	Mindful Mondays	All	Lunch 1.40-2.15pm	Mrs Williams	Rm 430
	Volleyball	All	Lunch 1.40-2.15pm	Mr Trenbirth	Sportshall
	Table Tennis	All	Lunch 1.40-2.15pm	Mr Trenbirth	Sportshall
	Careers and Aspirations (drop-in clinic)	All	Lunch 1.30-2.10pm	Mrs Bowyer	Rm 92A
	Football (Boys)	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	Mr Smith	Field
	Netball (Girls)	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Watson	Courts
	Homework Club	All	Afterschool 3.15-5.10pm	Mrs Price & Mr Punyer	Library
Subject Homework support	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	See subject teacher for info	Subject areas	
Tuesday	Badminton	All	Lunch 1.40-2.15pm	Mr Williams	Sportshall
	Duke of Edinburgh (drop in)	Y9-13	Lunch 1.40-2.15pm	TBC	Rm 413
	Art	All	Lunch 1.40-2.15pm	Mrs Paddison & Mrs Mackenzie	Rm 53
	Careers and Aspirations (drop-in clinic)	All	Lunch 1.30-2.10pm	Mrs Bowyer	Rm 92A
Homework Club	All	Afterschool 3.15-5.10pm	Mrs Price & Mr Punyer	Library	
Wednesday	Basketball	All	Lunch 1.40-2.10pm	Mr Sturmeay	Sportshall
	Business Enterprise	Y10&11	Lunch 1.40-2.10pm	Mrs Auger	Rm 24
	Crochet Club	All	Lunch 1.40-2.10pm	Mrs Johnston and Mrs Williams	Rm 432
	Performing Arts- Show rehearsals	Cast only	Afterschool 3.15pm -5pm	Miss Winwood, Mr Field, Mr Tunstall	Main Hall/ Rm 58
	Homework Club	All	Afterschool 3.15-5.10pm	Mrs Price & Mr Punyer	Library
	Subject Homework support	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	See subject teacher for info	Subject areas
	Basketball (Boys)	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	Mr Trenbirth	Sportshall
	Football (Girls)	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	Mr Williams	Field
Health and Social Care Club	Y10&11	Afterschool 3.20-4.50pm	Miss Marshall	TBC	
Thursday	Music Club	All	Lunch 1.40-2.10pm	Mrs Eastwood and Mr Field	Rm 64
	Handball	All	Lunch 1.40-2.10pm	Miss Chapman	Sportshall
	Careers and Aspirations (drop-in clinic)	All	Lunch 1.30-2.10pm	Mrs Bowyer	Rm 92A
	Homework Club	All	Afterschool 3.15-5.10pm	Mrs Price & Mr Punyer	Library
	Basketball (Girls)	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Chapman	Sportshall
	Rugby	All	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	Mr Sturmeay	Field
Roleplaying game club-spaces very limited (Sign up required)	All	Afterschool 3.20-4.20pm	Mr Underwood-Jones	418	
Friday	Choir	All	Lunch 1.40-2.0pm	Mr Samuels and Mr Field	Rm 64
	Film Club	All	Lunch 1.40-2.0pm	Mrs Williams	Rm 430
	Table Tennis	All	Lunch 1.40-2.0pm	Mr Smith	Sportshall
	GCSE PE Club (GCSE PE students only)	Y10&11	Afterschool 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Watson and Mr Sturmeay	Rm 210

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Year 7



Creative Writing
Monday Lunch
Room 30

For more information see Mrs Giles



Crochet Club

Every Wednesday
1:40-2:10pm
Room 432
Mrs Johnston/Mrs Williams

**Sir Graham Balfour
Film Club**

Every Friday
1:35 start
Room 430

Bring your lunch

Speak to Mrs Williams for more details.

HOMESCHOOL CLUB

THE LIBRARY
3.15PM – 5.10PM

Feel the joy of getting it done straight away in a supportive environment

**INCLUDES
HOT CHOCOLATE
& A BISCUIT!**

Mindful Mondays

Mondays 1:30 – 2:05
Room 430 (Mrs Williams room)

All staff and students welcome!

Bring your lunch with you

A range of activities each week to help you start your week of well!

Enterprise Club

An opportunity to work as a group to make and sell products and make some pocket money.

Wednesday Lunch Times 1.40pm—2.10 pm

Room 024
Open to Years 7—13
Mrs Auger

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GET INVOLVED

DUKE OF EDINBURGH



APPLICATIONS FOR DOFE 2024-25 BRONZE
AND SILVER ARE NOW AVAILABLE

SEE MISS MARSHALL

Y9 AND 10 ONLY

FURTHER INFORMATION ON DOFE CAN BE FOUND AT: WWW.DOFE.ORG

**YOUTH
WITHOUT
LIMITS**



EXCITING NEWS... POPULAR CHILDREN'S AUTHOR TOM PALMER IS VISITING SCHOOL!

IN THE YEAR 7 AND 8 LIBRARY LESSONS, STUDENTS HAVE FOUND OUT ABOUT TOM'S LIFE AND READ THE FIRST CHAPTER OF SOME OF HIS BOOKS.

THERE ARE COPIES OF HIS MOST POPULAR TITLES IN OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY AND THESE ARE NOW IN HIGH DEMAND.

WE HAVE LOTS OF QUESTIONS TO ASK TOM AND CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR HIS INSPIRATIONAL TALK.





This is to certify that

Sir Graham Balfour School

has been assessed as

**"making good progress" towards meeting all the national
assessment criteria for the Quality in Careers Standard
(incorporating the Gatsby Benchmarks)**

for its careers' education,
information, advice, and guidance provision.

The award is for a period of up to 3 years, expiring on
2nd July 2027.

Shaun Riley

Head of Service, Careers and Participation

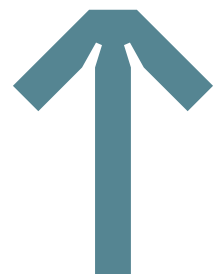
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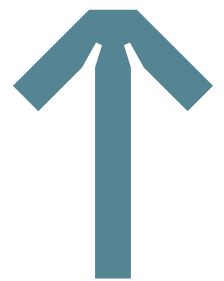
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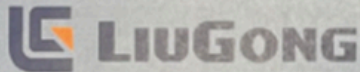
High-tech manufacturing & design

Wednesday 23rd October | 5pm - 8pm

@JCB Academy, Mill St, Rocester, Uttoxeter, ST14 5JX

A free conference for teachers, careers leaders, students (yrs 9 to 13) and parent/carers interested in exploring the variety of opportunities available within manufacturing, design, innovation & engineering.

Apprentices and speakers from:



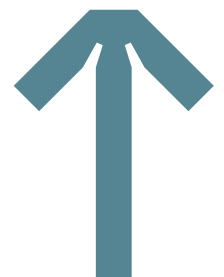
- ▶ Hear from amazing young talent
- ▶ Get advice & insights from people in the industry
- ▶ Explore job varieties and skills required
- ▶ Connect with local employers
- ▶ Discover future trends redefining the workplace
- ▶ Gain CPD points for attending

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SGB WILL BE SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN NEED

FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

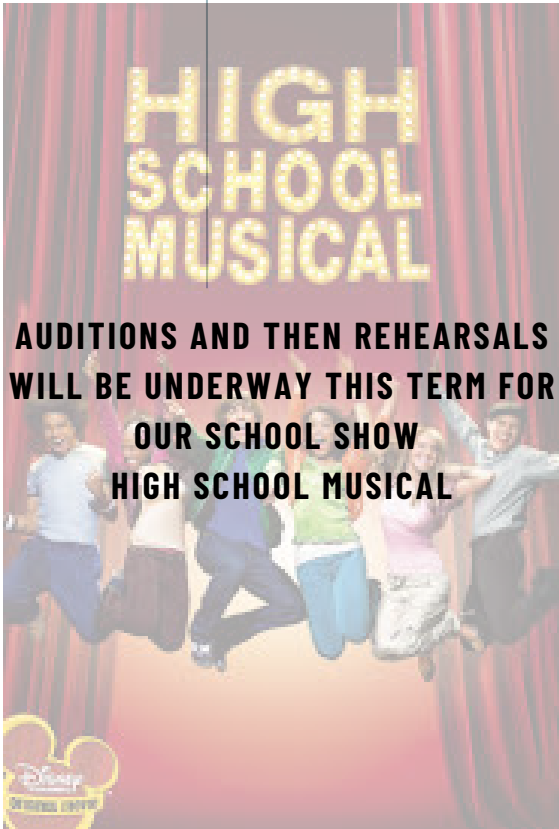


**WE WILL BE CONTRIBUTING
AN SGB TREE TO
ST MARYS CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**



Lest we forget...

**MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COUNCIL AND CADETS WILL BE
PARTICIPATING IN THE STAFFORD REMEMBRANCE
PARADE**



**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**

**AUDITIONS AND THEN REHEARSALS
WILL BE UNDERWAY THIS TERM FOR
OUR SCHOOL SHOW
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL**



**WE WILL BE RUNNING SCHOOL
COMPETITIONS IN BAKING, PUMPKIN
CARVING AND CHRISTMAS CARDS AS THE
SEASONS APPROACH**



**WE WILL BE TAKING NON- PERISHABLE FOOD
DONATIONS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER AS PART OF
OUR CHRISTMAS CHARITY EVENT. THESE WILL GO
TO SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES AND FOOD BANKS.**

COMMUNITY

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CONTACTS



CAREERS AND ASPIRATIONS

If you have enquiries regarding areas of school involving careers, work experience, further and higher education. Please contact Vbowyer@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk



ENRICHMENT

If you have queries regarding Enrichment or Community events please contact Lgannon@sirgrshambalfour.staffs.sch.uk



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For further information about our DofE programme please email DofE@sirgrahambalfour.staffs.sch.uk