Welcome to
Sandy Secondary School

Miss K Hayward
Executive Principal
Greensand Federation

Mr A Rutter
Head of Sandy Secondary School

Transition 2026

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June

Introducing our Leadership Team…

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Mrs L Cross

Vice Principal

Quality of Education

Mr G Millard

Vice Principal

Behaviour, Attitudes and Personal Development

Mrs T Hinson

Vice Principal

Quality of Education

Introducing our Leadership Team…

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Mr G Preston
Director of Quality Assurance

Mrs C Jones
Director of HR, Site and Operations

Mrs S Kane
Director of Finance

Introducing our Leadership Team…

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Mrs N Halliday
Assistant Principal

Mrs J Devereux
Behaviour and Attendance Manager

Mr G McAdam
Assistant Principal

Mrs M Bloor
Assistant Principal

Mr M Cuff
Assistant Principal

Miss E Broughton
Assistant Principal

Mr J Hutchins
Assistant Principal

Mrs N Assante Ansong
Assistant Principal

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Introducing our Leadership Team…

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Mrs K Quinn
Associate Assistant Principal

Mr C Brown
Associate Assistant Principal

Mr W Levesley
Head of Sixth Form/Associate Assistant Principal

Mrs L Clifton
Associate Assistant Principal

The Educational Journey

Your child is on an educational journey and their time at Sandy Secondary School is an important stage in this process...

We provide support tailored to the needs of your child; treating them as an **individual**, with different skills, aspirations and dreams for the future.

We understand that the journey is not always smooth and we therefore endeavour to ensure that there is **specialist support** available along the way.

We want your child to **enjoy** and **achieve** through their experience at Sandy Secondary School. We believe that a happy student is a successful one; being resilient and ambitious for the future.

The Transition Process

This week your child is taking another important step in their transition to Sandy Secondary School. The focus for this week is on:

- Providing an experience of the **curriculum**.
- Enabling them to meet the **staff** and to **familiarise themselves** with their new surroundings.
- Providing information to your child about our **expectations**.
- Helping your child to feel **happy and confident** about their transition to our school.

<u>Our focus for this evening</u>:

1. Student Support
2. Establishing expectations
3. Providing Opportunities

Student Support…

House Structure

We believe in providing appropriate support and guidance to your child at every stage of their educational journey.

- We have **4** Houses - Courage, Determination, Excellence and Inspiration.
- Each House is linked to a range of subject areas and each form group is based in those departmental areas.
- House staff monitor achievement, attendance, behaviour and student welfare.
- The House structure allows us to give really good support to our students.

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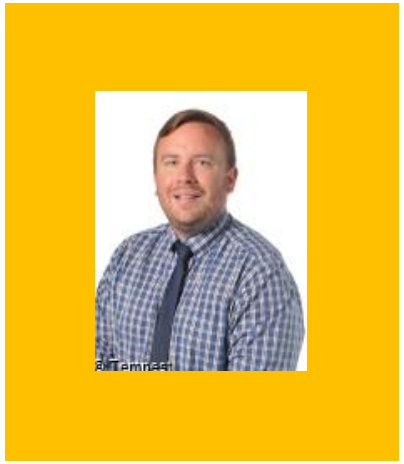
Student Support



Mr McAdam

Courage

Science and DT

Miss Broughton

Determination

English and Humanities

Mr McAdam

Excellence

Maths, Art and MFL

Miss Broughton

Inspiration

PE, Business and ICT, Drama, Music & Dance

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Student Support

House Leaders

Miss M Frankland
House Lead
Courage

Miss T Rixon
House Lead
Determination

Miss S Langdale
House Lead
Excellence

Miss H Miller
House Lead
Inspiration

Student Support

Pastoral Team

Mrs E James
House of Courage

Mrs C Tuffin
House of Inspiration

Mrs P Buckley
House of Determination

Mrs C Tumulty
House of Excellence

Attendance Officer
Mrs I Johnson

Attendance Officer
Ms J Philips

Safeguarding and Welfare Officer
Mrs S Ford

Behaviour Support Worker
Mrs T Harris

Student Support…

Role of the Form Tutor

The Form Tutor plays an integral role in supporting the academic and pastoral needs of our students and will provide them with a familiar face each day…

- To act as a point of contact for parents.
- To monitor students' academic progress.
- To support with literacy and reading across the curriculum
- To monitor standards of attendance, behaviour and uniform.
- To deliver the Personal Development (PSHE) and careers curriculum (1 hour per week).

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Student Support…

- Students with additional needs or barriers to their learning may be supported by our **SEND team**.
- Our SEND team comprises of a highly specialised team of teaching assistants and is led by our **Senior SENCO- Mrs H Smith**, **SENCO- Mrs A Alderton** and **Cognition and Learning Lead - Dr A Cook**
- The SEND team works closely with parents/carers and with external agencies to ensure that the right support is provided to help your child succeed.
- Mrs Alderton and Dr Cook are available this evening for booked appointments.

Mrs H. Smith
Senior SENCO

Mrs A. Alderton
SENCO

Dr A. Cook
Cognition and Learning Lead

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Establishing Expectations

Punctuality and Attendance

- We have a very ambitious attendance target because we know that high attendance is critical for you child to enjoy and achieve.
- Our attendance target is 98% and the vast majority of our students are able to successfully meet this target.
- When attendance becomes a concern our attendance team will be in contact to discuss how we can support your child.

Target:
98%

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Establishing Expectations

Punctuality and Attendance

<u>90% attendance</u>

means you are missing ½ a day per week of school

1 month of school across two years

80% attendance

means you are missing 1 day per week of school

2 months of school across two years

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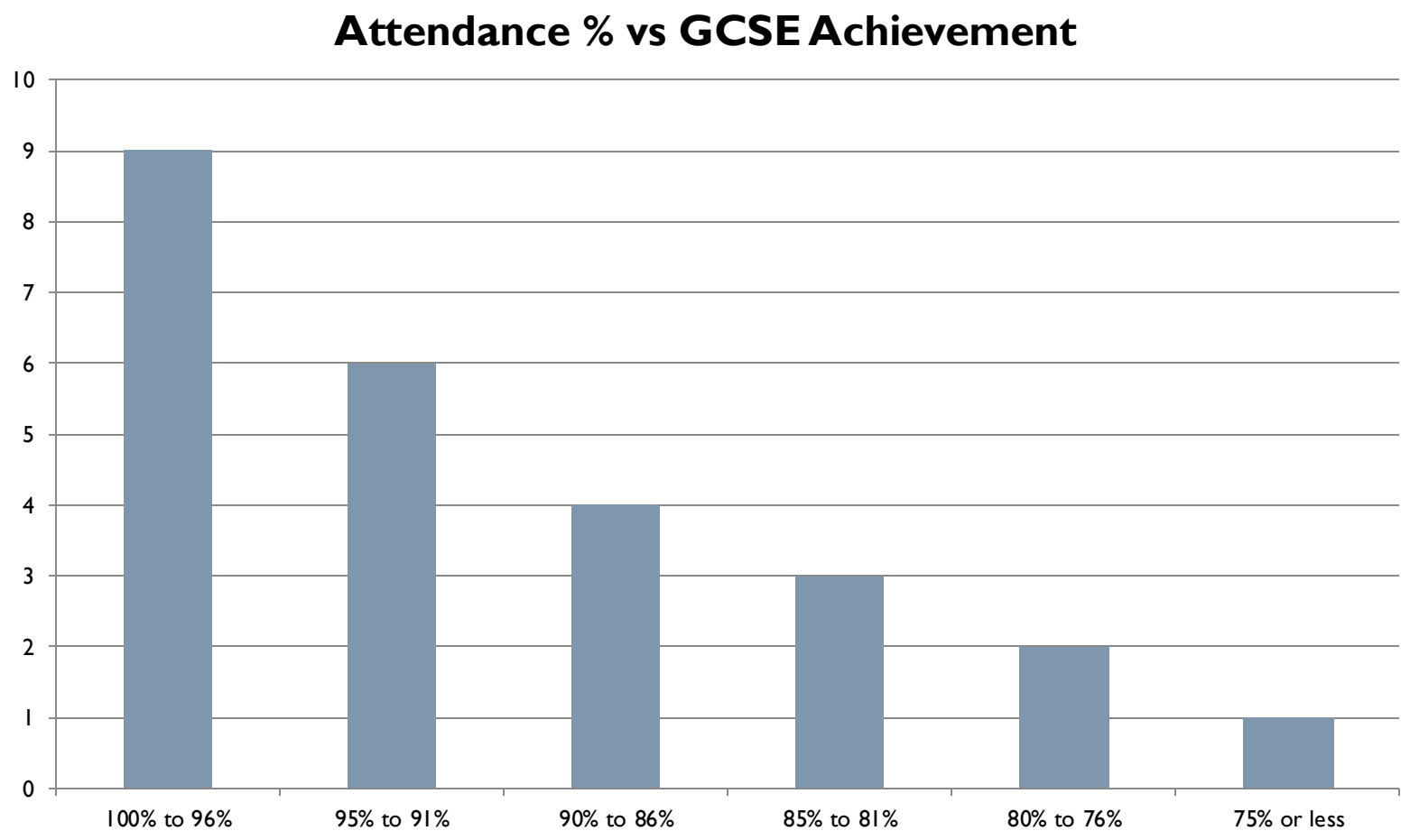
Establishing Expectations

Punctuality and Attendance

Evidence clearly demonstrates how important high attendance is…

Only 96% + supports 9 GCSEs at Grade 5-9



Establishing Expectations

Punctuality and Attendance

Evidence clearly demonstrates how important high attendance is…

5 Powerful Facts:

1. 90% attendance sounds high — but it means missing almost **1 day every 2 weeks**.
2. If students have 90% attendance, then this is **95 missed lessons** per year, and **475 missed lessons** over the course of secondary school.
3. A student with an average of **90% attendance** across each school year, misses the equivalent of a year of learning across their educational journey.
4. Being on time matters too — 10 minutes late each day equals nearly a week of lost learning over a school year.
5. Lastly, **Parents make the biggest difference:** students attend more consistently when school attendance is clearly valued at home.

Establishing Expectations

Uniform

- The uniform of Sandy Secondary School students is typically excellent- students are **smart** and **well presented**.
- This is achieved by **clear rules and expectations** that are enforced by our staff and supported by our students.
- **Your support** in upholding these standards is **really important** in enabling us to continue with such **high standards**.

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Establishing Routines

Mobile Phones

- Mobile Phones should not be seen or heard within school.
- The reasons for this are as follows…
  - Inappropriate use (i.e. cheating, bullying, filming of students, etc.)
  - They distract students from our core purpose- learning.
  - They are costly to replace if damaged and could get lost.
  - They prevent social interaction and face-to-face dialogue between students.
- If mobile phones are seen they will be confiscated and handed in to student reception.
- For the 1st offence the phone will be handed back at the end of the day. For subsequent offences we will ask parents/guardians to collect it from the school.

Establishing Routines

Independent, Knowledge, Enrichment

- Our approach to home learning focuses on active engagement and **knowledge retrieval**.
- Home learning is **compulsory,** but there are no sanctions. It is **rewards based.**
- In KS3, students will use **knowledge organisers** to embed and extend their knowledge. Students will complete knowledge retrieval quizzes on Department chosen online platforms e.g. Seneca.
- Teachers will use data from the quizzes as an opportunity to **revisit any common misconceptions** before moving learning on.
- All home learning at Sandy Secondary School is recorded on **Edulink**.
- This is an **online programme** that enables students and parents/carers to check what work their child has been set.

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Providing Opportunities

Students at Sandy Secondary School will be provided with lots of opportunities to broaden their horizons…

We have a huge number of clubs and arrange various of trips and visits:

- PE clubs, Performing Arts, Chess Club, Music clubs, Craft Club, etc.
- Clubs Challenge
- Ski Trip, Disneyland Paris, Belgium, London, etc.

We have a very active **School Council** that regularly consult with staff to make positive changes to the school.

They are elected from their peers and are recognised by the School Council badge.

We regularly **praise** students and **celebrate** their achievements:

- Achievement Assemblies
- Golden Day
- Achievement Points
- Badges
- Hot Choc Friday

Athletics	PE Dept	All years	LMR & SPK
Hockey	PE Dept	All years	WSS
ART Open Studio Intervention	ART Dept	Exam students	Art Dept
Volleyball	PE Dept	All years	CLG
Music Practice Club *(limited spaces)*	Music Dept	All years	GMY
Music GCSE Intervention & Revision	Music Dept	9-11	GMY
Year 7&8 Dance Club	DA1	7 & 8	Dance Dept

Creative Writing Club	English Dept	All years	SSS
Girls Football Club (External Coach)	PE Dept	All years	4 Corners Coaching & WSS
"I want to make" DT Club	DT DEPT	7 & 8	DMS

Thursday			
Dance Company	DA1	All years	Dance Dept
Drama Club	Drama Studio	7-9	FDE & KMS
ART Open Studio Intervention	ART Dept	Exam students	Art Dept
Girls Cricket	PE Dept	All years	JFR & TRN
Friday			
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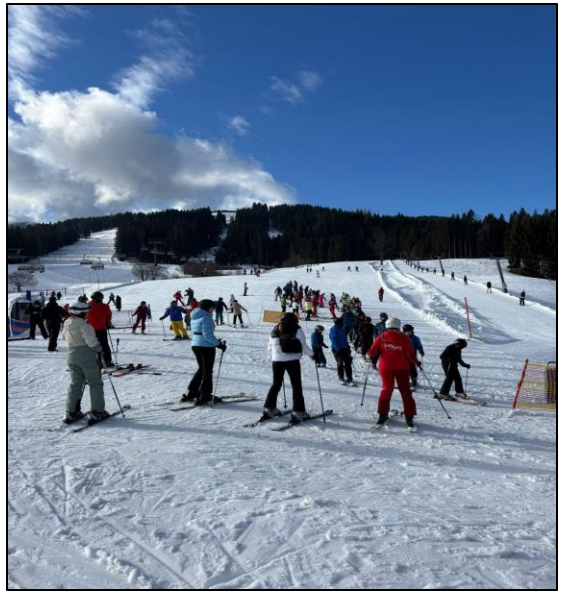
Enrichment



Trips and visits

- ✓ **Ski trip**
- ✓ **Berlin trip (History and Computer Science)**
- ✓ **French Trip**
- ✓ **Spanish Trip**
- ✓ **Geography Residential**
- ✓ **DofE**
- ✓ **Kew/Tate/V&A**
- ✓ **DT Trips to tournaments**
- ✓ **Media trips to cinema and HP Studios**
- ✓ **Summer trips: theme parks and water sports.**
- ✓ **History also do Battlefields trip to Ypres/Sommer every other year.**

Enrichment for YOU!

- National Space Centre, Leicester: Monday 12th October
- Natural History Museum, London: Tuesday 13th October
- Think Tank, Birmingham: Wednesday 14th October

Providing Opportunities

In addition to the previous points, there are other opportunities we wish to make you aware of…

Parent Transition events: A series of early evening events which will provide parents with knowledge and tools to access school systems and support their children.

SLT surgeries: Appointment based evenings where parents will have the opportunity to book appointments with members of the senior team – schedule to follow.

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Providing Opportunities: Reading Challenge

Calling all our new Year 7 students!

- This summer, why not take part in the **<u>Summer Reading Challenge</u>** at your local library?
- The challenge is a fun way to discover exciting new books, earn rewards and keep your reading skills sharp during the holidays. Reading for pleasure can boost your imagination, build confidence, improve vocabulary and help you return to school in September feeling ready to learn.
- Check out the poster for details on how to join, visit your local library, and make reading part of your summer adventure!

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Summer Reading Challenge

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WELCOME

Here's a taste of what's on offer at the food court

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EVERY DAY, THERE IS A HUGE VARIETY OF DELICIOUS FOOD OPTIONS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM!

MORE THAN JUST LUNCH!

Remember, food isn't just for lunchtime ...

BREAKFAST »

Start your day right

Grab toast, cereal, yoghurt or a hot snack before your first lesson!

or a FREE bowl of porridge is available everyday!

BREAKTIME »

Need a boost?

Pick up hot snacks such as our PowerBites pots - noodles, rice and more or snack pots and bakes.

LUNCHTIME »

Your main event!

From hot meals to street-food style dishes and grab and go options, you've got loads to choose from!

WHENEVER YOU'RE HUNGRY, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.

Don’t forget...

EACH DAY, CHOOSE FROM:

- Hot main meals or ‘grab-and-go’ takeaway items
- Sandwiches, wraps, pasta pots, salads & jacket potatoes
- Street food-style dishes made your way
- Savoury snacks, fruit pots, home bakes, and much more

We’re all about fresh and exciting food, designed to keep you feeling your best throughout the day.

- ✅ Tasty food that keeps you feeling full, focused and ready to learn!
- ✅ Loads of choice, from grab and go bites to delicious street food-style dishes
- ✅ Delicious, balanced feel good meals
- ✅ Our menus are shaped by what you say! Got feedback? Tell us!

YOUR MENU RECAP! 🤔

From the global flavours of our StreetVibes range to a light and refreshing option from Chill Deal, there's a choice to match every mood, every day!

DAILY DEALS & OFFERS

Daily meal deals available to all students and all available within the Free School Meal allowance!

CHILL DEAL

Grab a quick cold lunch! Choose any 4 items marked with the Chill Deal sticker - including filled rolls, sweet or savoury snack pots, and mini home bakes.

chill deal

CHOOSE 4 ITEMS FROM THE CHILL DEAL FRIDGE!

Our Chill Deal is a simple, easy option. Simply choose any 4 cold items marked as part of the Chill Deal including:

HOT MEAL & DESSERT/DRINK

Pick from daily hot mains - or favourites such as topped jacket potatoes and pasta pots and combine with a hot homemade dessert, piece of fruit or small GenJuice!

STREETVIBES: MADE YOUR WAY

Every Tuesday to Thursday, you have the option to spice things up with our StreetVibes street food offer.

5 DAILY MEAL DEALS

Bringing You Great Value Every Day!

CHOOSE ONE FROM + **CHOOSE ONE FROM**

1. **MAIN MEAL**
   Choose from our daily changing main meals
2. **12OZ PASTA POT**
   Daily changing sauces
3. **JACKET POTATO**
   with 2 toppings
4. **SUB ROLL**
   Made fresh on site daily

DESSERT OF THE DAY
OR
PIECE OF FRUIT
OR
12oz GEN JUICE

ALL MEAL DEALS £3.15

OR

5. **CHILL DEAL**
   CHOOSE 4
   1 Filled Roll, 1 Snack Pot 4oz, 1 Small Home Bake, 1 Drink

chill deal

Reduce Your **Carbon** Footprint

97% ↓ reduced plastic

2500 plastic bottles saved since launch November 2025

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AND THERE'S MORE...

Love to snack or graze your way through the day? We've got plenty to keep you going — available at break and lunch!

POWERBITES

Hot snack pots packed with flavour at a small price!

HOT & COLD DELI PICKS

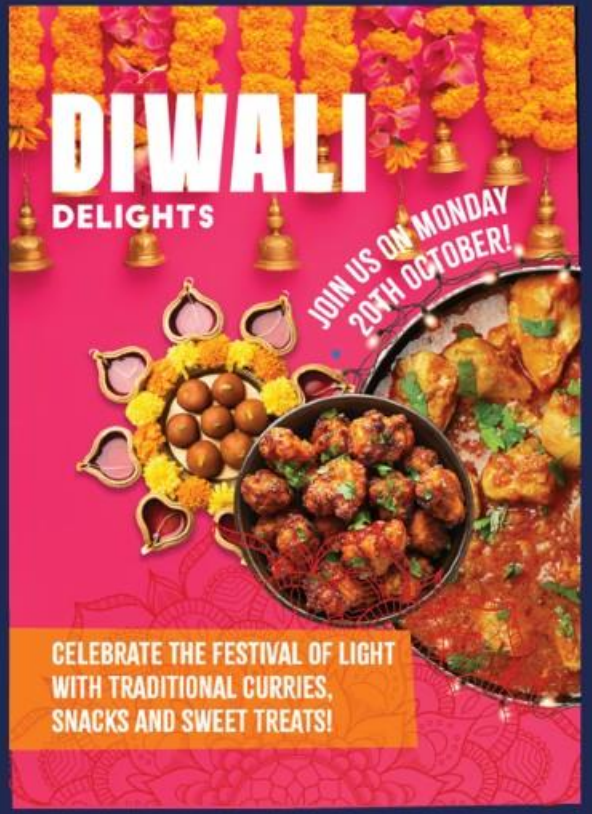
From fresh filled rolls and hot wraps to salads and sushi pots, our deli range is ideal for mixing it up or grabbing a lighter bite.

BAKERY FAVOURITES

Flapjacks, muffins, pastries and more are baked fresh daily.

THEME DAYS

Remember to look out for special pop up themed menus to mark big occasions!



From festive food celebrations to opportunities to experience new flavours from around the world, there's always something fun and delicious to explore.

GOT AN ALLERGY OR INTOLERANCE? NO PROBLEM!

Here’s a reminder - theres’ no need to worry!

All our dishes come with full ingredient and allergen information, and any pre-packaged items are clearly labelled with the 14 major allergens.

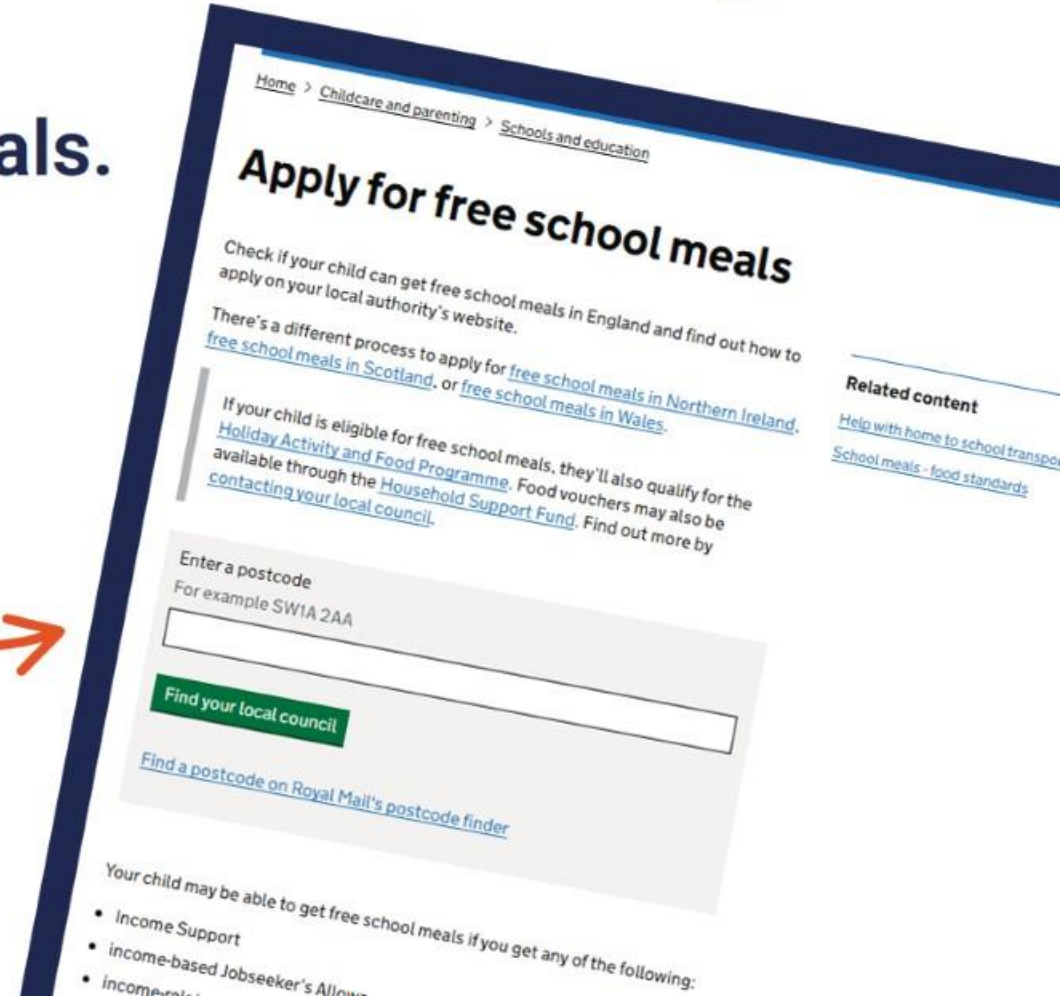
Need extra support? Remember, our **Allergen Buddies** are here to help you choose safely, answer questions, and make sure you can eat with confidence every day.

THERE IS SUCH A THING AS A FREE LUNCH!

You could be eligible for **free school meals.**

To check if you're eligible simply search "free school meals" and click on the government website!

No special treatment, you just get your food like you normally would!



HERE'S A REMINDER OF REASONS TO LOVE OUR FOOD!

🍽️ Tasty Food - Fresh, chef-made meals you'll actually look forward to.

💷 Great Value - Cheaper than most packed lunches or high street options.

⚡ Energising & Balanced - Meals that help you stay focused and fuelled for the school day.

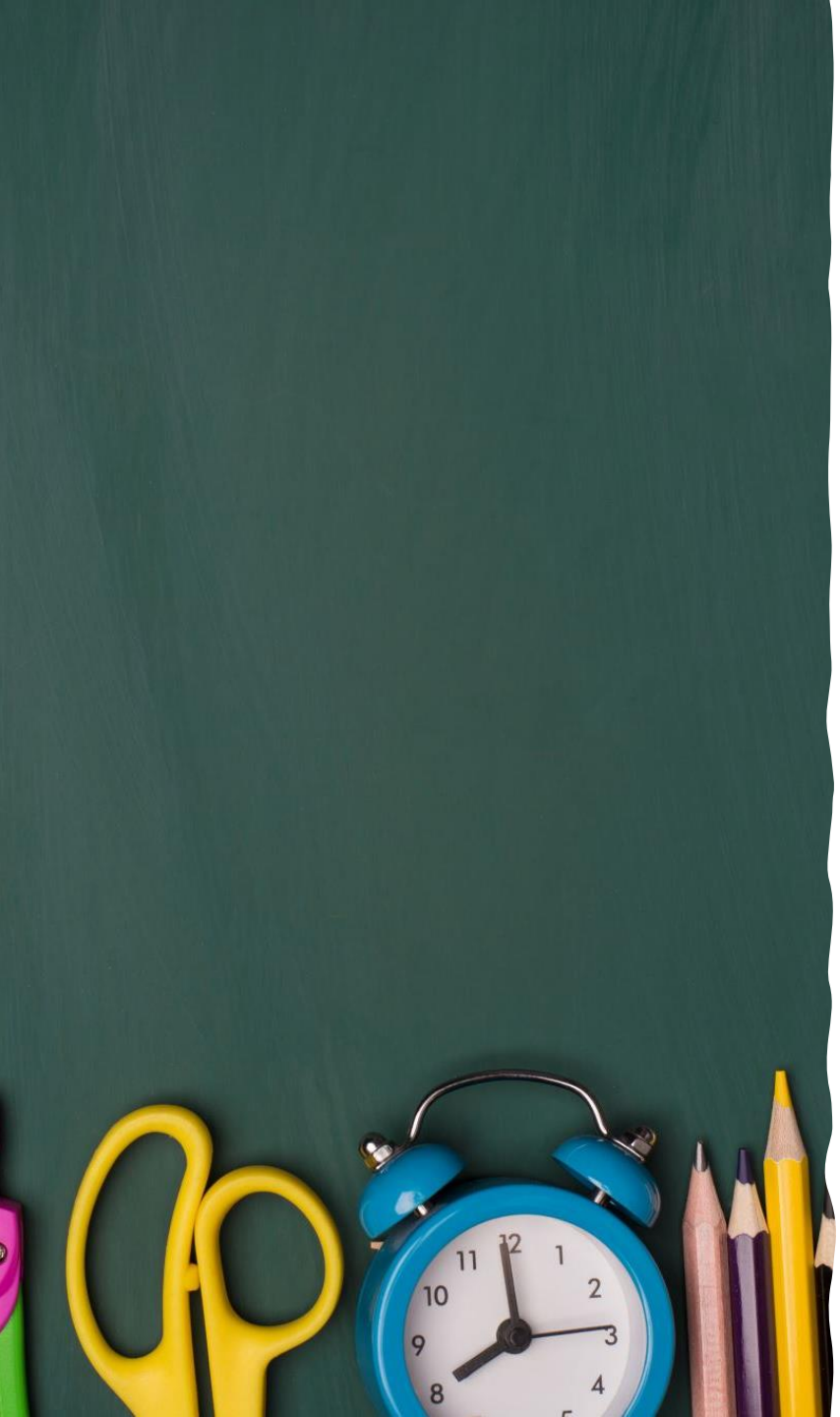
👩‍🍳 Made from Scratch - 95% of our food is prepared on site.

🌍 Something for Everyone - Options for all diets, cultures, and preferences.

✅ Allergy-Friendly - Clear labels + Allergy Buddy support if you need it.

🌱 Eco & Safety First - Eco-packaging and top food safety standards.

😊 Chilled Spaces - Relaxed vibe & friendly team.



Summer School 2026

3rd August - 7th August 2026

Summer School

A summer school gives provides the opportunity to offer more face-to-face support to students before they start a new school – **DFE**

The DFE state that Summer School offers the following benefits:

- It enables students to build a community with their peers.
- It enables students to forge relationships with new teachers.
- It enables students to familiarise themselves with their new school environment.

Why choose Summer School for your child?

- It builds up their confidence and makes them less anxious about starting their new school.
- They can learn new skills and meet staff they will be working with – meaning they can identify staff and know who to go to for help if needed straight away.
- They get to know the layout of the building
- They meet new friends
- They have fun doing learning activities in the core subjects and in areas they enjoy – Football/Arts and Crafts.
- It can enhance their learning and allow them to excel.
- They have fun

“Summer school was such a great experience for me. I felt much less nervous starting Secondary School afterwards, because I got to know the teachers, the school and the lessons. I enjoyed summer school so much and it made me look forward to starting in September!” - Abigail

“I met new friends and loved all the activities, we also got to take our crafts home. I made a lovely box, which I call my memory box” - Amy

“I did not think I would like summer school, but I loved it, and it gave me more confidence coming to the school in September. I also found that staff would help me and wanted me to be successful. I also loved the tuck shop” - Aaron

What will they do at Summer School?

Each day they will do

- 1 hour of English activities
- 1 hour of Maths activities
- 1 hour of Science investigation

What will they do at Summer School?

Each day they will do either:

- 2 hours of football where they will be coached in key skills by a football coach who has a wealth of experience working with many different teams up and down the country. They will also have a game of football each day.

What will they do at Summer School?

OR:

- 2 hours of Arts and Crafts – where they will make different things, that they can bring home.

Organisation of the Day

- Summer School will start at 9.00am and finish at 3.00pm.
- It will start every morning with registration.
- There will be a 20 minute break mid-morning and a 30 minute lunchbreak,***We ask that the students bring their own packed lunch, but a tuckshop will be available for them to buy things, if they wish to.***
- On the last day we will have a Celebration Assembly, where prizes will be awarded.

Cost

- To cover the operating costs of Summer School, there is a cost of £44 per day. This is to pay for the staffing and resources that are required.
- If you would like your child to attend this provision, please sign up via ParentPay.

General Points…

Please be aware that we operate a system of cashless payments and catering through Parent Pay.

To support your child in their transition to Sandy Secondary School we have also arranged the following for this evening…

- The opportunity for you to meet with the House Leaders, Pastoral Support Assistants and SENCO.
- The opportunity to see the uniform and try it on. Our supplier, Prestige, are currently based in the café.
- The opportunity to get your child's fingerprint scanned for use when purchasing food and drink in the café.

Thank You

We very much appreciate your attendance this evening and we look forward to working closely with you over the coming years.

- Should you wish to discuss any issues or concerns about the transition of your child then please do not hesitate to make contact with us.
- We understand the importance of good communication and are always happy to help.

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