

13th June 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It has been an exceptionally busy week at school, with a huge range of activities taking place, alongside of the continued public exams and internal assessments, testimony to the rich lived experience of the school.

I do hope those students in years 7 and 8 who took part in the Junior Kangaroo maths challenge held on Tuesday performed well and enjoyed the challenge of the paper. Well done to all those involved for getting through to this stage of the national maths challenge programme.

Thank you to those members of year 12 who have been giving inspiring talks to students in years 7,8 and 9 at lunchtime across this week, as part of their year 12 scholarship programme. Talks have been tremendously rich and varied and have included: The importance of blood donation; Can maths prove everything; A journey into Godel's incompleteness; Animal health and behaviours; The importance of music and lawn mowers and climate change; A hidden connection - amongst many more. My thanks to year 12 for taking the time to research and deliver these interesting and varied talks to members of the lower school.

I was pleased to see the establishment of a new environmental club this week, which was launched on Thursday with many in attendance, complementing our extensive range of clubs and societies that have been running across this academic year.

I do hope that members of year 10 enjoyed and benefited from their day's work experience, held on Wednesday of this week. My thanks to all those many businesses and other organisations who offered a placement to students in year 10 this year, and to Mr Germaine for carrying out the organisational work involved. Year 12 has a week of work experience planned for later in the term, as part of their ongoing careers guidance programme.

It was a pleasure to sit in on the senior prefect and student executive leadership training session which was held yesterday in school and led by internationally acclaimed speaker and former Shakespearean actor Ben Walden. Over 70 year 12 students enjoyed the opportunity to reflect upon leadership styles, their own leadership and how they can develop their leadership skills further over the next year in their roles as prefects and members of the student executive team and more generally in their school and home lives. Thanks to Ben for coming into school and giving such an inspiring workshop.

It is good to see many students involved in both cricket and rounders matches this week; alongside that, our athletes are busy both practising for and taking part in a number of events: the schools' team competition is being held today, with the county athletics on Saturday; next week it is the English School's Cup Final at Nuneaton - on Monday for the year 9 and 10 girls team, and on Tuesday for the boys year 9 and 10 team. My best wishes to all involved.



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The Crypt School
Educating students since 1539

The annual year 7 Heritage Day was held on Tuesday: this is an occasion for our year 7 students to visit St Mary de Crypt Church and the original Crypt School Room, as the final part of their induction into the school, its history, traditions and connections to the city and past. I hope they all enjoyed that experience, which culminated in a service held in the Church itself to celebrate their membership of our school community, which stretches all the way back to the founding of the school in 1539, by Dame Joan Cooke.

Our annual year 5 taster days were held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, with nearly 200 year 5 children in attendance. My thanks to colleagues and students who helped support those days, and to Mrs De La Fuente for organising those two days, which gives year 5 children a taste of what it might be like to attend The Crypt School. I hope they enjoyed their day in school.

The CSPTA held its 50th AGM on Tuesday, followed by its normal monthly meeting, and attended by many parents who form the committee and who work hard to organise many events, help support school activities and raise money for school projects. I would like to thank three outgoing committee members for their extraordinary service to the life and work of the CSPTA Committee: Gayle Stott, has worked on the committee recruiting volunteers and organising numerous school events; Claire Gooch, who has run the school uniform, and now second hand uniform shops, and outgoing Chair, Claire Berry who has led the Committee for a number of years, ensuring its central role and place in the busy life of the school. They will all be greatly missed but can all reflect back very proudly on their roles in the success of both the CSPTA and of the school over that period. My thanks to Mike and Sharon Byfield for taking on the positions of Chair and Secretary respectively, to Tracy Scott as Vice Chair and to Steve Scott for his work as Committee Treasurer.

The First World War Battlefields Trip left earlier today, with over 90 year 9 students accompanied by staff visiting the Ypres and Somme areas of the First World War, the scene of some of the most significant battles of that war, and which became the final resting place of so many soldiers from Britain, and the Commonwealth of nations who together made up the truly global British armies of that time. I look forward to sharing details of this trip next week.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Dyer'.

Nicholas Dyer
Headmaster

School Dates

17 th June	Y10 Geography Trip #1
18 th June	Y10 Geography Trip #2
20 th June	Y11 Prom
23 rd June	School Diversity Week
23 rd & 24 th June	Summer School
24 th June	Krispy Kreme Sale (Pre order by 19 th June)
25 th June	Prospective pupils' lower school open morning
26 th June	Y13 Book return
26 th June	Founders' Day 7.15pm Gloucester Cathedral

Summer Uniform

From Monday we will be moving to a summer uniform. Essentially pupils, including exam year groups, will not have to wear their blazer or jacket to school. They **cannot** be replaced by hoodies or sweatshirts etc.

Pupils attending the Founders Day service will be expected to wear their blazers and jackets.

As the weather looks to be getting warmer, your child should have a water bottle on them and take some precautions if out on the fields during break or lunchtime. This might be remaining hydrated, sitting in the shade, wearing sun cream, or wearing a hat.

Krispy Kreme Sale for Lions at Large Appeal



Prepay for your Krispy Kreme Original Glazed Doughnut for £1.50 on ParentPay and collect from the hall at lunchtime on Tuesday 24th June.

Doughnuts must be bought by 3pm on Thursday 19th June.

All profit will go to the Lions at Large Appeal



WIN A FORTNUM & MASON HAMPER

TICKETS £2 ON PARENTPAY UNTIL 12PM ON 24th June

DRAW ON 24th June 2025 5:30PM AT THE CRYPT SCHOOL

All proceeds will be donated to

**Cheltenham
Gloucester**
HOSPITALS CHARITY



Fortnum's Vinho Verde Adega de Moncao, 75cl
Fortnum's Rosso Piceno, Saladini Pilastrini, 75cl
Royal Blend, 125g Tin
Afternoon Blend Tea, 125g Tin
Walnut & Seed Crackers, 115g
Fortnum's Pickle, 220g
Blackberry Preserve 340g
Pistachio & Clotted Cream Biscuits, 250g
Piccadilly Salted Caramel Biscuits, 200g
Fortnum's Marc de Champagne Truffles, 125g. All in a beautiful wicker basket.

PARENTPAY RECIEPTS ARE YOUR TICKETS AND CONFIRM YOUR ENTRY
WE WILL ALLOCATE A TICKET NUMBER TO EACH TICKET PURCHASED
The hamper must be collected by someone over 18 years

Promoter Hazel Wasley
The Crypt School, Podsmead,
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Heritage Day

All year 7 students travelled to St Mary de Crypt church and school room this week, where the school was founded in 1539 (the oldest school in Gloucester!). Students discovered more about the history of the school and the founder - Joan Cooke - and stories of key students and teachers across the years. They also got creative through studying and drawing stained glass windows, learning the school song in Latin, and exploring the architecture and history of the local area.



We are grateful to all staff and members of the Student Executive team who supported the day. Eirwen and Charlie also deserve a special mention for reading the parable of the good Samaritan and the Lord's Prayer respectively - both of which were delivered confidently and very well received. Reverend Nikki Arthy led the closing service and reminded us all of our place in the history and tradition of the Crypt School, and to be grateful for all opportunities - a powerful message. Heritage Day is a key event for all students to develop a sense of community and belonging and we hope it was an enriching day for all.



Bronze DofE Qualifying Expedition - 7th–8th June 2025

Last weekend, students from The Crypt School successfully completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition, marking a major milestone in their DofE journey. Supported by the experienced team at Live Life Adventure (LLA), participants demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and independence across two challenging but rewarding days.



Following their earlier training expedition, students were well-prepared — refining their packing, improving their navigation, and adjusting to the demands of carrying all their own equipment over two days of walking. Groups set off from either Winchcombe School or Sudeley Castle, with staggered drop-off and collection times to keep things running smoothly.

Each team navigated a route they had helped plan, carrying full rucksacks that included tents, food, cooking equipment, and personal kit. At camp, they set up their tents and cooked meals from scratch. Despite some mixed weather, students approached the challenge with determination and enthusiasm.

On Sunday afternoon, after completing the second leg of their walk, each team took part in a 30-minute debrief with their assessor to reflect on what they had learned and how they worked together. The assessors praised the students' navigation skills, team spirit, and maturity throughout the weekend.

One Year 9 participant reflected:

“It was definitely hard at times, especially carrying everything and keeping up with the route, but it felt amazing to finish it as a team. We laughed a lot and learned loads – I’d definitely do it again!”

Thanks to the commitment of students, the support of Live Life Adventure, and the behind-the-scenes organisation from school staff and volunteers, the weekend ran smoothly and safely. A big thank you to all involved.

Well done to all students who completed the expedition — you should be very proud of this achievement. We look forward to seeing many of you continue onto Silver and beyond!

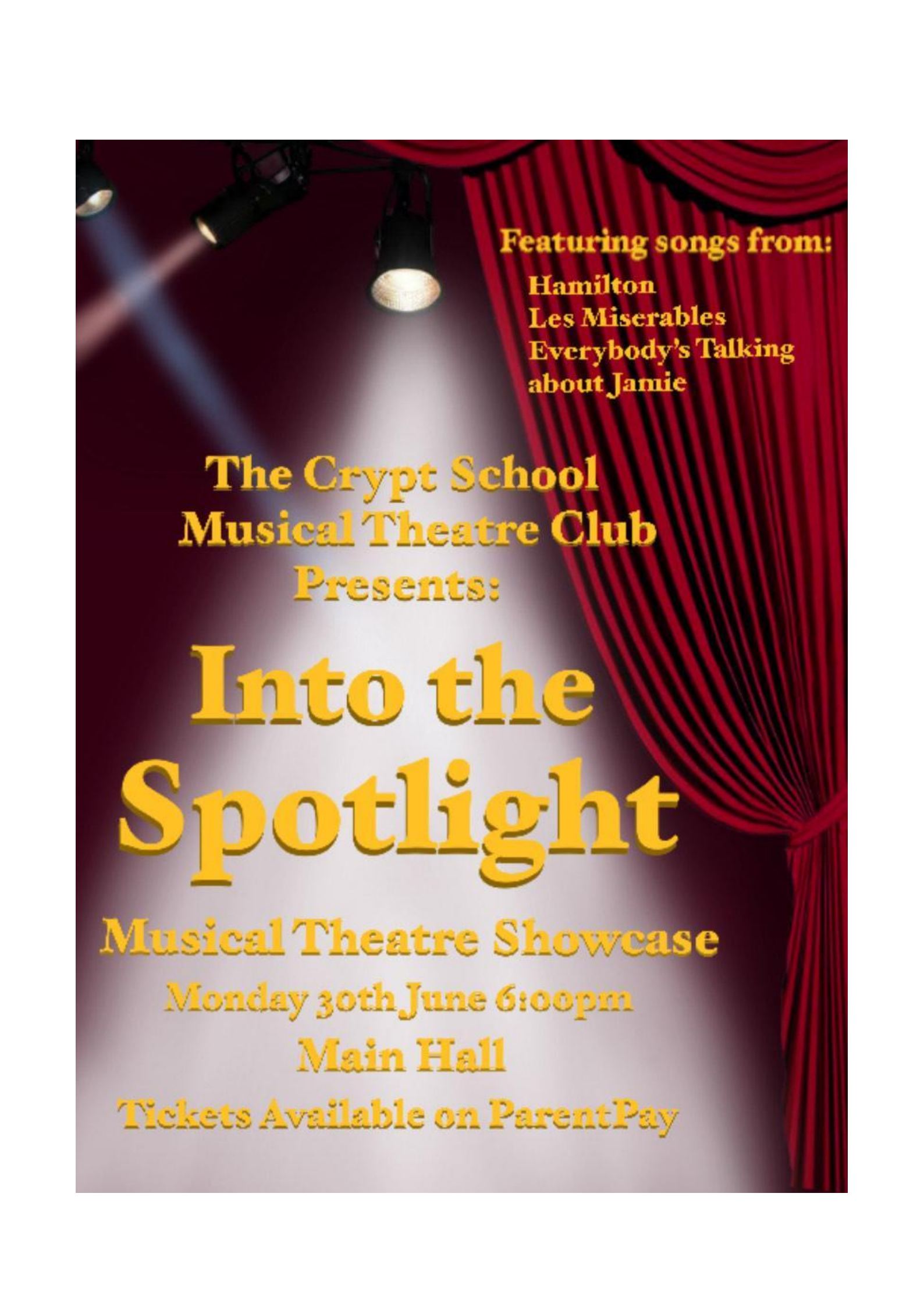


Musical Theatre

The Musical Theatre club are looking forward to their showcase, which is being held in the main hall at school on Monday 30th June 6-7pm.

We would like to invite our school community to come and watch and support all of the hard work of our performers and pit band; tickets can be purchased via Parent Pay and are £5 each (free for under 16's).

Any questions, please email Mrs Crozier (acrozier@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk)



Featuring songs from:

Hamilton

Les Miserables

**Everybody's Talking
about Jamie**

**The Crypt School
Musical Theatre Club
Presents:**

Into the Spotlight

Musical Theatre Showcase

Monday 30th June 6:00pm

Main Hall

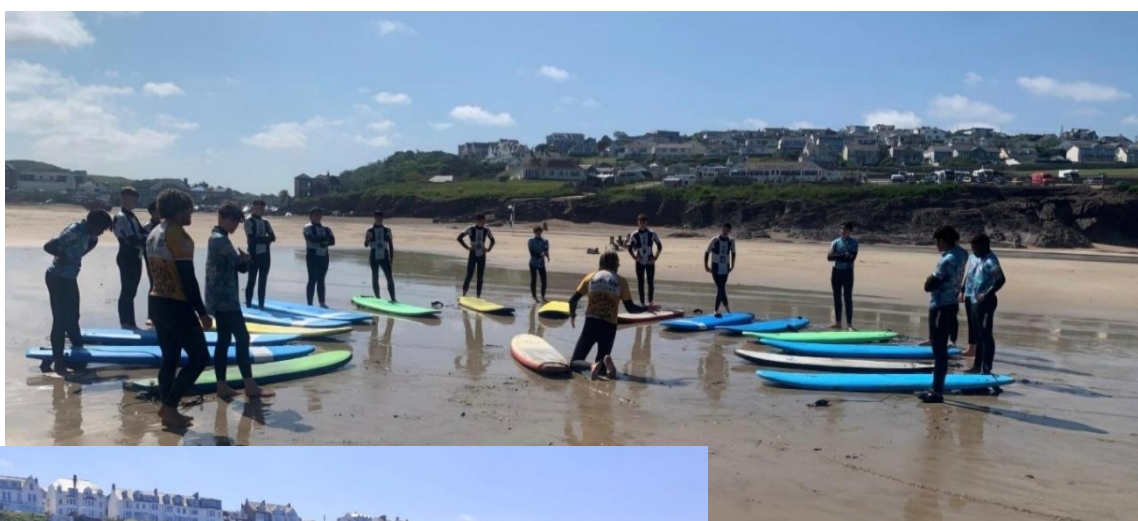
Tickets Available on ParentPay

Year 10 Surf Camp

Last month 28 year 10s set off to Cornwall to take part in a water sports trip. We spent 2 days on activities including sea kayaking, coasteering and surfing. Most of the activities were new to the students so they had to step out of their comfort zone. We were blessed with really good weather and everyone enjoyed the 3 days. Speaking to the students they said:

“Surfing was amazing. I was not very good at the start but managed to stand up towards the end. Food was also surprisingly good.”

“I loved the coasteering as it felt really adventurous.”



Thank you to Mr Windsor and Mrs Williams for making the trip possible. The next Surf camp will be open to current students in year 8 in the summer of 2026.

MUSIC NEWSLETTER

Our collaborative project with Drama is taking form and we are excited to showcase the students' wonderful work with Musical Theatre Club. Into The Spotlight will take place on Monday 30th June at 6.00pm with tickets available on ParentPay (adults £5 and under 16s free). Your support will help provide funds for our performing arts community to upgrade their resources for future productions.

The Founders' Day choir are sounding delightful with their performances of Jerusalem and Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer. We are particularly looking forward to filling the Cathedral acoustic with the anthemic I Was Glad from Parry and Kyrie from Byrd's Mass for Four Voices.

Mrs Banda has been extremely impressed with the standard of our Year 7 and 8 auditionees, and we are excited to announce our performers soon. A reminder that auditions for Oliver are taking place next Monday 16th June. Participating students are allowed to leave their period 4 lesson early to have lunch before the session.



Library Books Competition- Please Enter for The Crypt!

HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY



#rebuildthelibrary

“As our friends at Read for Good will tell you, it's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children – boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills like empathy.

But did you know that 1 in 5 children don't have a book at home? And 1 in 7 primary schools in England have no library space at all, affecting more than 750,000 children.

It's time to #rebuildthelibrary.

Our annual schools prize gives five schools across the UK the chance to win £1,000 in National Book Tokens so they can fill their library shelves with new books. Each winning school will also receive £300 in cash to make improvements to their library space, making it fun and welcoming for all.

Nominate your school and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop!

[Enter here](#)”

Summer Term Parent Support Series

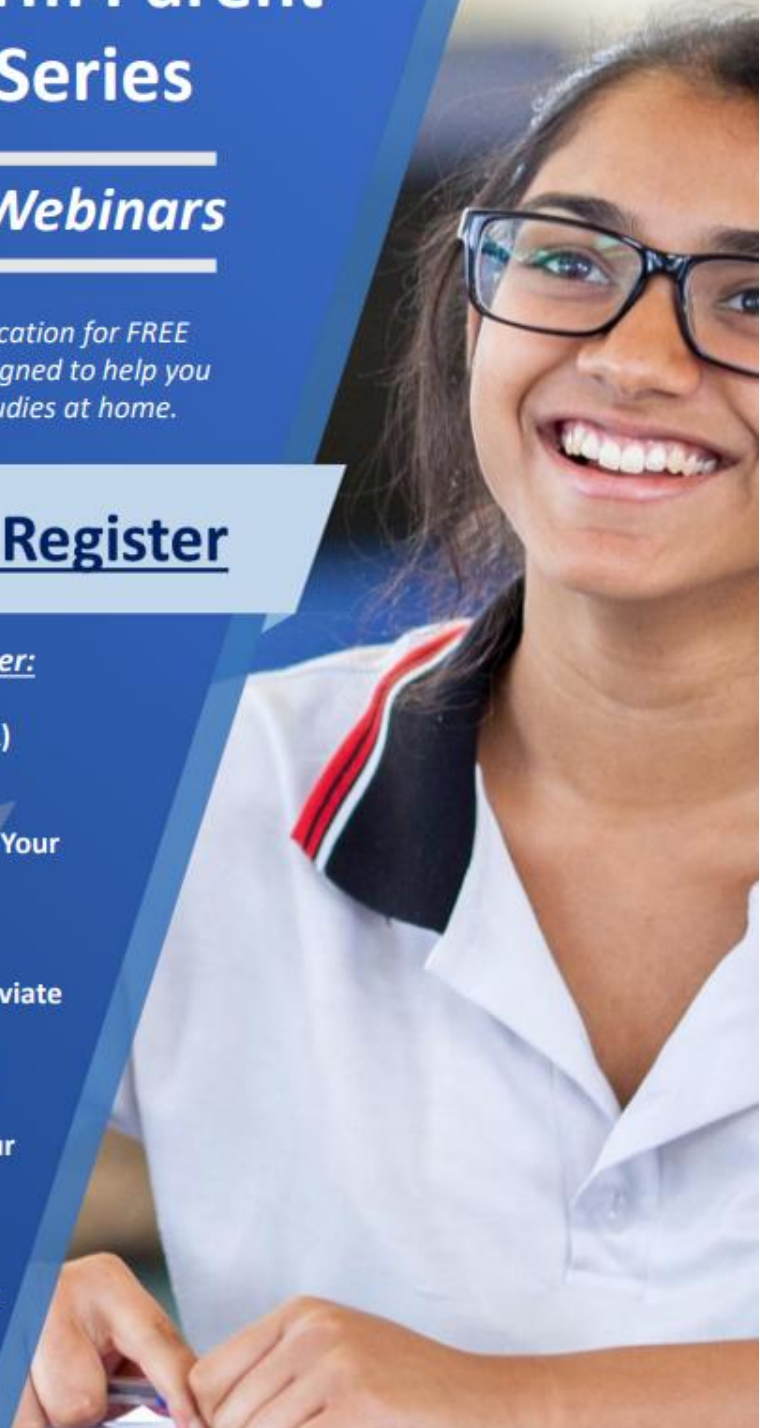
Free Parent Webinars

*Join us and Elevate Education for FREE
60- minute webinars designed to help you
support your child's studies at home.*

[Click here to Register](#)

In the Summer Term, we'll cover:

1. **Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)**
- 6th May @6:00pm (BST)
2. **How You Can Help Improve Your
Child's Memory**
- 20th May @6:00pm (BST)
3. **How to Help Your Child Alleviate
Stress**
- 17th June @6:00pm (BST)
4. **How to Get (And Keep!) Your
Child Motivated**
- 1st July @6:00pm (BST)
5. **How You Can Set Your Child
Up for Success**
- 15th July @6:00pm (BST)



Survey sleep, maths anxiety & executive control in Secondary School students

A reminder about the research project about sleep, maths anxiety and executive control in Secondary School students aged 11-18. The project team at the University of York recently worked on the TV series "Swiped: The School That Banned Smartphones" on Channel 4. The school has given its consent to take part in the research project and has written home to ask parents/carers to consent to their child taking part in the University of York's survey, with regard to the above study focus. Of course, each student must also want to take part as well; however, consent must firstly be gained from each participant's parent/carer, or guardian as applicable.

To help you determine whether you wish your child to take part in this survey, please access the link below to a parental information sheet.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uKTqFxDd_lfbs7_6gLpIVvuHv8hZKmaQG_mukWpu9xU/edit?usp=sharing

If you determine that you do consent to you child taking part (and they agree) please access this link to the parental consent form and survey: <https://research.sc/participant/login/dynamic/B1DE9FF0-6CE0-45DA-AD1D-7AF868C22D26> Parental consent must be obtained first, before the survey can be completed by each student. The study consists of a short online survey (about 20 mins) for students to fill out in their own time. The survey will close on 20th June.

Themed Menu

