

Welcome to Skipton Girls' High School



Structure of the Evening

- Safeguarding and key messages
- Tutor group and House system
- School home liaison and support
- How to support your child
- Laptops, Arbor, Drop Swap Shop
- Extra-curricular activities
- SGHS students – Head Girl Team and Year 7

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Key Staff for Year 7

- **Ms Featherstone** – Headteacher
- **Mrs McMillan** – Deputy Headteacher, DSL and supporting SEND
- **Ms Mistry** – Leader of SEND and Inclusion, joining us in September
- **Mrs Bean** – Achievement Lead Year 7
- **Mrs Mahmood** – Pastoral Lead Year 7
- **Form Tutor** (various)

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Student Progress

Mrs McMillan– Deputy Head, DSL and supporting SEND

Ms Mistry – new SENDco joining us in September

Mrs Marchesi- Learning Director
Student Progress and Deputy DSL

Mrs Mahmood - Year 7

Mrs Kendrick - Year 8 & 9

Mrs Marchesi - Year 10

Ms Hussain - Year 11

Miss Smith - Year 12 /13



School House



Safeguarding and our School Values



CARE

We treat each other with kindness and respect.

We work together to build a safe and supportive environment to which we all belong. Every voice matters.

We are safe to take risks and we learn from our mistakes.



COMMUNITY

We are a community of diverse voices and ideas. We listen, reflect and learn from one another.

We innovate and draw strength through collaboration and connection with each other.



CURRICULUM

We value academic excellence.

We enjoy challenge and are ambitious about our future.

We are creative, curious and innovative learners.



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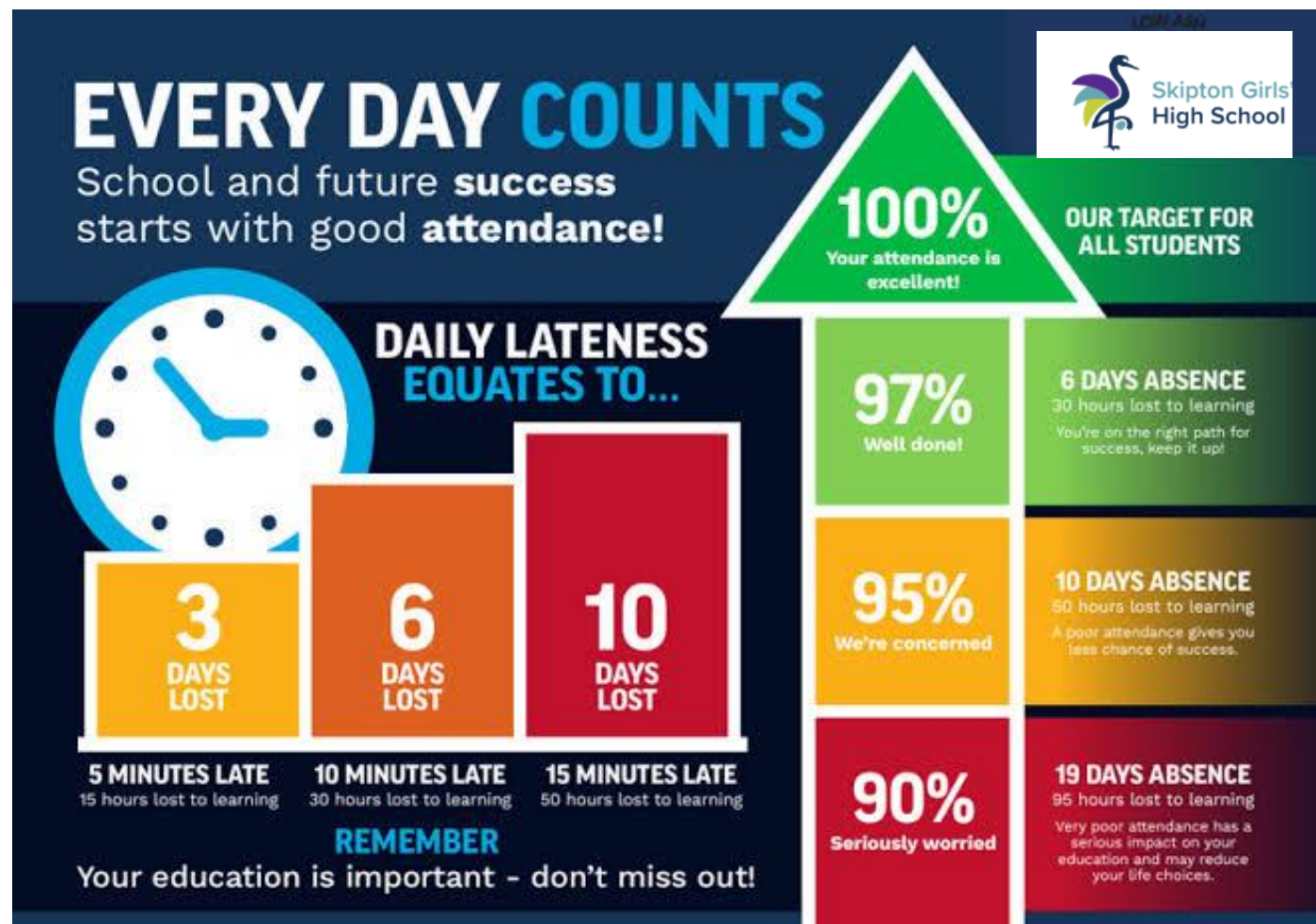
We use our voices to nurture talent, promote leadership and foster confidence.

We seek opportunities to enrich our lives through education and we let nothing stand in our way.

Social Media and Mobile Phones



Attendance



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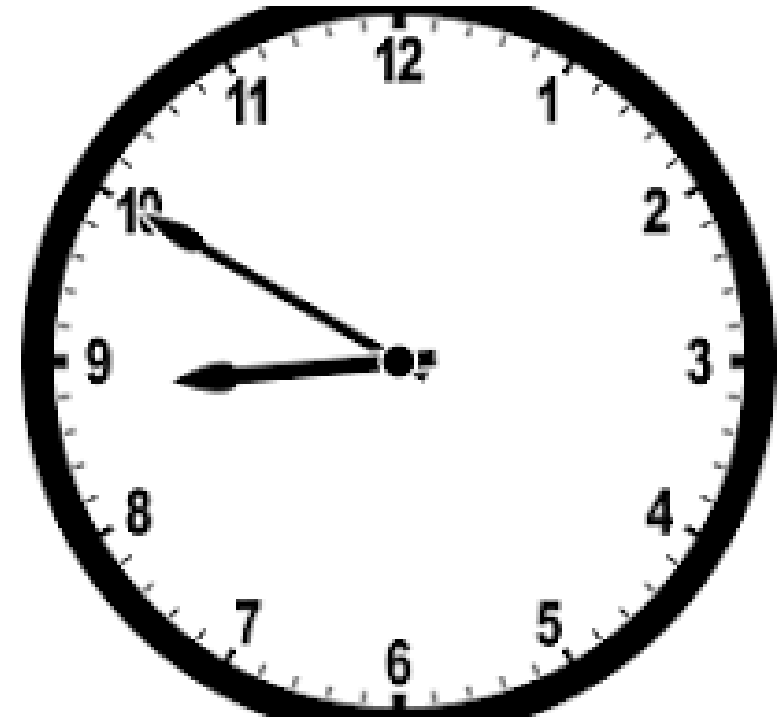
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Punctuality

- On time – all students should be in school no later than 8.45 am
- Late - students who arrive after 8.50am will be marked as late (L)
- Unauthorised Absence – students who arrive after 9.10am will be marked as unauthorised with a U code



Reporting an Absence

- Parent/Carers must report absence every day to the school that a student is absent before 8.30am via the absence line (01756 707600) or emailing: absence@sghs.org.uk
- Absence due to illness
- Unauthorised absence
- Exceptional Circumstances
- Medical and dental appointments

Achievement Lead

Monitor year group:

- Behaviour
- Progress in lessons
- Attendance
- Punctuality
- Participation in all aspects of school life
- Deliver assemblies and bespoke pastoral intervention
- Support students academically and pastorally
- Celebrate success

- Work in partnership with Mrs Mahmood, Mrs McMillan and the Student Progress Team.



Student Services

- Monitor attendance
- First Aid
- Illness
- Contact with home
- Messages
- Room changes
- Anything and everything!



Our teaching groups

- 7B (Bronte)



- 7C (Curie)

- 7F (Franklin)



- 7J (Johnson)

Vertical Tutor System

Students are divided into 4 houses:

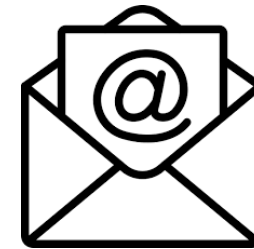
- Bronte
- Curie
- Franklin
- Johnson

Each House contains 8/9 tutor groups

Each Tutor group consists of 3 or 4 students from each year group

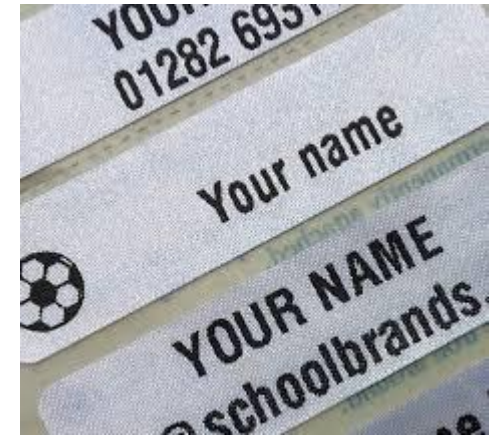
Contact between home and school

- Arbor = main channel of communication – in-app messaging
- Phone calls – 01756 707600
- Personal Tutor = first point of contact to email



How can I help my child?

- **Routine** – packing bag night before and checking time-table
- Practice bus/train/walk to school
- Go to bed at a reasonable hour
- Label **ALL** belongings with name including PE kit
- Buy a watch (**NOT** a smart watch)
- **Organise** space at home for storing books
- Allocate a space to complete homework
- **Monitor** homework via Firefly
- Monitor rewards/behaviour points via Arbor
- **Encourage** them to 'get involved'



Transport to School

- School bus/public bus services
- Train
- Walk
- Car



Arbor



10:57 Ava Brown 

Calendar – Fri, 13 Oct 2024

[Prev Day](#) [Today](#) [Next Day](#)

Parents Evening

Date	Time
Fri, 13 Oct 2024	17:00 – 19:30

Location
Site 1: 416

Payments

Total outstanding

-£1.00

[Click to review accounts and add payment](#)

A reminder that Callum is on a school trip tomorrow – don't forget a packed lunch

Statistics

Attendance (2024/2025)

99.4%	100%
Year	Last 4 weeks

Merit – this term

2	1
Year	Last 4 weeks



Laptop Scheme



- All students buy into the laptop scheme
- £17 deposit and then £17 per month for 3 years
- You will have received an email today regarding the deposit and standing order. The deposits are now visible for you to pay in the app.
- Planned meeting for parents and carers Thursday 10th September to demonstrate firefly access and use to parents.
- Finance@sghs.org.uk

<https://sghs.fireflycloud.net/laptop-scheme/year-7-laptop-scheme-2026>

Firefly



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Dashboard

Resources ▾

Planner

Tasks

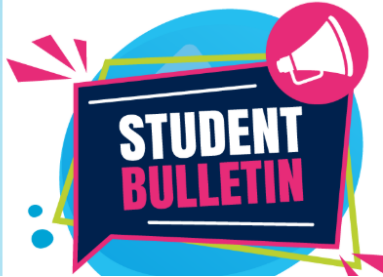
Markbook

Announcements & Messages

Send Message

Hello Year 7
Please complete the following form before Friday,
Mrs Bean

<https://forms.office.com/e/YjJzPW4L2b>



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Drop Swap Shop



School Shirt £2

School Jumper £4

School Skirt £3

School Trousers £3

PE Shirt £3

PE Skort £3

PE Fleece £5

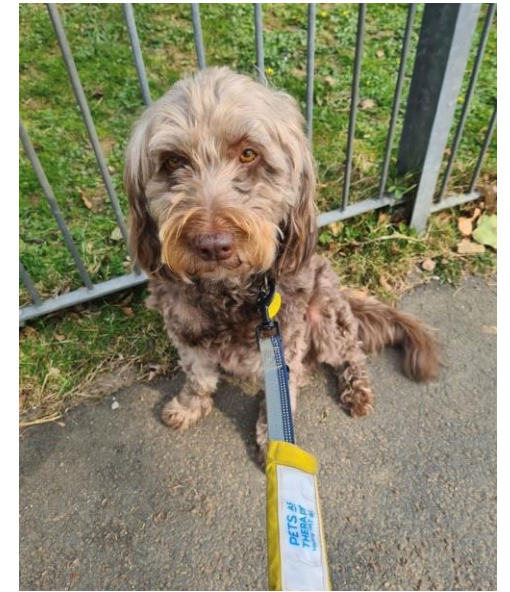
Plain Bottles £4

Personalised Bottles £8

Lunch Boxes £4

Extra-curricular activities

- Lunchtime/after-school clubs
- Enrichment Week
- Year 7 Team building
- Buggy Malone





Music at SGHS

Instrumental lessons offer:

Piano, Strings, Woodwind, Voice, Drums & Guitar

30* Lessons per
academic year
Subject to increase



Music isn't just an art — it's a **thinking system**. When you study it, you're learning how to notice patterns, anticipate outcomes, and communicate meaning without words. That's why musicians often excel in fields like maths, languages, engineering, and design.

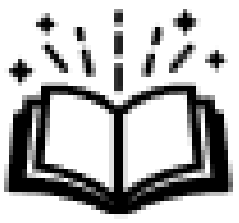


Extra Curricular Offer:

Orchestra, Choir, Clarinet Ensemble, Glee Club, Flute Choir, String Ensemble, Swing Band, School shows, Composition Club, Band Sessions, Concert Band



For more details and pricing please contact Curriculum Leader of Music Mrs Chilvers on chilversl@sghs.org.uk

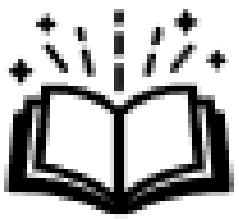


The school library – heart of the school



Year 7 can use the library:

- Before school from 8:00am
- At break and lunch time every day
- After school (Homework Club),
Mon–Thurs 3:40–5:00pm
- During library lessons (one
lesson per fortnight)



Summer reading



RATING: ★★☆☆☆

TITLE: Front desk

AUTHOR: Kelly Yang

I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS BOOK BECAUSE...

It tells the story of a brave girl named Mia. She is only 10 years old but takes a lot of responsibility helping her parents run a motel. If you like stories about real-life struggles with strong characters and lots of heart, then this is a great choice.

REVIEWED BY: Iara Saleem

RATING: ★★★★★

Book 3

TITLE: Do you speak chocolate?

AUTHOR: Cas Lester

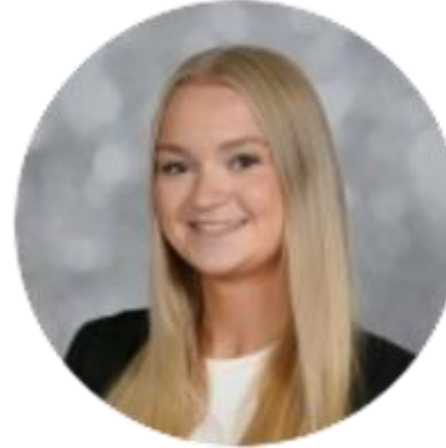
I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS BOOK BECAUSE...

This book gave me some really interesting insight into what it must have been like for Nadia travelling to England from Syria (sorry spoiler alert) and how scary that must be.

REVIEWED BY: Amelie Forbes - Morrison

Life as an SGHS student – Head Girl Team

- Head Girl – Millie
- Deputy Head Girls
 - Grace
 - Sofia
 - Ashalina



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Life as an SGHS student – current Year 7

Florence



Eva



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Key dates

- **Wednesday 9th September** – Year 7 and 12 start school – 8.50am
- **Thursday 10th September** – Year 7 September Ready Parent Info Evening – 6pm
- **Monday 5th October** – Meet the Tutor - 4-5pm
- Each student will receive **2 reports during Year 7**. These outline commitment to learning and attainment feedback.
- **Year 7 Parents' Evening** – spring term
- **Email/phone** for any other issues at any time with tutor being first point of contact

Reminders:

<https://sghs.fireflycloud.net/year-6---7-transition>

Day to day information:

- Uniform
- School Day
- School Term dates
- Transport
- Mobile phone policy
- Pupil Premium/Universal Credit

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Firefly link to transition page: <https://sghs.fireflycloud.net/year-6---7-transition>