



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

9th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week at Sir Harry Smith Community College, and I would like to begin by thanking everyone who contributed to our Year 6 Open Evening.

The evening was a tremendous success and provided a wonderful opportunity to showcase our college to prospective students and their families. I was incredibly proud of our students, who represented the school brilliantly as tour guides, ambassadors, and helpers throughout the event. Their confidence, enthusiasm and courtesy left a lasting impression on our visitors and highlighted everything that is special about our community. My thanks also go to our staff, governors and volunteers whose hard work ensured the evening ran so smoothly.

As we move further into the autumn term, I would also like to give parents and carers some advance notice of changes to our daily routines that will take effect after half term. From Monday 2nd November, students will be able to arrive and depart the college site using either the main entrance at the front of school or the gate at the rear of the field leading onto Drybread Road. We hope this will help reduce congestion at the start and end of the school day and improve the flow of students around the site.

Alongside this, students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will begin each day with a year-group line-up before registration. This will provide an opportunity for year leaders and pastoral staff to share important information, celebrate successes and ensure students start each day positively and purposefully. Staff will be working with students over the coming weeks to practise these routines so that everyone is clear about expectations before the changes are introduced.

October is also Black History Month, an important opportunity for us to celebrate, recognise and learn about the achievements, contributions, and influence of Black individuals throughout history and in contemporary society. Across the month, students will engage in a range of activities and learning opportunities designed to promote understanding, respect and appreciation of the diverse communities that continue to shape our world. As a college, we remain committed to fostering an inclusive culture where everyone feels valued, respected, and proud of who they are.

You will also notice a new "Meet the Team" section in this week's newsletter. Effective relationships between home and school are built on strong communication, and we know it is helpful for families to put faces to names. Over the coming weeks, we will introduce members of our Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Year and other key staff who play such an important role in supporting our students every day.

As always, this newsletter contains many stories worth celebrating, from student achievements and enrichment opportunities to the everyday examples of kindness, effort and ambition that make our college community so special. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

I hope you enjoy reading this week's bulletin and wish you and your families a restful weekend.

Stevie Thornton
Acting Headteacher



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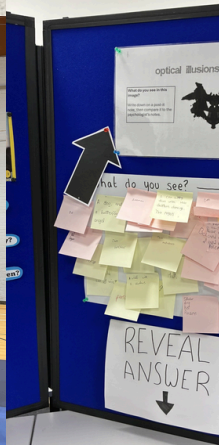
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Year 6 Open Evening



Meet Our Senior Leadership Team



OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



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Attendance Focus: Reporting Absence

Reporting Your Child's Absence - Working Together to Support Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for students to make the most of their learning and school experience. We understand that there will be occasions when your child is unable to attend school, and we greatly appreciate your support in helping us ensure that all absences are reported promptly and accurately.

What should I do if my child is absent?

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact us **by 8.30am** on the first day of absence and every subsequent day that they remain absent. This helps us ensure that we know your child is safe and allows us to keep attendance records up to date.

If we have not heard from you:

Student safety is our priority. If your child is absent and we have not received a reason for their absence, a member of our attendance team will begin making contact with parents/carers after registers close at 9.00am.

We will:

- Contact the priority contact first, followed by other emergency contacts if necessary.
- If we are unable to speak to someone directly, we may leave a voicemail asking you to contact the school.
- All communication regarding absences is recorded on your child's school record.
- school record.

Medical and dental appointments

If your child needs to attend a medical or dental appointment during the school day:

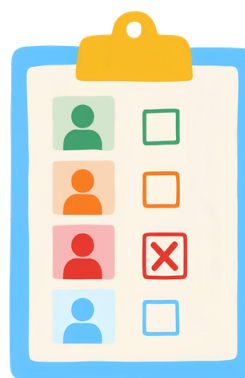
- Please let us know in advance wherever possible.
- We may ask for supporting evidence, such as:
 - An appointment card.
 - A text message or appointment confirmation that clearly shows who the appointment is for.
- Only the time needed for the appointment, including reasonable travel time, will be authorised.



Please note that only the time required for the appointment and reasonable travel time will be authorised. Wherever possible, we encourage appointments to be made outside of school hours to minimise disruption to learning.

Promptly reporting absences helps us to:

- Ensure that all students are safe and accounted for.
- Keep attendance records accurate.
- Resolve attendance queries quickly.
- Support every student to make the most of their time in school.



Thank you for working with us to ensure every student attends regularly, feels supported and makes the most of every school day.

Headteacher's Breakfast - Congratulations!

Congratulations to those students invited to breakfast with Mr Thornton & our Chair of Governors this week. The Headteacher's Breakfast rewards those students who have achieved something amazing, or who show resilience, commitment and a really positive attitude, either in or outside college. This week's guests include:

- Koby - who has made an excellent start to GCSE French, is keen to finish his work to a good standard and contribute his answers to the class whenever possible.
- Eloise - for her wonderful drawing and design work produced for Mrs Kirby when completing her candle holder project. In her English lessons, Eloise is always extremely polite, hardworking with excellent attendance. This year she has become even more committed and focused in her learning, producing some wonderful work. She is always a pleasure to teach.
- Elena - for being the captain of her running team. Elena is incredibly competitive and works incredibly hard outside of school with her running. She also performed really well in the cross country last week.
- Ruby - for always being enthusiastic to learn in Science. She always comes in with a big smile and also shows her fellow classmates kindness.
- Shelia - for volunteering to help on the Macmillan coffee morning, the only student to offer help. She has only been in the school for 2 weeks, but showed great maturity, an exceptional can do attitude and was polite to our visitors and organised and detailed in her refreshment orders from each table. Sheila is a wonderful addition to our Year 12 cohort.
- Cora - Mr Thornton was observing a lesson in English and was absolutely blown away by the effort of Cora in the lesson. She completed her work with such enthusiasm and was willing to share with her peers for all to learn from. It brought Mr Thornton immense pride to see her love of learning and this should be celebrated.
- Isabelle - for excellent work in French recently. Isabelle was the only student in the class who knew how to form a regular ER verb and remembered the correct verb endings. Very impressive - well done!
- Georgia - for excellent contribution and effort in all her Science lessons so far this academic year. She has shown fantastic knowledge and understanding in Science and has really impressed her teacher. She has consistently worked well, even when her laptop has been a bit slow. Well done!
- Jacob - for being such a polite and respectful student in ALH. He works very hard to achieve his learning objectives in Maths and English. He is a valuable kind student who aspires to do his utmost during lessons.
- Ini - who has only recently joined Sir Harry Smith. He has settled in really well and is gaining many positive points. His uniform has been perfect and he has been a pleasure to have in his form group!
- Tamara - who consistently puts 100% effort into her Maths work. She approaches every challenge with determination and a positive attitude, and never gives up when things become difficult. Her resilience and commitment to improving make her a fantastic role model for others.
- Isla - who always gives 100% effort in Maths and approaches every task with a positive attitude. She works hard, perseveres when faced with challenges and never gives up. Her determination and commitment to doing her best make her a deserving nominee.

Congratulations to all of these wonderful students!
You are a credit to our college!



National Cadet Week

We are really proud of our young people this week, who came into college in their cadets uniforms to mark National Cadet Week.

Tens of thousands of young people across the UK have the opportunity to discover the cadet forces as the government announced the first ever National Cadets Week, taking place from 5-11 October 2026.

The week celebrates the UK's cadet community – one of the country's most effective youth organisations – and the thousands of young people and adult volunteers who make the cadets a success.

Throughout the week, cadet units across the UK are opening their doors to schools, families, and local communities. Cadets and volunteers can take part in outreach activities, delivering presentations to schools and places of work to raise awareness of the programme.

His Majesty The King has praised members of the cadet forces and the adult volunteers who lead cadet groups across the country.

The King paid tribute to the five military Cadet Forces and the National Fire Cadets, Volunteer Police Cadets and St John Ambulance Cadets.

In a letter to the Cadet Forces, His Majesty The King said:

“For more than a century, the Cadet Forces have helped generations of young people discover their strengths, broaden their horizons and develop the confidence to face life's challenges.

“In every part of our country, from our cities and towns to our rural and coastal communities, cadets come together to learn new skills, build lasting friendships and contribute positively to the communities in which they live.”



Thank You For Supporting Our Book Fair!

A group of students from the College Book Club successfully ran a Book Fair this week, hoping to sell as many books as possible to earn free books for our college library.

They raised an amazing £477.39!

This means our college library will benefit from some wonderful new books for our students to enjoy. A massive congratulations to our Book Club for their amazing work ethic!



Mountfitchet Castle Visit - Year 8

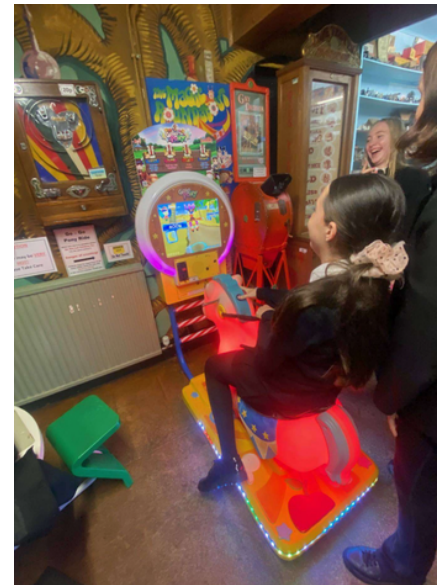
Year 8 enjoyed an outstanding visit to Mountfitchet Castle on Wednesday 30th September, where their exemplary behaviour was noted and praised by staff at the site. Students explored the impressive reconstruction of a Motte-and-Bailey castle, gaining valuable insight into the military occupation of England following 1066. The immersive medieval village allowed students to step directly into scenes of everyday life, including a great hall, a church, and an apothecary's home. This hands-on experience brought the period vividly to life and deepened students' understanding of Norman England.

A particular highlight of the day was the opportunity to operate a trebuchet and attempt to "attack" a model castle—an activity enjoyed just as enthusiastically by staff as by students, even if our aim was slightly off. With so much to see and do, many students commented that they wished the visit could have lasted longer.

The trip also included time in the Toy Museum, an extraordinary private collection featuring vast displays of Star Wars memorabilia, Action Man figures, dolls of every kind, and even guitars signed by artists such as Van Morrison and Chas & Dave. This section of the visit added a fun and nostalgic dimension to the day.

It was a genuine pleasure to spend time with Year 8 throughout the visit. Their conduct, curiosity, and enthusiasm were a credit to the school and to their families. The students represented us with maturity and positivity from start to finish, and we are immensely proud of them. **Well done, Year 8.**

Mr White.



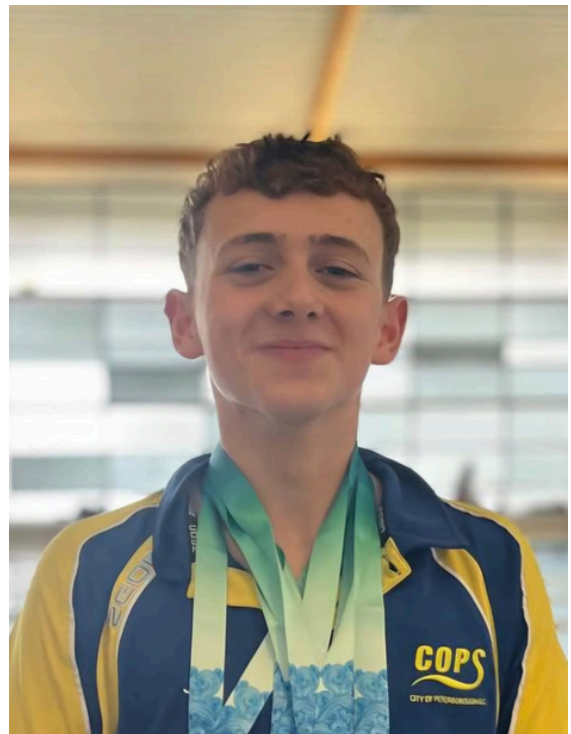
Student Success: Jacob Ranked Number One in Great Britain!

Making Waves: Jacob Ranked Number One in Great Britain!

Although we are still in the early stages of the swimming season, Jacob from Year 10 has already achieved something incredible! Jacob is currently ranked number one in Great Britain in the 200m Backstroke — a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication and talent.

Everyone at Sir Harry Smith Community College is incredibly proud of Jacob and looks forward to seeing what else he can achieve throughout the season.

A huge well done, Jacob!



High Level Netball Success

Whittlesey Warriors Netball Club have a number of amazing netball players in college. The below students have been successful in gaining places at various county and netball franchise programmes for the coming year. They will each of had to go through trial days and put through their paces against the best across the region. This is a huge achievement for each of them individually but also for their club and our community as they are putting us on the map!

Congratulations to them all!

Evie C - London Mavericks U19 Emerging Athlete Programme
Connie T - U16 Loughborough Lightning Athlete Development Hub
Leyla C - U16 Loughborough Lightning Athlete Development Hub
Eva JN - U16 Loughborough Lightning Athlete Development Hub
Hollie P - U15 London Mavericks Emerging Athlete Programme
Gracie B - Cambridgeshire County U13 Academy
Millie JN - Cambridgeshire County U13 Academy
Lily U - Cambridgeshire County U12 Development
India L - Loughborough Lightning U13 Athlete Development Hub



Keeping Our School Community Safe: Nut Allergies

At Sir Harry Smith Community College, we take the safety and wellbeing of all our students extremely seriously. We would like to remind all families about the importance of **nut awareness** and the role we can all play in keeping students with allergies safe.

Our school canteen **does not purchase products that contain nuts as a listed ingredient**. However, some products may carry a warning that they may contain traces of nuts. If you have any concerns about particular food items, please contact the school and we will be happy to talk you through the information available.

We also ask parents and students to remember that **nuts and nut-containing products should not be brought into school**. This includes snacks and packed lunches. We regularly remind students of this through our school communications.

All staff have access to appropriate **allergy awareness training**, helping us to understand the risks associated with allergies and the importance of responding appropriately to concerns.

How parents and students can help:

- Please **do not send nuts or nut-containing products into school**.
- Please check food packaging carefully before sending snacks or packed lunches into school.
- If your child has an allergy, make sure the school is aware of their requirements.
- Please speak to us if you have any concerns about particular products or arrangements.

By working together, we can help make Sir Harry Smith a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns about allergies, please contact the school. We are always happy to discuss individual circumstances with you.



Careers Information



Sir Harry Smith
Community College

Meet our Careers Team

All Year 11 and Year 13 students have at least one 1:1 guidance meeting with Mrs Curtis, but any SHSCC student can request a meeting at any time.



Tim Smith: Senior Leader for Careers Education Information and Guidance Director of Sixth Form

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Claire Hopwood: CEIAG/Sixth Form Administration Support

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Student drop-in sessions are held in the Library Tuesdays and Thursdays 3pm – 4pm with Mrs Curtis. If you would like help with: Future career advice & guidance, Year 9 options, Post-16 and Post-18 pathways, Apprenticeship & T Level routes, Applications and help with CVs



Join our alumni network today!



FF Future First



<https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/sirharrysmith>

Join our Alumni Network!

As a college, we want to reconnect with our former students so that we can keep in touch and let you know about volunteering opportunities that will benefit our current students. We want to show them the variety of pathways available to them after leaving SHSCC, and who better to showcase this information, than you!

We're working with education charity [@FutureFirstOrg](https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/sirharrysmith) to set this up and all you need to do to get involved is sign up here: <https://www.futurefirsthub.org.uk/register/sirharrysmith>

More information is on our website insert link to alumni page on website and if you have any questions please contact our Careers Officer, Angela Curtis: acurtis@sirharrysmith.com

Useful Information



UPCOMING EVENTS & PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Sir Harry Smith Community College
invites you to attend

15 SEP | 6th Form Welcome Evening

15 SEP | Y11 Welcome Evening

22 SEP | UCAS Evening

24 SEP | Y7 Welcome Evening

6 OCT | Y6 Open Evening

20 OCT | 6th Form Open Evening

19 NOV | Y8 Parents Evening

3 DEC | Y9 Parents Evening

5 JAN | Y11 Parents Evening

12 JAN | Y9 Guided Choices Evening

21 JAN | Y10 Parents Evening

11 FEB | Y13 Parents Evening

25 FEB | Y7 Parents Evening

23 MAR | Y12 Parents Evening

22 APR | Y11 Parents Evening

27 APR | Y13 Parents Evening

24 JUN | Y10 Parents Evening

6 JUL | Awards Evening

Have an idea to support our renewed focus on community engagement?

We'd love to hear it. Email suggestions@sirharrysmith.com. Suggestions are reviewed monthly by SLT.



From Friday 16 October, parents, carers and prospective families can book a one-hour tour of the college. Tour classrooms and facilities, meet staff and students, and ask any questions you may have.

Tours must be booked in advance with Miss Meadows via email: cmeadows@sirharrysmith.com

Useful Information



Sir Harry Smith
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ASPIRATION & ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL



MAKE YOUR PLEDGE!

At Sir Harry Smith Community College, we will:



BE SAFE

by making good choices and helping others feel secure.



BE RESPECTFUL

by treating everyone with kindness and dignity.



BE RESPONSIBLE

by owning our actions and making the most of every opportunity.



BE PROUD

of ourselves, our school, and everything we achieve together.

SAFE . RESPECTFUL . RESPONSIBLE . PROUD

Useful Information



WE PLEDGE TO

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Bringing the correct equipment every day.
- Completing homework and classwork on time.
- Taking ownership of your actions and choices.
- Being honest and telling the truth.
- Attending school regularly and punctually.
- Helping to keep the school environment clean and tidy.
- Seeking help when you need it.



WE PLEDGE TO

BE RESPECTFUL

- Speaking kindly to others.
- Listening when someone else is talking.
- Using good manners, such as saying "please" and "thank you".
- Respecting different opinions, backgrounds, and beliefs.
- Looking after classrooms, corridors, and school equipment.
- Wearing uniform correctly.
- Being considerate of learning by arriving on time and ready to learn.



WE PLEDGE TO

BE SAFE

- Walking calmly around the school & to lessons.
- Following instructions from all staff the first time.
- Using equipment correctly.
- Reporting concerns, bullying, or unsafe behaviour.
- Keeping hands, feet, and objects to yourselves.
- Looking after your physical and mental wellbeing.
- Using the internet and social media responsibly



WE PLEDGE TO

BE PROUD

- Take pride in your work and always trying your best.
- Wearing your uniform smartly.
- Celebrating your own achievements and those of others.
- Representing the school positively in the community.
- Participating in enrichment activities, clubs, and trips.
- Demonstrating resilience when things are challenging.
- Showing ambition and aiming high for their future.

Useful Information



SHSCC ENRICHMENT CLUBS

CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL AND AT LUNCHTIME MAY CHANGE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR - KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPDATES!

LUNCHTIME PE CLUBS



Monday

BADMINTON (KS3) - MR TYMON

Wednesday

BADMINTON (KS4) - MRS STAGGS

WHERE IN THE WORLD?



Tuesday After School

MRS PAYNE - PR10

CHRISTIAN UNION

Monday Lunchtime

OLIVE 05 - MRS GRAY



DIVERSITY CLUB

Wednesday Lunchtime

MRS CUTLER - BL32



CODING CLUB

Monday Lunchtime

GOLD 01 - MR CRANE



CNAT INTERVENTION



Tuesday Lunchtime

PE DEPT - MISS PONDER

FIRST AID TRAINING



Tuesday After School

PLEASE SIGN UP WITH MRS GOSLING
IN FIRST AID

CREATIVE WRITING

Monday After School

LIBRARY - MISS TIMMS



LUNCHTIME GAMES

Monday & Wednesday

CHESS CLUB - LIBRARY



Friday

LEGO CLUB - MRS SHEPHERD - GL08



ART CLUB

Thursday - After School

MISS ALDIS - MG09



CARNEGIE BOOK CLUB



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

8.30-9.00AM IN THE LIBRARY

BY INVITATION ONLY - MISS TIMMS

HOMEWORK CLUB



TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY,

THURSDAY

3.00PM - 4.15PM IN THE LIBRARY

SWIMMING



Friday 3.30-4.30pm

DISCOUNTED PRICE: £3.40
MANOR LEISURE CENTRE

BAND



Wednesday After School

OLIVE 05- MUSIC STAFF

LUNCHTIME MUSIC



Thursday

CHOIR - MRS GRAY - OL05

Friday

DJEMBE DRUMMING -
MRS FREEMAN - OL05

JOURNALISM CLUB

Wednesday - Lunchtime

LIBRARY - MISS TIMMS



DRAMA & DANCE

Tuesday After School

DANCE - MISS KUC

Thursday After School

MUSICAL THEATRE - MRS STEELE



WORLDS OF FANTASY



Wednesday After School

WARHAMMER - MR CURTIS - PR07

Thursday After School

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS -
MRS CURTIS - GL11

AFTER SCHOOL PE CLUBS

Monday

HANDBALL - MRS SHEPHERD



BASKETBALL - MR TYMON



Wednesday

FOOTBALL - MR ROTHERY/MR TYMON

NETBALL - MRS STAGGS/MRS HUNT

Thursday

VOLLEYBALL - ALL PE STAFF

CROSS COUNTRY - ALL PE STAFF



Useful Information

Reminder to parent/carers. Only school transport and/or pre-arranged taxis should be parking on site at the end of the day. Parents/carers picking up students should do so outside the school grounds. There has been a recent increase in traffic, and this has caused safety issues and concerns. Please support us with this by not parking inside the school grounds.



◆ **PROUD** ◆
◆ **OF YOU** ◆

As part of the college's ongoing commitment to improving parent communication and sharing success, we have a dedicated platform where students, teachers, parents and carers can share positive news stories within the college and in the wider community. We have created an email address for us to collate all of the stories: positivenews@sirharrysmith.com

DONATIONS WANTED!

Mr Wales is looking to start a Scalextric Club.

In order to do so we were looking for donations of Scalextric cars.
(Preferably the new style of track but any style will help)

WE NEED:

- ✓ SCALEXTRIC TRACK
- ✓ SCALEXTRIC CARS

WHERE TO DONATE: Sir Harry Smith Community College Reception

HELP US CREATE THE ULTIMATE RACING TRACK!

Useful Information

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/choose-respect>



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Key Information

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2026	
Professional Day (college closed to students)	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Professional Day (college closed to students)	Wednesday 2nd September 2026
START OF TERM - <u>Year 7 & 12 students only</u>	Thursday 3rd September 2026
START OF TERM - <u>All other year groups</u>	Friday 4th September 2026
Half Term	Monday 26th to Friday 30th October 2026
Last Day of Term - Finish at 12:20pm	Friday 18th December 2026

SPRING TERM 2027	
START OF TERM	Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2027
Last Day of Term - Finish at 12:20pm	Thursday 25th March 2027

Contacting Us

Please visit our website to find out the best way of contacting the person you would like to get in touch with. Please do remember that if you are contacting a member of our teaching staff, they will have teaching commitments during the day so please bear with them. If you would like to meet with a member of staff then please do arrange an appointment first.

In any cases of an emergency, please call the school on **01733 703991**.

Social Media

Please be sure to follow us on social media. We have Facebook pages for Sir Harry Smith Community College, Park Lane Primary School, New Road Primary School and the Aspire Learning Trust.

