



Upcoming Events

Year 7 Camp Group 1

Date: Monday 24 March -
Wednesday 26 March

Year 7 Camp Group 2

Date: Wednesday 26 March
- Friday 28 March

Year 9 Rite Journey Ceremony

Date: Thursday 3 April
Time: 2:15pm - 7:15pm

Year 6 Camp

Date: Monday 7 April -
Wednesday 9 April

Twilight Music in the Courtyard

Date: Wednesday 9 April
Time: 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Term 1 concludes - 3.10pm

Date: Friday 11 April

From the Principal



Celebrating Diversity and Belonging at St Paul's

Archbishop Leonard Faulkner once said that, "There is unity in diversity," and here at St Paul's, we are incredibly proud of our diversity. We truly believe that each young person is unique in their own special way!

Throughout this week, we have been recognising and celebrating both Harmony Week and Neurodiversity Celebration Week. As a community, we are proud to have 40% of students who speak English as an additional or second language or dialect, and to have 45 different languages spoken in the homes of our students. Furthermore, we are a community that values neurodiversity and strives for inclusion in every aspect of our College life.

You might see your child attending school with some very 'odd' socks tomorrow to celebrate this as we recognise World Down Syndrome Day. This is just one small but significant way we show our support for the individuals who make up our vibrant, diverse community. We encourage everyone to embrace these moments of celebration, to learn from each other, and to continue building an environment where all students feel accepted, valued, and understood.

Together, we make St Paul's a place where differences are not just accepted, but celebrated, and where the strength of our diversity truly shines. By embracing these values, we are fostering a stronger sense of belonging within our school community.

It is our hope that this in turn will develop graduates who are part of a more inclusive and compassionate society, and can do their bit to make the world a better place!

From Anthony Farina, Head of Secondary

Harmony Week

This week was Harmony Week, a national celebration that recognises diversity and brings Australians together from all different backgrounds. Harmony Week provides an opportunity for us to celebrate St Paul's rich cultural diversity, while also educating our young people on the importance of calling out racism wherever and whenever it arises.

St Paul's takes pride in actively living the Edmund Rice touchstone of an 'Inclusive Community', where we welcome students and families of all cultural and faith backgrounds to our college. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect, and fostering a sense of belonging for everyone.

Throughout this week, cultural diversity was the focus within our Pastoral Care program, and on Tuesday 18 March, students wore orange, or traditional clothing from their cultural background to celebrate and acknowledge Harmony Week.

As part of this celebration, students experienced a musical performance from 'Sufi Oz,' a national and multiracial musical group performing the Sufi music of Pakistan and North India, while blending contemporary and traditional sounds of Sufi qawwali music and devotional poetry.

A special thank you to Mr Imtiaz Bughio (EALD Coordinator) for his organisation of this musical performance, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all students.

NAPLAN Testing

Week 8 saw the conclusion of NAPLAN testing, with catch-up tests taking place this week for students who missed their initial tests. Students are to be commended for their level of preparation of laptops and materials, with additional thanks to all teaching and IT staff who assisted with testing administration. The undertaking of such an event requires considerable organization and coordination, with an enormous thank you to Mrs Alexandra Harrison (Head of Learning Diversity) for all her work in ensuring that the tests ran smoothly.

Senior Formal

Information regarding the Senior Formal has been distributed to Year 12 students and families, with the final date to purchase tickets on Friday 21 March.

The formal will be held at the Hilton Hotel on Friday 28 March, and Year 12 students have an early 1:10pm dismissal on this day.

Thank you to Mr James Keating (Leader of Wellbeing Years 10-12) for his coordination of this event, in what will be a memorable evening for our senior cohort.

Student Uniform

Following from a slight change to our college uniform policy, a sincere thank you to all secondary families for your support in ensuring that students have the correct school shoes to accompany their formal summer uniform.

With Term 2 fast approaching, a reminder of formal winter uniform expectations for students, which includes:

- St Paul's College blazer (compulsory) and required to be worn to and from school, whenever full winter uniform is required.
- Choice of St Paul's College blue-striped long-sleeved shirt (shirt must be tucked-in), for Year 7 to Year 11 students.
- Choice of St Paul's College white long-sleeved Year 12 shirt (shirt must be tucked-in), for Year 12 students only.
- St Paul's College charcoal school pants.
- St Paul's College winter skirt, no shorter than knee length.
- St Paul's College black knitted jumper.
- St Paul's College tie (Year 7 to Year 11).
- St Paul's College Year 12 tie (Year 12 students only).
- Grey St Paul's College crew socks, with yellow band, or black tights (under skirt).

For more specific information regarding uniform and grooming expectations, the St Paul's Uniform and Grooming Policy can be found [here](#).

Should families need to purchase additional items, Uniform Shop information and trading hours can be accessed [here](#).





From Marianne Loftus, Head of Primary Years

Dear Families,

Celebrating Harmony, Inclusion and Community Safety in the Primary Years

At St Paul's College, we take immense pride in being an incredibly diverse and inclusive community. This week, we celebrated Harmony Week and Neurodiversity Week, recognising and honouring the many cultures, backgrounds and ways of thinking that make our college so special. These celebrations are a time to acknowledge the strength in our diversity, fostering respect, belonging and understanding among our students.

To mark these important events, students are encouraged to wear orange or traditional cultural attire for Harmony Week, signifying unity and inclusivity. In addition, on World Down Syndrome Day (March 21), students are encouraged to wear brightly coloured or mismatched socks as a symbol of embracing differences and celebrating the unique strengths of every individual. These simple yet powerful actions demonstrate our commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming school where every student feels valued.

Safe Road Practices – A Shared Responsibility

As we celebrate our vibrant community, we also take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of safe road practices, particularly around our Emu Crossing on Lurline Avenue. Emu Crossings, marked by red and white poles and an orange 'Children Crossing' flag, require drivers to stop when the flags are displayed, allowing pedestrians to cross safely. We urge all families to share this road safety information with others who may be dropping off or picking up students.

In addition, our Drop Off & Pick up Zone (Kiss and Drop) plays a crucial role in ensuring a smooth and safe arrival and departure for students. To support the safety of all:

- Stay in your car while in the Drop Off & Pick up Zone.
- Move forward as space becomes available to allow for efficient drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Be patient and considerate of other carpark users, students and staff assisting with supervision.
- Observe the road rules, ensuring children exit and enter vehicles safely on the curb side.

For more details on pedestrian safety, please take a moment to view the South Australian Police's School Crossing Safety video: **SAPOL School Crossing Safety**.

A Community Filled with Positivity

One of the most wonderful aspects of our Primary Years community is the warmth and positivity shared by students, staff and families. A simple greeting, a smile, or a shared story can brighten someone's day, making our college an uplifting and supportive place to be. These small but meaningful gestures reflect the spirit of kindness and respect that define our college community.

As we continue to celebrate our diversity and work together to keep our school community safe, we encourage everyone to embrace these moments of connection. We have so much to be proud of! Thank you for your ongoing support in making St Paul's a place where every student can thrive.

Until next fortnight.

Celebrating Harmony Day

Social Justice at St Paul's

Vietnam Fundraiser

At the heart of the Social Justice Committee at St Paul's is the commitment to developing young people who actively serve their communities, both locally and globally.

As part of their recognition for winning the ANZAC School Spirit Prize, Alessandra and Caitlinn (both Year 11) will be visiting Vietnam. During their trip, they will have the opportunity to visit an orphanage through the Australia Vietnam Volunteers Resource Group (AVVRG), an organization dedicated to providing humanitarian aid to the people of Vietnam.

In support of this initiative, the Social Justice Committee organised a Zooper Dooper fundraiser, raising awareness of Agent Orange, which was herbicide mixture used by the U.S. military during the Vietnam War. This orphanage is particularly important as it houses and educates many children with disabilities, particularly those who are the 4th generation of Agent Orange.

A huge thank you to all students and staff who donated.

Christabella Iuliano – Leader of Identity and Mission Secondary Years & The Social Justice Committee

The Big Water Walk

The Primary Years are participating in The Big Water Walk, a Project Compassion initiative to raise awareness that currently more than 292 million people walk more than 30 minutes to collect water (a focus of this year's Project Compassion is that the raised funds will help bring clean drinking water and hygiene to communities around the world). On Monday mornings, before school, on Weeks 8, 9 and 10, we invite you to participate in the Water Walk Challenge on the Primary Oval. Please see the Water Walk poster for more information.

Miranda McGlaughlin – Identity and Mission Primary Years



International Women's Day Breakfast

To acknowledge the achievements and position of women in our community and world a breakfast to honour and celebrate the power of women in our lives was attended by our female students from Year 7-11 on Friday the 7th of March.

Two guest speakers in the fields of Engineering (Lauren Amato) and the Media (Rosalie Panetta) spoke passionately about their personal experiences and how they rose to their career position while overcoming adversity in male dominated professions. The theme of 'Accelerating Action' was perhaps particularly pertinent as St Paul's College moves towards its first cohort of female students in 2026. Some of the questions asked during the interactive section of the presentation highlighted some areas that require change and focus in our community as we strive for parity for our young women into the future.

Our Year 12 student leaders in attendance particularly wanted to know what needed to be a focal point for young men at St Paul's and in the wider community to understand, so that equity for women is further enhanced.

James Keating - Leader of Wellbeing - Senior Years

"It was a great experience to come together and share a meal in sisterhood. It gave us an opportunity to connect with other girls and listen to the story of women who have paved the way for us." Year 11 student Kadijat

"It was a chance to where we as girls could openly discuss issues that are specific to women without having to think about how our point of view might be received by boys." Year 11 student Cleo



2025 International Women's Day

#March Forward

Marianne Loftus and I had the privilege of representing St Paul's College alongside two students at an International Women's Day breakfast at the Adelaide Convention Centre, where over 3,000 guests gathered, including Premier Peter Malinauskas and Police Commissioner Grant Stevens.

Hosted by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Penny Wong, and featuring guest speaker Rachel Perkins, a proud Arrernte and Kalkadoon woman, the event centered around the 2025 theme: March Forward; For All Women and Girls. The breakfast highlighted the importance of continuing the march forward towards gender equality.

Senator Wong emphasised that while women in Australia fare better than in many parts of the world, stark global disparities remain. More than 380 million women and girls globally live in extreme poverty, 1.4 billion lack equal economic opportunities, and in some countries, repressive authorities continue to deny women and girls their rights. Additionally, gender-based violence is on the rise, affecting one in three women worldwide—and a staggering two in three women in the Pacific region.

On International Women's Day, UN Women Australia reminds us that countless women and girls are still denied their fundamental rights, opportunities, and safety. Across the globe, barriers continue to prevent women and girls from reaching their full potential.

St Paul's became a co-educational college in 2022 and remains committed to breaking down barriers faced by women and girls, advancing equal rights, power, and opportunities for all, and striving to close the gap to achieve gender equality.

As we march forward, let us celebrate the strong women in our lives: may we know them, may we be them, and may we raise them.

Nadia Morris - Head of Teaching and Learning - Primary Years



Music Performance News

Music in the Primary Years

The year twos have been exploring singing in harmony and learning about chords. We used the boom whackers to experiment with what notes sounded harmonious together.

The year three students took advantage of the cooler weather and went outside to create soundscapes using a variety of tuned and untuned instruments. They were given a provocation to base their composition around. They could work with a partner or individually. They have also been exploring using simple graphic notation for the soundscapes.

Sarah Crisp - Primary Music Teacher

Twilight Music in the Courtyard – *date change*

Due to the Adelaide Crows playing at the Gather Round on the same day as the **Twilight Music in the Courtyard** event, we have decided to move the event to the previous day. This change will allow our performers and members of the College community to enjoy both occasions. We thank you in advance for your support of our musicians and look forward to seeing you there!

Balaglava Eisteddfod Music Competition

St Paul's College is excited to once again participate in the Eisteddfods, taking place on **Friday, 1st August**. Our talented students will perform in a range of divisions, with the final list of ensemble performers to be confirmed soon.

There's also an additional opportunity for students who take private music lessons to showcase their skills on **Saturday, 2nd August**. They can enter individually in the following categories:

- Contemporary Vocal, Musical Theatre, Vocal, Vocal Scholarship, Instrumental, Piano, Speech and Drama.

While the College will accompany students to the event on Friday, families are encouraged to register individually for Saturday's events.

TWILIGHT MUSIC IN THE COURTYARD



ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

STAGE BAND | SENIOR BAND | MIDDLE ROCK & POP BAND
1 & 2 | MIDDLE METAL BAND | VOCAL ENSEMBLE | YEAR 10
MUSIC CLASS | SACE MUSIC STUDENTS

9TH APRIL 2025 | **5 - 6:30 PM**

ST PAUL'S COLLEGE COURTYARD
792 GRAND JUNCTION RD
GILLES PLAINS

BBQ & DRINKS
AVAILABLE

THIS IS A NON-ALCOHOLIC EVENT

Entries open on March 27 and close on May 5.

For more information and to sign up for Saturday's event, please visit Balaklava Eisteddfod – Two Days of Performing Arts website [here](#).

We look forward to seeing our talented students shine on stage!

Maestros & Apprentices at St Paul's College

At St Paul's College, we are passionate about connecting our students with industry professionals through our Maestros & Apprentices Program. This unique initiative gives our senior music students the chance to develop their skills, gain real-world experience, and grow as musicians.

Recently, our SACE Music students had the privilege of working with **Crafty Music Man**, an accomplished Adelaide-based musician, songwriter, and educator with over 20 years of experience. Crafty's expertise spans performance, production, and coaching, and his passion for music shines through in everything he does—whether on stage, in the studio, or mentoring the next generation of artists.

We are incredibly grateful to Crafty for sharing his wealth of knowledge and inspiring our students to reach new heights in their musical journeys.

At St Paul's College, we are committed to nurturing talent, fostering creativity, and shaping the future of music.

Veronica Marrie - Music and Performance Coordinator





Celebrating Inclusion in the Primary Years

Celebrating Neurodiversity at St Paul's

This week, students in St Paul's primary years engaged in a range of activities to celebrate Neurodiversity Celebration Week, embracing the unique ways people think, learn and experience the world. This special week provided an opportunity to foster a deeper understanding of neurodiversity and appreciate the strengths that come with different ways of thinking.

Throughout the week, students participated in interactive activities designed to highlight the importance of inclusion, empathy and acceptance. They explored the diverse ways people process information, communicate and solve problems through hands-on experiences. Activities included sensory-friendly stations, where students engaged in calming and stimulating sensory experiences tailored to different needs and fine motor activities that helped develop coordination and dexterity through creative tasks such as tactile play.

By celebrating neurodiversity, students at St Paul's are building a school culture that values and supports every individual, recognising that diversity in thinking makes our community stronger. This week's activities have helped reinforce the message that everyone learns in their own way—and that's something to be celebrated every day!

Celebrating World Down Syndrome Day

Tomorrow we will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day, a day dedicated to promoting inclusion, friendship and the joy that diversity brings to our community. This special occasion was an opportunity to recognise and appreciate the positive impact Maddison has on our school, reminding us all of the power of kindness, connection and acceptance.

Students shared reflections about Maddi, highlighting her wonderful qualities:

"She is a good friend."

"Maddi is happy and makes others smile."

"If someone is hurt, Maddi will help them."

"She is kind, special, and unique."

"Maddi is so funny and nice!"

Maddison's presence in our school community is a beautiful reminder that kindness, laughter and friendship make the world a better place. Her joy and caring nature inspire us all to embrace inclusivity and celebrate each individual's unique gifts.

As we continue to foster a culture of belonging at St Paul's, let's ensure that every member of our community feels valued, respected and included—today and every day!



Flinders University STEM Academy

To celebrate International Women's Day, our Year 9 girls had the exciting opportunity to visit the STEM Academy at Flinders University. This excursion aimed to empower our students by exposing them to the diverse and dynamic world of STEM.

The highlight of the day was a motivational talk by women leaders in STEM, who shared their personal journeys and encouraged the girls to pursue their passions fearlessly. The experience was both educational and inspiring, leaving the girls feeling more confident about the possibilities in STEM fields.

"On Friday the 7th of March, 8 other girls and I went to Flinders University for the STEM Academy Enrichment Day. we participated in multiple experiments and talked about what we want to do for our career and how we could influence future generations. We had multiple women come up and speak about their experiences in their STEM career paths." – Kelsey

"In lasts weeks excursion, eight girls including myself were given the opportunity to visit the Flinders University to help build our STEM career paths. Throughout the day we all engaged in numerous activities including, measuring the temperature of a lightbulb, creating an alginate solution to lessen the use of plastic and listened to numerous guest speakers. The guest speakers we had were both women who aimed to inspire us in hopes that we would choose a career path relating to STEM. It was a very enjoyable day for us, and I enjoyed listening to the guest speakers as it has inspired me to follow in a psychological career path." – Victoria

Christabella Iuliano - Key Teacher: Gifted & Talented Education



SACE Art Show Opening Night

On the 17th March, Stage 2 Visual Art-Art students from 2024 Martin T and Harry B had their Artwork exhibited in the 2025 SACE Art Show. Both students attended the opening night with Visual Art Teacher Ms Sarah Fedele and their parents. Distinguished guests, Minister of Education Mr Blair Boyle and Minister of Human Services Ms Nat Cook were there to support the students who were exhibited in the show and shared their warmth and gratitude for the outstanding work and the importance of Arts based subjects and how they promote empathy and culture in young adults.

An outstanding achievement for both these students to be selected, only 130 students in the state.

Please go along to see the SACE Art Show, it really is an amazing and talented collection of work that really does showcase the creativity of such young individuals.

Ms Sarah Fedele (Leader of Learning the Arts)

Exhibition details

Tuesday 18 March - Thursday 10 April 2025

9 am - 4 pm Monday to Friday

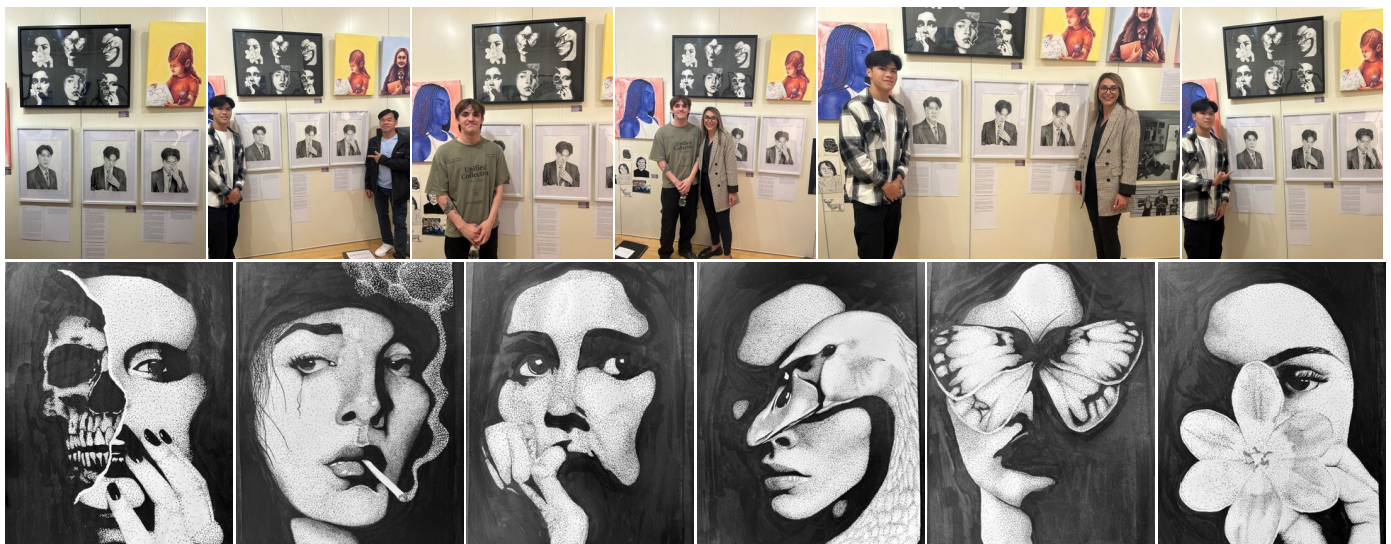
10 am - 3 pm Saturdays (excludes public holidays)

Light Square Gallery, Adelaide College of the Arts

39 Light Square, Adelaide

This event is open to the public and school groups, alongside an online gallery for those who cannot attend in person.

Bookings [here](#)



Geography News

Stage 2 Geography Camp

In Stage 2 Geography this year, students attended a fieldwork camp to the River Murray to support their first topic: Environmental Change.

Here they participated in collecting data that would determine the possible changes occurring in one of the longest rivers in the world, a river that completes its journey here in South Australia. By visiting five locations in the Riverland, ranging from towns to national parks to weirs, the students gathered information on water quality, surrounding environments and management strategies to determine how this ecosystem may be affected both positively and negatively by people.

Students undertaking Stage 2 Geography have already shown amazing potential in the fields of climate change and human interactions with ecosystems, and we are looking forward to seeing their progress in new fields such as population, migration and global inequalities later this year.

Amber Dias - Leader Of Learning HASS (Year 7-12)

Year 10 Geography Coastal Excursion

Year 10 Geography students recently explored the Adelaide metro coastline, visiting Tennyson Dunes and St Kilda Mangroves to learn about human impact and environmental sustainability.

At Tennyson Beach, students studied how human activity and natural forces shape the sand dunes and the challenges of coastal erosion. At St Kilda Mangroves, they explored the vital role mangroves play in protecting the coastline and supporting marine life, while discussing the effects of pollution and climate change.

This hands-on experience gave students valuable insights into the importance of managing and preserving our coastal environments.

Drew Akin - Teacher





Adelaide Writers Week

Last week, many of our Senior students visited Writers Week to hear from authors and historians to enrich their studies. Students were able to get books signed for the school and themselves, while also participating in Q&A sessions.

Writers' week was interesting. During my time there, I learned about people's knowledge of Russia's impact on Europe, a potential explanation on white supremacy movements within America, and first-hand experience on Putin's war against women. Although I didn't purchase any books, the topics spoken were interesting and have made me more aware of certain events already taken and ongoing. - Mason

Writers' week was an extremely interesting experience as students from the Year 12 Modern History class were able to further their understanding on topics which were presented by the guest speakers. Not only did this event allow the class to ask questions and learn from the speakers but the information presented will also likely be used in the historical study task which will be undertaken later in the year. Writers' Week was an amazing opportunity to learn from experts on topics and was an overall great experience. - Mitchell



Soccer Raffle - Amazing prizes to be won!



Our high-performance soccer teams are preparing to represent our school at the EREA Soccer Carnival in Brisbane, and we need your support to help get them there!

We're running a raffle with an incredible lineup of prizes that any sports fan would love.

RAFFLE PRIZES

Rory Sloane Signed Crows Guernsey

Lloyd Pope Signed Strikers Guernsey

Adelaide 36ers Signed Guernsey

RAA Lounge Adelaide United Tickets (Premium game-day experience!)

Adelaide United Merchandise Pack

PSV #9 Guernsey

TICKET PRICES

\$10 each

5 for \$40 – Best value!

How to Enter

Tickets are available for purchase online [here](#). The raffle closes at 11am on Monday 31 March and will be drawn the same day at 12pm, so don't miss your chance to win big while supporting our soccer teams!

Let's get behind our players and help them to attend the EREA Soccer Carnival. Get your tickets today!

Cocurricular Program

[Click to view Week 8 Fixture](#)

Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on Friday, 11 April at 4:00 pm and will reopen on Tuesday, 22 April at 9:00 am.

Extended Holiday Trading Hours:

Tuesday, 22 April – Thursday, 24 April – 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

We will return to regular hours on Monday, 28 April.

Winter Uniform Reminder

Students will change to winter uniform next term, so now is a great time to check that you have everything required to start the term correctly.

Please remember to book an appointment if you require multiple items to avoid delays.

Book [here](#)

2027 Sibling Enrolment Reminder



Enrolment applications for students commencing Reception and Year 7 in 2027 are due by the end of term (11 April 2025). Although priority is given to sibling enrolments, we do require a completed application form for each younger sibling.

You can access an enrolment application form on the College website [here](#) or please don't hesitate to contact our Enrolments Office with any questions: enrolments@stpauls.sa.edu.au

Homework Club

Monday to Thursday, between 3.20pm and 4.20pm, students from Years 5 to 12 are welcome to attend Homework Club in the Resource Centre. Staffing for Week 9 and Week 10 will be:

Week 9

Monday - Mr Leadbeater (Design & Tech)

Tuesday - Mr White (Design & Tech)

Wednesday - Mr Thomas (Maths & Science)

Thursday - Mr Kingham (Religion/PE)

Week 10

Monday - Mr Domiszewski (Maths, English, PE)

Tuesday - Ms Fedele (Art/Drama) and Mrs Marrie (Music)

Wednesday - Mr Howarth (Art/Music)

Thursday - Miss Iuliano (Religion & Psychology) & Ms Hutter (English & History)

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