

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear parents/carers,

As I write my second message to you as Interim Principal, I continue to feel deeply grateful for the warm and generous response from our school community following my appointment. Over the past few weeks, I have had the real pleasure of speaking with many of our students about their academic successes and personal achievements, and I have been truly inspired by the passion, talent, and pride they show in their work and in our school. During tutor time, we have also taken the opportunity to reflect together on the theme of responsibility—considering the many ways each of us contributes to the strength, kindness, and spirit of our wonderful school community. It has been a joy to see students engaging so thoughtfully with these ideas and supporting one another in making our school such a positive place to learn and grow.

Interim Arrangements

During this interim period, I have made a small number of internal appointments to further strengthen our Senior Leadership Team, helping to ensure continued stability and consistency for our students and staff. Alongside Mrs Tunnick in her role as Senior Vice Principal (Student Welfare and Experience), Mr Baxby and Mrs Watt will be working closely with me on an interim basis as Vice Principals. Mr Baxby will continue to lead on behaviour and culture, while also supporting some of the operational aspects of the school, including transport and health and safety. Mrs Watt will take on responsibility for leading teaching and learning, alongside her existing role as achievement Lead. The rest of the Senior Leadership Team remains unchanged, and I am grateful for the commitment and collaboration they continue to show in supporting our whole school community.

Parent Forum

Our parent forums are a great opportunity to hear more about the school and contribute to the wider development of our Academy. These will be themed to signpost the general direction of these forums. Our next Parent Forum on Tuesday 12th May 6pm – 7pm which will be focussed on SEND provision. We will be sharing our provisions and there will be opportunity to discuss the direction of SEND at Sharnbrook Academy. To book a place at the event, please [click](#) here. This event is open to all parents with children at the school and will be hosted by Mrs Nichols (SENDco) and the wider leadership team. The following Parent Forum will be in September to share the school development plan.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day 2026 is raising money for Comic Relief to help provide essentials like food, shelter, and safety for people facing poverty, homelessness, and injustice both in the UK and around the world. To support this great cause, we are asking children to come into school in non-uniform on **Friday 20th March**. If possible, we request that they wear something red to support Comic Relief and that a donation of £1.00 is made via MCAS by **Thursday 19th March**.

Principal Communications

After Easter break the Principal Letter will be changing. While you will still receive updates and information, the newsletter will also celebrate the students' recent achievements, featuring highlights from school trips, sporting fixtures and other events. It will also include "spotlights" on aspects of our pastoral support and curriculum offer. It is a lovely way to keep up to date with all of the fantastic things our students have been doing. This will also replace the termly newsletter.

China Visit

From 8th June to 9th July 2026, we are welcoming 24 Chinese students (Year 7 and 8) to Sharnbrook Academy. They will be spending time with us as full-time students experiencing life in a British school. Along with this, they will be visiting a number of local attractions including Cambridge and London. We are looking for any families who would be willing to host a student during this time. This is a paid placement, and further details can be found by emailing:

info@stneots-ec.com

School Nursing Newsletter

This newsletter will be issued termly and is designed to keep parents and carers updated on key health messages, support available from our service and information that supports the wellbeing of children, young people, and families. Please click [here](#).

Friends of Sharnbrook

I am really proud to share the successful launch of Friends of Sharnbrook Academy (FofSA)! Please click [here](#) to view the first newsletter, which includes details of how to join the team.

Yours sincerely



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Dates for the diary

Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24 th March	Early closure
Wednesday 25 th March	Y13 PHSE Day
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Break
Thursday 9 th April – Monday 13 th April	KS5 Geography Trip to Iceland
Thursday 16 th April	Y10 Chelsea Football Club
Thursday 30 th April	Spring Showcase (Performing Arts)
Friday 8 th May	Y13 Last Day in School
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May	Early closure
Tuesday 12 th May	SEND Parent Forum
Wednesday 13 th May	Y12 National Gallery (Romeo and Juliet)
Thursday 21 st May – Sunday 24 th May	Y9/Y10 MFL to Cote d'Opale, France
Friday 22 nd May	Y11 Last Day
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half term