

Solway Community Technology College Newsletter No.26

Welcome



October 2014

We are delighted to welcome our new starters in Years 7, 9 and 10; we will do our best to ensure they enjoy their time with us and achieve their potential. We also welcome **Miss Cross** who will be taking girls PE, **Mr Gribbon** our IT technician and **Mr Short** who is our ICT apprentice. **Mr McGrath** is teaching Spanish AS level, French GCSE and some intervention classes. **Mr Agnew** has taken on Mrs Potts' Science classes whilst she is on maternity leave, and our very own **Mr Campbell** is returning to take some of her Maths classes. Welcome too goes to **Professor Simon Pimblott** M.A., D.Phil., F.R.S.C., our new Chair of Governors. He joined the board last year combining that with a busy life as Professor in Radiation Chemistry at Manchester University and Director of the Dalton Cumbrian Facility at Westlakes Science & Technology Park.

Already the Year 7s have enjoyed a Maasai Warrior performance before their residential in Borrowdale; Ghyll scrambling was the best activity by all accounts! The Shakespeare for schools group have spent the day at the Theatre by the Lake with **Mrs Schafer** and **Mr Sunter**, rehearsing Taming of the Shrew before their performance in November. I am sure it will be every bit as good as last year's Macbeth. We have elected Head girl, **Lorna de Mello** and Head boy, **Lewis Buckley**, the pupil leadership team and School council, who have had a busy start to the year, spending Tuesday at the Energus building in Workington on an Inspiring Enterprise event. Well done to **Natalie Wood** who won the PTA Smart mark award as you can see; she is the proud owner of a new phone.

Open evening was extremely busy; we welcomed Parents and pupils from Years 5 and 6 to school to meet with staff, pupils, ex pupils and governors prior to their big decision: which secondary school to choose? It was lovely to have Joel, last year's Head boy to explain how much he had benefitted from attending Solway as well as Katie, now studying at sixth form, who described her time here as the best ever! We wish them every success. Our pupil ambassadors did a great job too.

Meeting the Earl of Mar & Kellie who came to explain to the upper school how his work in the House of Lords fits into the parliamentary process. **Working with Rowan Carr**, Engagement and participation worker for Allerdale and Copeland, choosing the priorities for this year's Youth Parliament.

Now with only 1 week before half term we hope Year 11s have realised how fast time flies... it is only 23 weeks until their first exam! Please encourage them to study methodically and complete their homework meticulously.



Mrs L Baird

Headteacher



Living the Olympic and Paralympic Values



“Olympic Week” is a time when pupils take part in a curriculum enrichment programme primarily aimed at developing skills of team working and communication as well as an understanding of community cohesion. Through a variety of planned activities and visits pupils have the opportunity to develop knowledge and understanding of the importance of these skills and the need to both respect and understand the views of others to be able to work together in our ever changing modern world.

As usual, our pupils entered into the spirit of Olympic week and took part in a wide variety of activities from working with members of our local community including the Silloth Lifeboat crew and members of the Silloth First Responders completing the Heart Start basic first aid course, to team building activities like Cave Rescue and Fashion Design.

All activities are run as a house competition with points for completing the task and participating fully. This year all the houses worked extremely hard and by the end of the week the results were really close and are as follows:

Newton 796 points, Dalton 786 points,
Franklin 748 points and Sharman 683 points.



CHRISTMAS CAKE CLUB

Starts Tuesday 4th November 2014

3pm – 5pm in the Food Room

If you are a pupil at our school or a Parent of a pupil at our school and would like to make a Christmas cake this year, do come and join us on a Tuesday after school. Please bring with you the following ingredients for your cake and remember to also bring an 8" loose bottomed cake tin.

All cakes will be finished in time for the annual Christmas Cake Exhibition on Wednesday 3rd December.

Recipe-

- 225g flour
- 5ml (1tbp) mixed spice
- 2.5ml (1/2 tsp) ground nutmeg
- 5ml (1tsp) cocoa powder
- 175g butter
- 175g soft brown sugar
- 15ml (1tbsp) black treacle
- 5ml (1tsp) each grated orange and lemon rind
- 4 eggs
- 550g mixed dried fruit (currants, sultanas and raisins)
- 100g chopped mixed peel
- 50g chopped walnuts or blanched almonds
- 50g dates, chopped
- 50g glazed cherries chopped
- 15ml (1tbsp) fresh milk

We look forward to seeing you.



International Day of Peace

During the first couple of weeks this term pupils in Year 9 have been working hard on planning activities and creating displays for the International Day of Peace. Pupils worked independently researching and writing case studies about the conflicts that are currently happening in our world. These detailed pieces of work then formed a display in our hall, clearly illustrating that Peace is a state we all need to strive towards.

On Wednesday 17th September Reverend Rothwell led a whole school assembly on the need for peace and during the afternoon a number of Year 9 pupils helped deliver peace activities in Silloth Junior School. Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed an interactive hour exploring how refugees feel as they leave their homes and travel to safety. Although this work was set against a backdrop of the 1st World War, it could just as easily take place in any conflict past and present.



Shakespeare Schools' Festival 2014

It's just a month to the production date of our latest Shakespearean adventure – *The Taming of the Shrew*. Rehearsals are well underway and recently the cast spent a day at Keswick working with professional actors, learning how to use the space on the stage and think about their characters. A few initial nerves were soon dispelled and the day was great fun. The big day is Monday November 17th, and you can get your tickets direct from the Theatre by the Lake box office on 017687 74411. Don't miss it – we've set this version of the play in the Wild West so expect cowboys, tumbleweed, horses and of course – Calamity Kate!



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University Life

"For as long as I remember I've always wanted to see and experience different places as I've always appreciated just how important it is to be surrounded by different cultures. I applied for 4 different universities to do my foundation year at (Kingston, Camberwell College of Arts, Arts Uni Bournemouth and Leeds College of Art) and got accepted into all 4. For me it was a tough choice between Bournemouth and Camberwell, be right next to the beach in Bournemouth or spend a year in the city at London? I needed something completely different to Cumbria so opted for London and they honestly are polar opposites. Firstly saying goodbye to friends and family was incredibly difficult but it needs to be done, being that person who lives at home with their family their entire life just isn't for me and probably isn't healthy. But the friends I've already made here are great and it's easier to make friends than people think, I mean you're all at university so that's already one thing you've got in common. There's so many things to do and take part in at uni, a lot of societies you can get involved in, for example I've signed up for netball and philosophy society and I'm sure I'll make a wider group of friends at these so if you're worried about leaving all your friends behind honestly don't because everyone ends up moving away and doing their own thing sooner or later and you don't want to be the one left behind. I live in halls of residence and I would be lying if I said that partying isn't a big part of being a student because it really is, but I stick in with my studies and it helps because I'm so passionate about my subject. (Words of advice: pick a subject you really love and it won't be so hard getting up at 8am hungover). Every day's an exciting one because coming from such a small town where it rains nearly every day to a city where even if it does rain there's still a thousand and one things to do means I never find myself sitting on facebook for 4 hours at a time! I hope this article inspires you to do something great and not be too afraid of doing something different, put the work in and it'll be worth it!"

Zoe Forster



Stamps

Please continue to collect and bring in to school, old used stamps from any letters or parcels you receive. **Mrs Baird** sends them off to raise money for Eden Valley Hospice.

A worthy cause.



Email

If you wish to receive school letters and the newsletter by email and you are not already on our mailing list, or should you wish to comment on anything in this newsletter, or give us your views on any other school matters please email

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Lancaster University Trip

At the beginning of the summer holidays, I and a few other girls went on a trip to Lancaster University, for a three day residential to experience what university life is really like.

On the first day of the trip we were all quite nervous and found it hard to interact with other students because we didn't know any of them, but by the end of that day we had made loads of friend and were much more confident with talking to other children.

Whilst there we did loads of fun activities like going to Lancaster Castle and learning all about all it's history, and we even got to go in to the old dungeons with lights off and door shut to experience what it was really like to be a prisoner in Lancaster Castle so many years ago.

We also had an activity night where we played loads of different games like the 'after eight' game, where we put an after eight on our heads and had to get it in to our mouths without using our hands; which was so funny to see because chocolate was melting down everyone's head.

I can't wait to go to our reunion in 6 months so I can see all my friends and catch up with them. I would definitely recommend this trip to any of the pupils at our school because I learned so much and made some really great friends.

Eloise Johnson

Interview with Louise Smith

Louise Smith is a Governor for Solway Community Technology College, and has been for 12 months. Yet she still considers herself a 'newbie'.

She first became a governor when she volunteered to become a clerk at her son's previous school. As she found out more about the school, she decided she was interested in becoming a governor as it gave her further insight into the way things ran. When her son moved up to secondary, it was only natural that she 'moved up' with him.

Her day job is Site Administrator, a job involving managing accounts and attending meetings, she is provided with training and help. One thing she likes best about her job is that she is always doing something different and isn't doing the same thing every day.

Mrs Smith enjoys helping the community and believes it is important to give each individual the best education possible. She informed us that each governor is allocated to a subject, hers being P.E. She also informed us that



being a governor takes responsibility and it is her job to set a good example. Each governor has an important role, but they do get any training they need to do that job, including having a 'buddy' governor who gives them advice. She said she had gained a lot by being a governor.

Finally, we asked Mrs Smith how someone who was interested in becoming governor would do so and what advice she would give to them, she replied with: "I read an article that was displaying an advertisement appealing to anyone who was interested in becoming a governor. I rang Mrs Baird and spoke with her to arrange a meeting. Relating to the advice, I would tell people that it's a great opportunity and that they should go for it."

Lucy, Abbygail and Oliver

Police advise motorists on the importance of wearing a seatbelt

Police are reminding motorists that wearing a seatbelt can be the difference between life and death.

Officers from the Constabulary's Operational Support Unit work throughout the year to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on the county's roads. This month the focus is on the use of seatbelts and child restraints.

Officers from the Operational Support Unit alongside officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams will patrol the county's roads conducting high visibility stop checks, covert patrols and also static speed checks, particularly focusing on peak times for commuting as more vehicles are on the road following the end of the school summer holidays.

It is a legal requirement for anyone travelling in a vehicle to wear a seatbelt if one is fitted. Those aged 14 and over are responsible for wearing their seatbelt and it is the driver's responsibility to make sure passengers under the age of 14 have their seatbelt on.

It is also a requirement that those under the age of 12 or under 135cm use a child seat. There are four groups of child seats which are designed for different weights and some seats cover more than one group. For more information on the correct car seat to use please visit www.cumbria.police.uk/roadsafety.

Sergeant Claire Sampson, of the Constabulary's Operational Support Unit, said:

"Wearing a seatbelt is the single most effective way of saving lives and reducing injuries in road accidents. They really can make the difference if you are involved in a collision. Seatbelts also increase the safety of others in your vehicle as it restrains your body and reduces the risk of you colliding with someone.

"There are too many occasions where a death could have been avoided because a seatbelt was not worn. This is why wearing a seatbelt is not a matter of choice as some may believe. Those stopped driving without a seatbelt can receive a fine up to £500 and also a driver can receive points on their license.

"Similarly parents and guardians need to make sure that their children are safe by using the relevant car seat. Please make their safety a priority when planning and beginning a journey."

Chris Broadbent, Cumbria Road Safety Partnership Road Safety Coordinator added: "A seatbelt is vital for protecting yourself and family whilst driving. I would recommend that parents of young children visit the Constabulary's website or www.goodeggcarsafety.com for the useful information that it contains."

Members of the public can keep up with the latest on the roads by visiting www.cumbria.police.uk/traffic or use the hashtag #CumbriaRoads.

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Child seats are designed for different weights. Some seats cover more than one group and can be used as the child grows.

Group 0

Under 13kg, rear facing seat. Not in front of vehicle unless airbag has been de-activated



Group 1

9-18kg, front or rear facing seat



Group 2

15-25kg Booster Seat. May have back or sides



Group 3

Over 22kg Booster cushion



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How can parents help to motivate their children when it comes to exams?

Parents who use financial incentives to encourage their children to do well in their GCSEs may be wasting their money, a study suggests. But the promise of an outing for doing well at school, could help struggling pupils improve, it found.

Creative Day Aztec Antics

It was lovely to host all the Year 6s from our local Primary schools for a day of trampolining, craft, drama and drumming. It was a great opportunity for them all to work with others and to meet some of our staff and pupils, not just the Year 8s who helped out throughout the day, but to catch up again with those they knew who had moved up to us in September.

We look forward to welcoming them next year.



Borrowdale 2014

Wednesday 24th September

At one o'clock we started our Borrowdale journey by getting on a mini bus and heading off to Keswick. (Mr Green was our bus driver.) On the way to Borrowdale we were singing and sharing our sweets and we were so excited! We stopped at Dodd Wood café because Mr. Green was planning a surprise for us, for on the way back.

We arrived at the youth hostel to drop our bags off and get ready for our first adventure. We then went to walk up Dale Head (which was so hard!) Half way up we stopped for a little rest so everybody could catch up. We also shared Ben's Doritos; however, the people at the back didn't get any. FINALLY! We reached the top, and what a view. At the summit we looked at all the stunning mountains and cheered on the last few people. After that we had our picture taken and headed back to the hostel to have our tea.

There was a selection of food such as: roast chicken, chilli con carne, and jacket potato. Most people had jacket potatoes. We also had a choice of lemon cake with custard or chocolate ice-cream with oranges. After our delicious tea we went into the common room to play games including cat and mouse, sharks and many more fun activities.



Mr Green told us a really scary, terrifying ghost story. Before we knew it, it was bed time.

Thursday 25th September

We woke up bright and early at 7 o'clock to go down to have an amazing breakfast, and an even better day. We had different cereals to choose from then you could have a full English, and if you were really hungry you could have yoghurt or fruit salad.

Shortly after, we were in the mini bus to start our outdoor activities at Hawesend. Firstly, we got our wet suits and overalls on, then we got into the mini bus, but unfortunately, it had run out of petrol, so we had to go into a BRAND new one (which had never been used!)

In the space of 20 minutes we reached our destination. We then walked up a little mountain where our first activity began – ghyll scrambling. We sat down with our feet floating in the clear, bubbling water. We started by sliding down from the fairly steep waterfall. We went down many other waterfalls involving going down backwards, jumping, pulling ourselves under a tree branch, and most of all making us freezing cold! When we finished all the slips and slides we reached the end, when we got back to Hawesend we had our lunch in the little cottage next to the lake.

About 30 minutes later we got into our canoeing gear. In the matter of minutes we were on the lake getting the canoes ready. It was quite difficult, but we managed to get it together. We were split up into groups of six (a mix of boys and girls). There was a race between group one and two to different islands. It took forever to get back to the start because the wind was wild.

Back at the youth hostel, again the food was nice and so was the pudding. We played games for the last time at Borrowdale. We went to bed after the ghost story and the games because we had a big day ahead of us.



Friday 26th September

On Friday we got up extra early to have a big breakfast because we were climbing up SKIDDAW! Our breakfast was lovely once again. Everyone had to have a big breakfast for the energy. After the food we went up to the rooms to pack our bags for the way home. To the bus we went, ready to climb up Skiddaw (much bigger then Dale Head, don't you think?)

Five and a half hours later we managed to get to the tea room at Dodd Wood.

By **George Carr** and **Grace Bennett**

Walk for Water

Mrs Baird was delighted to welcome **Ian Taylor**, the regional director for Samaritan's Purse to our joint schools' assembly on Monday to receive a cheque for **£1849.00.**

A fantastic amount of money raised and a big thank you to pupils from Silloth Primary and Nursery, Allonby, Abbeytown and Mawbray along with pupils from Jelly tots Nursery who walked with Solway pupils some of the way to Grune point last term. Ian was speechless, so impressed with the effort from all concerned. Many thanks to **Mrs Cooper** for her organisation.



Although it looks sunny it was freezing cold!!!

Sweets, fizzy drinks and chocolate

are not allowed in school or when your child stays to after school clubs. Our canteen serves healthy, homemade choices for breakfast, break and lunch time.

Recent scientific studies have shown that people drinking fizzy drinks age more rapidly than those of us who don't! Two cans of cola - was associated with 4.6 years of additional biological ageing, based on telomere shortening; as detrimental to health as smoking!!!

Attendance Avril Quinn

Last year our pupils achieved 95.36% attendance at school which exceeded the target set for us by the Government, just. We do try to incentivise them to come to school every day by using different strategies:

- Monthly draw for £10 available to pupils with 100% attendance
- Weekly House cup for attendance
- Weekly form cup for attendance
- Free toast to forms with 100% for the week

These are the Form % so far this term:

Form Group	% attendance
11KJ	91.1
Dalton	98.1
Sharman	96.7
Newton	95.8
Franklin	97.8

We are well on the way to beating our target again this year but it looks like Year 11 need to improve. I understand there has been a tummy bug and it is a bad time of the year for coughs and colds. As I'm Head of Dalton House, I'm very proud of their 98.1%.

Action Stations

Year 9 boys last term taking advantage of the Sound beams workshop and their go karting trip, with the girls' trip this year.



Head girl report

As Head girl, I have had the opportunity to be involved in School Council which I have enjoyed very much as it makes me feel good to be able to take other students' concerns and ideas and convey them to the Governing body of the school. I also get opportunities to meet with people that I would not have otherwise have been able to speak with. For example, Lord Mar and Kellie, whom I got to speak to with the governors last Thursday. I found the experience interesting, discovering that even though he has the title "Lord", he is also an ordinary person too. I am looking forward to Take-Over day which will see me and Lewis Buckley (Head boy) become Lord Voldemort for a day!!

Business day

On the 6th of October at 8:30 am the School Council's Head boy (Lewis Buckley) and myself travelled with Mr Sunter to Energen at Lillyhall in Workington to take part in an initiative day about starting and running your own business. We learned about financing and marketing. I found the experience mind opening as it showed me that it is easier than you think to start your own business. It can also be seen as a possible career with huge rewards for those willing to work hard enough to make it work. The day was topped off with us receiving free items such as mugs and pens etc. Harvey Smith collected enough of the freebies to set up his own business!!

University trip

Ellie, Eloise and I went to Cumbria University, Lancaster Campus. We were there to try and experience a bit of undergraduate life. We took part in a number of taster sessions ranging from Sports to Filming. We also went to a student summer party, giving us the chance to let our hair down a bit after spending most of the day on our best behaviour. We met many people and made some new friends. The rooms were really nice, like small flats with shared kitchen facilities. Overall the experience was good and has made me even more excited about going to university myself.

Pupils from the upper school listened to an informative talk about democracy and the House of Lords before asking Lord Mar a series of topical and very perceptive questions.



James Thorne Erskine, 14th Earl of Mar and 16th Earl of Kellie, DL (born 10 March 1949) is a British peer and Liberal Democrat member of the House of Lords.

Educated at Eton, he was Page of Honour to Queen Elizabeth II in 1962 and 1963. He proceeded to Moray House College of Education, Edinburgh, before embarking on a career in social work with various Scottish local authorities. He has also worked as a boatbuilder, and has served with the Royal Auxiliary Air Force and Royal Naval Auxiliary Service.

The Earl entered the House of Lords in 1994, having succeeded to the title in the previous year, taking his seat on the Liberal Democrat benches. He lost his seat after the passage of the House of Lords Act 1999. However, in 2000, he was created a life peer as **Baron Erskine of Alloa Tower**, of Alloa in the County of Clackmannanshire, enabling him to return to the House. He was the Liberal Democrat candidate for the constituency of Ochil in the Scottish Parliament election, 1999.

As the 16th Viscount Fentoun, he is Premier Viscount of Scotland. He is also Chief of the Name and Arms of Erskine. Since 1991, he has been a Deputy Lieutenant of Clackmannanshire.

Jewellery Club

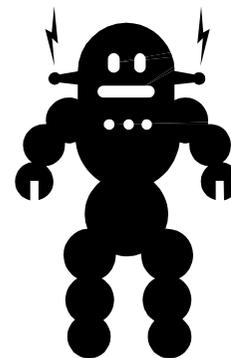
Well done to the Jewellery club pupils who have managed to compete their first silver rings to such a high standard. Some excellent craftsmanship skills have been developed through the course. I am looking forward to seeing what they achieve with their next task of producing one of their own designs.

Anyone who is interested in coming to the club is more than welcome. How about making a silver ring in time for Christmas?

**THURSDAYS AFTERSCHOOL IN RM7 WITH MRS HURST
3pm till 4.30pm.**



Well done to Charlie Garner Year 9 on becoming engineer of the month. This was awarded to him for the skill and determination he has shown in producing a high quality product in pewter casting. Keep up the good work!



KS3

Are you interested in how things work? Would you like to make a moving gadget? Be part of a creative team?

Then come to Robots Club Tuesday and Thursday Lunchtimes in room 7 with Mrs Hurst.



Maasai Warriors

Pupils from all our local Primary schools were entertained as we were treated to a fabulously colourful display of singing, jumping and whistling from the Maasai warriors who had travelled from their native Kenya to give us a taste of their lives.

Pupils asked questions about the dances they had seen, especially interested in the lion hunting which the tribesmen do to protect their livestock rather than for food.



University visits

Several visits took place last term with the then Year 10s experiencing Primary school teaching, Sports, Science and Business courses at a variety of University campuses.

Food safety and Hygiene certificates

Certificates were awarded to the successful Year 11 pupils who followed the course last term, presented by **Rowan Carr**, from Allerdale and Copeland council who has been working with our School Council this term.



Shoebox appeal

Once again this year we are supporting the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox appeal. This annual appeal makes such a difference to children around the world, children living in dire conditions, children who have nothing, children who have never had a present before.

This gift of a shoebox can and does make such a difference, knowing that someone wishes them well, someone cares.

Please take part in this appeal and put a smile on the face of a child who is not as fortunate as our ours.

All shoeboxes need to be brought into school by Monday 3rd November.

Thankyou



Inter-House Competition

KS4 Mixed Netball (09/10/14)

Franklin 100 + 15	Sharman 80 + 10	Dalton 60 + 10	Newton 40 + 8
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Congratulations to **Franklin** for winning KS3 and KS4 Mixed Netball who have therefore also won the Netball

Points Standings after the Netball Competition:

House	Points	Participation Points	Total
Sharman	440	39	479
Franklin	420	44	464
Dalton	360	42	402
Newton	340	33	373

House competitions

A great Netball competition and an improvement on last year in terms of the number of players, the standard of play and the sportsmanship on display.

More than 73 players over the two divisions with KS3 players taking an active part in the KS4 competition. More than 20 boys playing as well which is something.

Reece shoulder charging **Ellie Scott** and ending up flat on the floor, **Lewis Buckley** passing to the umpire and to everyone else except his team mates, **Charlie Garner** finally scoring a goal after hundreds of attempts, and **Leon Hewitson** being laid out on the floor after a shoulder charge against **Ellie Scott** were some of the highlights. **Ellie** ought also to get a special mention for umpiring both KS3 and KS4 games. Outstanding!

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2014/2015

AUTUMN TERM 2014



STARTS
Wednesday
3 September
(Inset Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd Sept)
ENDS
Thursday
18 December
Number of school days in term – 72

HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 27 October –
Friday 31 October

SPRING TERM 2015



STARTS
Tuesday
6 January
ENDS
Friday
27 March

HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 16 February –
Friday 20 February

Number of school days in term – 54

SUMMER TERM 2015



STARTS
Monday
13 April
ENDS
Friday
17 July

HALF – TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 25 May –
Friday 29 May

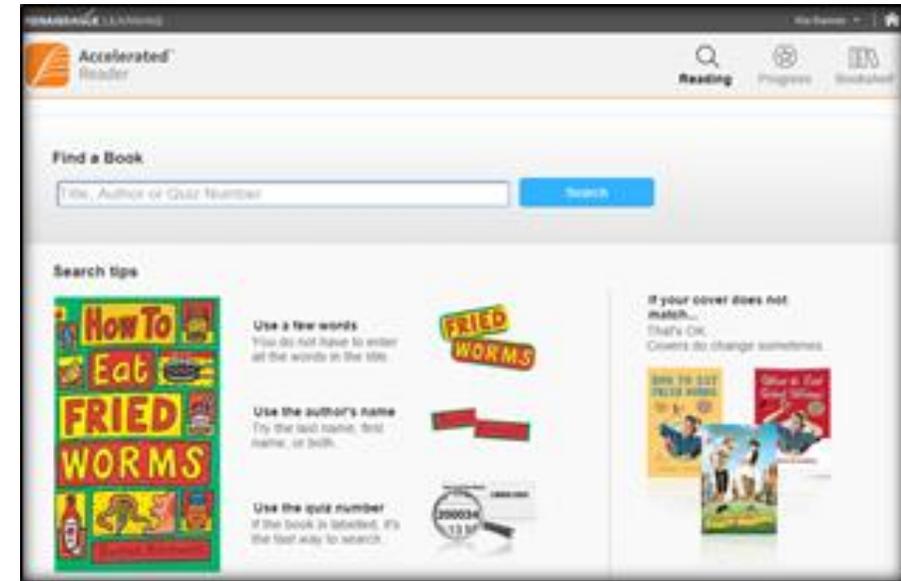
Number of school days in term – 64

Early May Bank Holiday
Monday 4 May

Number of days in year – 190

Accelerated Reader Scheme

for all pupils in Years 7 – 9



Kids who read succeed

This year we have again subscribed to the Accelerated Reader Scheme and invested money in new books to encourage our younger pupils to gain fluency and understanding in their reading.

The way that the scheme works is by testing their reading level at the start and allocating them a Book Level which is not too hard and not too easy, but just right for them to progress. The Bookfinder website allows them to find books of their interest level and genre, and from it they can see if they are part of our book collection, on one of the school's Kindles, order them from the local library or ask their parents for them to download or buy the paperbacks.

All Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils are enrolled and have chosen books; a number have already completed quizzes to show they have read them.

One new feature of the scheme is the Home Connect website where parents can log on and see their child's progress, their virtual bookshelf and set up email notification of when their child has completed a quiz. By encouraging and supporting reading, we can all make a real difference to pupils' achievements.

Year 7 Comments about their first few days

When we arrived at school I was so so so nervous! I met my cousin in the hall and we just started talking. I had Maths and it was awesome. I used to hate Maths but now I love it. I forgot what I had for dinner but it was lovely. I had an amazing first day. I think secondary school is way better (even though you get a lot more homework!). Solway is the best school I have ever been to.

When I got to school I couldn't wait for the lessons. I zoomed through Biology, English and Spanish and I loved Maths and ICT.

On my first day I got up for school feeling very nervous! I didn't know what it was going to be like. When I arrived all my friends were waiting for me. Then we went to registration followed by some lessons. These were enjoyable and put my mind at ease. But the best part of the day was lunch! At the end of the first three days I was ready for a rest but I really enjoyed them and they were even fun! Secondary school is way better than I thought it would be! To sum it all up, I enjoy being at this school and I have lots of new friends and I think I am going to do really well here!

Solway School has started off GREAT! I really like it so far!

On Wednesday, my first day at school, I felt a little bit nervous but not that much. My lessons were fun that day and dinner was gorgeous. I had the nicest chicken tikka panini, beautiful don't you think? My favourite lesson was PE and I couldn't wait to do Drama. When I got home I told everyone I made the right choice to go to Solway.

I was very nervous and anxious on my way to school on my bike. When I got in the bell rang and I went to form. I am in Franklin by the way. The dinners were delicious, although I can't remember what I had! My first lessons were Art, Music, English, Maths and then Spanish. They were all fabulous and fun and the day went by in like two minutes!

October

20/10/2014	M	LB assembly Cancer Awareness	
21/10/2014	T	Yr 11 Parents Evening 5-7pm	Quiz N
22/10/2014	W	7-11 Netball away Southfield	
23/10/2014	Th	Gideons Assembly Yr 7s 8:40 AQ	House Competitions 3:15-4:15pm
24/10/2014	F	Pink Day - Breast Cancer Awareness Cake Bake non-uniform day	

Half term Monday 27th – Friday 31st October inc

November

03/11/2014	M	Dalton assembly start of Anti bullying month / Uni Northumbria Yr 7	
04/11/2014	T	Yr 7-10 Tutor Evening 5-7pm	3:15-5pm Christmas cake club weeks 9-13
06/11/2014	Th	Yr 11 Gen2 assembly / House Competitions 3:15-4:15pm	
07/11/2014	F	Uni Northumbria Yr 9 Course	Speakers for schools 9-11 Science
10/11/2014	M	Molly Thomas Trip of a life time Assembly	
11/11/2014	T	RM Remembrance Day assembly 3:15-5pm	Christmas cake club wk 9-13
12/11/2014	W	Music college performance	
13/11/2014	Th	Yr 9 alcohol & drug education Keith Hunton	House Competitions 3:15-4:15pm
15/11/2014	S	St Benedict's Sixth Form Centre - Engineering Awareness Day	10-3pm
17/11/2014	M	SSF Performance & dress rehearsal	Road safety week Switch off fortnight
18/11/2014	T	3:15-5pm	Christmas cake club wk 9-13
19/11/2014	W	Awards' Evening 7pm – Guest of Honour Katie Hunter	ITV Border
20/11/2014	Th	Yr 11 Engineering workshop day/ 7-11 netball away	Cockermouth
21/11/2014	F	Yr 5 Maths Day	Children's Take Over day.
24/11/2014	M	Vicar Assembly: Achievement	
25/11/2014	T	Yr 11 Art mock	Rotary Junior Masterchef comp 3:15-5pm Christmas cake club
27/11/2014	Th	Yr 11 Art mock & Yr 10 KS4 Assembly	Ambassador Day House Competitions
01/12/2014	M	Assembly Rowan Carr Allerdale	Yr 10 + 11 Mock exams start
02/12/2014	T	Quiz - S NSPCC Number Day	
03/12/2014	W	Yr 10 + 11 Mock exams	Christmas Lunch 3:15-5pm Christmas cake display
04/12/2014	Th	Yr 10 + 11 Mock exams	KS4 Assembly / House Competitions 3:15-4:15pm
05/12/2014	F	Yr 10 + 11 Mock exams	Banquet prac p3-5
06/12/2014	S	GCSE Hospitality Banquet	
09/12/2014	T	Yr 10 RMT controlled practical day	Quiz – D
10/12/2014	W	XMAS Community Roast Dinner	Day 1:15
11/12/2014	Th	Yr 7-11 L&Ms home	House Competitions 3:15-4:15pm
17/12/2014	W	Carol Service - pm Rev Rothwell	House Competitions 3:15-4:15pm
18/12/2014	Th	Activities am/ Finish 1.05pm	End of term