



February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

At Smithills School, our vision is 'Success for All', guided by our values of Independence, Community, and Excellence. These values are at the heart of everything we do, from excellent work in the classroom to participation in events like the Bolton dance festival, Year 9 MFL cookery event, and supporting primary athletics. Our young people consistently demonstrate commitment, focus, and enthusiasm as they grow, succeed, and reach their full potential.

A particular congratulations go to our Year 11 pupils, who performed fantastically in their PPEs. Their hard work is a credit to them, their teachers, and to all of us as a school community. As we always say, good results open doors and provide opportunities, and our young people deserve the very best. It is now essential that they continue to work hard both at school and at home to achieve the outcomes they are capable of.

All year groups have been working diligently, both in lessons and through a wide range of extra-curricular activities. These opportunities allow our pupils to develop new skills, pursue interests, and grow as well-rounded individuals. Looking ahead, there are even more exciting events planned for the next half term, including the Smithills' Careers Fair, Year 9 Options' Evening, and the Year 11 PPEs' and Parents' Evening.

We continue to emphasise the importance of homework and independent study, including Sparxs Reader, Sparxs Maths and Sparxs Science practice. Completing homework, following school standards and expectations, and engaging fully in all aspects of school life all help our young people to develop into independent, confident, and well-rounded individuals.

Communication

If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch via email, our 'Tell Us' system, or by calling the school office. We aim to respond within 48 hours. You can also find everything you need to know about the school in the 2025–26 Family Handbook on our website, including information about uniform, attendance, and what your child will be learning during the Spring term.

Thank you, as always, for your support. We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday, 23rd February**.

Regards

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