

Summer 2026

There has been some great experiential learning taking place at TWAPA during the Spring term – some of the highlights are coming up!

Spring Term Adventures!

One of the highlights last term was Key Stage 4 pupils really enjoying their visit to Chester Zoo, building on recent learning in ecology.



Reminders

There will be multiple outdoor education opportunities coming up – see the list of events in this edition of the TWAPA Times.

Upcoming Exam Dates:

- English Literature – Monday 11th May
- Maths – Thursday 14th May
- English literature – Tuesday 19th May
- English Language – Thursday 21st May
- Maths – Wednesday 3rd June
- English Language – Friday 5th June
- Maths – Wednesday 10th June

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A spectacular spring term!

In January pupils from Key Stages 3 and 4 had a great afternoon out mountain biking at Baildon Activity Centre.



Key Stage 2 pupils had a great time on their reward trip to Retro Station in January.



TWAPA hosted pupils from the Aireview site of Bradford AP Academy for a Table Tennis fixture. Games were played in good spirits, with great sportsmanship on display.



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Key Stage 3 pupils had a really positive visit to Mount Zion Methodist Chapel; great engagement and lots of questions asked.



Year 11 pupils had a really positive morning out at the Apprenticeship Fair in January, including quite a few visits to the Fox's stall for snacks.

KS3 pupils had a great time at Salts Mill recently, learning about how the mill was developed and how it's continued to prosper.



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In March pupils had a great time at Yorkshire Wildlife Park; all engaged well and showed curiosity, with many questions asked throughout the day.



A group of our boys took part in a tournament which included eight other settings, lots of great teamwork and resilience shown.



Pupils had a great afternoon out in March on the High Ropes activities at Doe Park; some good resilience shown by all.



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Key Stage 4 pupils have been taking part in some on-site work experience with great engagement from all involved



A really positive football fixture at the end of March against Bradford AP Academy, four wins in four matches for the Whitley boys.

Opportunities through experiential learning, reward trips, work experience and sporting fixtures are thoroughly enjoyed by TWAPA pupils.



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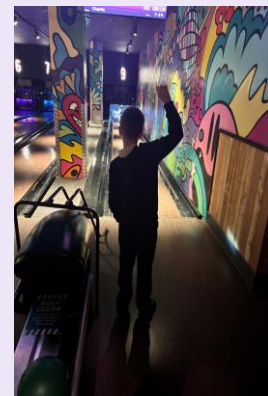
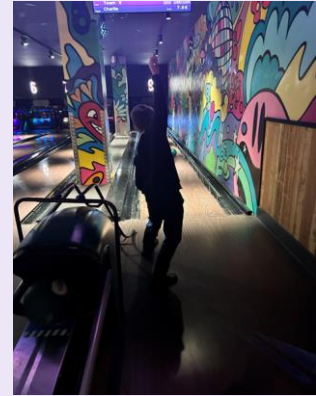
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Key Stage 2 News

Key Stage 2's reward trip at the end of the Spring term was to The Light. This celebrated pupils' achievements during the term. The visit was a huge success, and a great reward for those who achieved it.



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In the summer term there will be many opportunities for pupils to enjoy experiential learning. The visits are varied and give pupils a broad range of experiences.

- 16-04-26 Doe Park Outdoor Education – Crate Stack
- 20-04-26 KS2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park visit
- 23-04-26 Maths in football and Manchester City Stadium tour
- 28-04-26 Cannon Hall Farm visit

- 06-05-26 KS2 Bolton Abbey visit – history and art workshop
- 07-05-26 Doe Park Outdoor Education – Bouldering and Abseiling
- 12-05-26 Doe Park Outdoor Education – Canoe Raft.
- 13-05-26 KS3 Bolton Abbey visit – outdoor maths workshop.
- 20-05-26 Hesketh Farm visit.
- 02-06-26 Royal Ar5mouries visit.
- 04-06-26 Doe Park Outdoor Education – Canoe Raft.

- 11-06-26 Doe Park Outdoor Education – Sit on Top.
- 16-06-26 Eden Camp visit.
- 23-06-26 Yorkshire Sculpture Park visit – poetry workshop.

06-07-26 to 08-07-26 Buckden House Residential

As you can see, there are some super opportunities for our pupils coming up.

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To highlight that amazing talents of our pupils at TWAPA, pupils are given opportunities to engage with the wider community and local area. Recent projects have included; designing and donating flowerpots to the residents, litter picks and supporting local charities



Some of our KS3 pupils braved the cold weather to pick up litter in the surrounding area of our school. Making the place a little safer and cleaner



KS4 pupils made a big splash recently by using their time to clean vehicles of staff and residents as part of their BTEC qualifications.



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Careers Update

"It was fun and made me feel more confident."

It's been a busy spring term at TWAPA. Seven students enjoyed a day of work experience with Gary, our site manager, and Leanne, our catering manager. Students loved getting hands-on and learning new skills.



"I liked learning how to cook; I was tired by the end of it."

Next term, we're looking forward to offering even more practical opportunities, including supporting pupils in Key Stage 2.



As part of our career's curriculum, students have visited colleges and universities and welcomed employers into school to explore opportunities in STEM subjects and public services.

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English Language: [GCSE English Language - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

Focus on practicing the skills required. The videos explore key skills within both papers to support your analysis and evaluation.

English Language Paper 1:

Question 1: Identify 4 pieces of information. Multiple choice question. Read the information carefully.

Question 2: Language Analysis. Identify three language techniques used to describe. What are they? What do they show? Why has the writer used them? How do they affect the reader? 3 Three PEER paragraphs.

Question 3: Structural Analysis. How is the extract structured to interest the reader? One paragraph to focus on the beginning, middle and end. Include information on any shift in focus. Three PEER paragraphs.

Question 4: Evaluation of the extract. To what extent do you agree with the statement? How has the writer used language and structure to impact this? 5 x PEER paragraphs.

Question 5: Descriptive or Narrative Writing. This is a 40-mark question, so you need to write approximately 2 pages. Remember to include a range of language devices and 'zoom' in on specific details. Include all 5 senses.

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English Language Paper 2:

Question 1: Select 4 true statements. Read the text carefully.

Question 2: Summary and comparison of texts. You will need to understand the differences between the texts regarding a specific topic. Two PEER paragraphs.

Question 3: Language Analysis. Identify three language techniques used to describe. What are they? What do they show? Why has the writer used them? How do they affect the reader? Three PEER paragraphs.

Question 4: Writers' Viewpoints. Compare how the writers' present their point of view. You need to include language, structure and tone of each text.

Question 5: Persuasive Writing. You will be asked to present your point of view on a specific topic. Remember to use the correct structure (letter, speech or article). You also need to include AFOREST of PEARS devices.

Advice for writing: <http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/>

Support & revision for sentence construction:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/game/en30stru-game-make-a-sentence>

Support & revision for punctuation/grammar:

<http://www.curriculumbits.com/resources/english/>

http://www.bristol.ac.uk/arts/exercises/grammar/grammar_tutorial/page_01.htm

<http://www.grammar-monster.com/>

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Romeo and Juliet: [Romeo and Juliet - YouTube](#)

Focus on plot, character and three key quotes.

An Inspector Calls: [An Inspector Calls - YouTube](#)

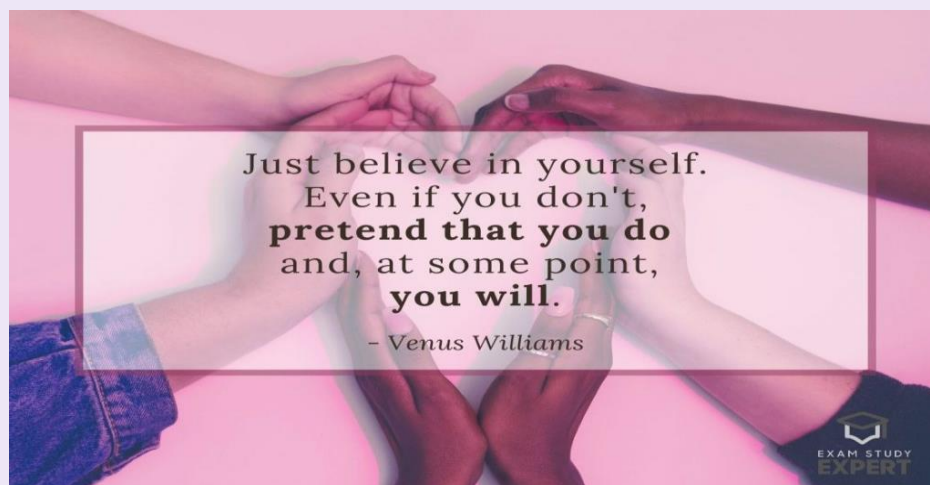
Focus on plot and character links. You need to make sure you express your own opinion about the death of Eva Smith; who was responsible for her death? Why do you think this?

A Christmas Carol: [A Christmas Carol - YouTube](#)

Focus on plot and the journey of Scrooge. Why did he change? Which ghost had the most influence? What does the reader learn from A Christmas Carol?

Conflict Poetry: [Revise poetry for your GCSE English Literature exam - BBC Bitesize](#)

Focus on the analysis of both known and unseen poems. You need to be able to select three to four devices (metaphor, simile, imagery, emotive language) per poem and this will inform your PEER paragraphs



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Top Five Revision Tips for GCSE Maths

1. Prioritise the high-value topics

- Focus on Number, Ratio, Algebra basics, Geometry measures, and Probability.
- Start with the topics you *know* appear every year.
- Track your scores so you can see which areas give you the biggest gains.

2. Use past papers as your main practice

- Do each paper twice: once open-book, once timed.
- Mark using the official mark scheme and highlight repeated mistakes.
- Redo every question you got wrong until you can do it confidently.

3. Build and memorise a formula sheet

- Include area formulas, Pythagoras, speed/distance/time, and percentage change.
- Test yourself weekly until you can recall them without hesitation.
- Practise using the formulas in real exam-style questions.

4. Target your weak spots first

- Make a "Top 5 Weak Topics" list and revise one per day.
- Use short videos (Corbett Maths, Maths Genie) to relearn the basics.
- Practise 5–10 questions on that topic immediately after watching.

5. Show clear working to earn method marks

- Write every step, even for questions you think are easy.
- Use labelled diagrams for geometry and probability.

Useful websites

www.mathsgenie.com – Has free past papers, exam questions and solutions, detailed by grade.

www.corbettmaths.com – Has hundreds of free resources including worksheets and solutions.

www.mathsbot.com – Hundreds of free resources, question generators and quick-fire revision.

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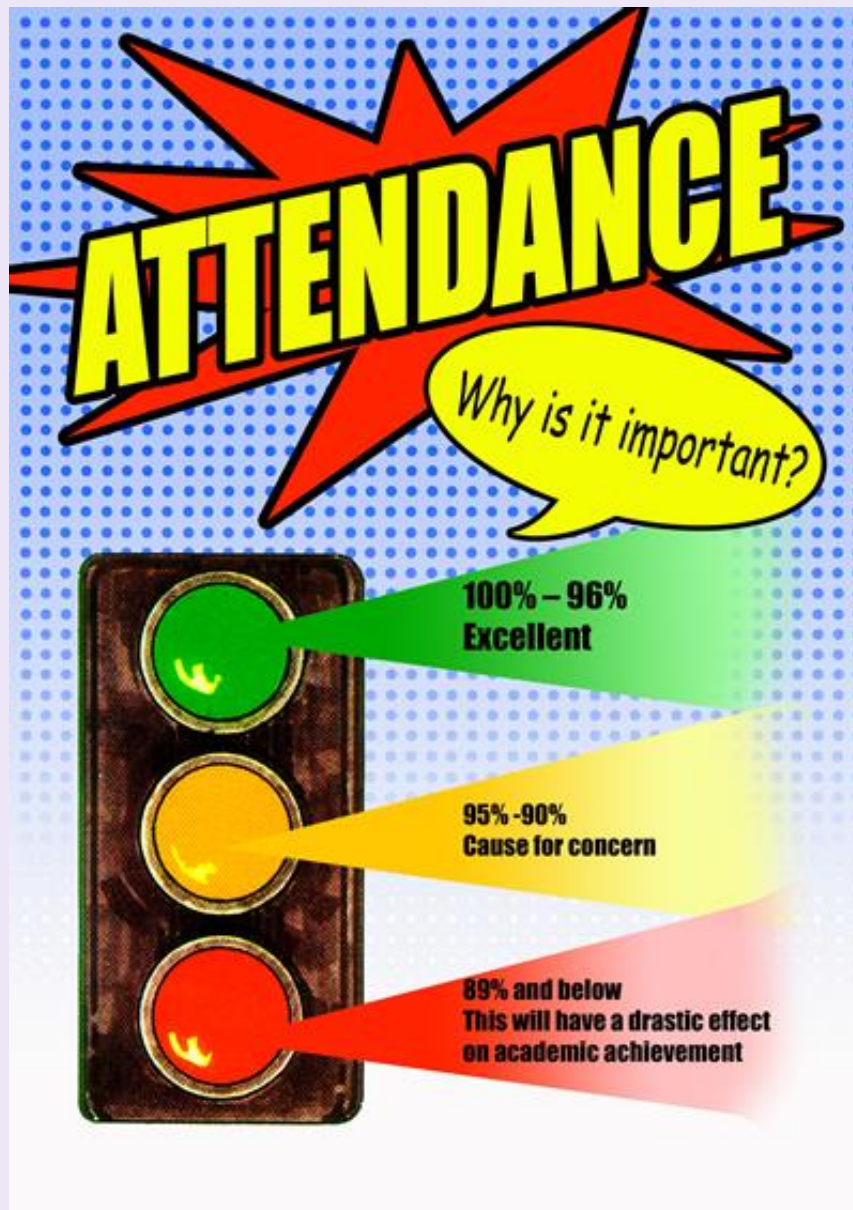
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Your attendance at TWAPA matters!

Every day at TWAPA counts!

As you can see from this selection there has been some great experiential learning taking place during the Spring Term, with more to come in the Summer Term.

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