



READ SCHOOL  
DRAX

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# The Reader

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*Dear Parents, Colleagues, Governors and Students of the school,*

## **UKMT Poster Competition!**

This competition gives students the opportunity to design a UKMT poster, featuring the 2026/27 first round competition dates.

This year's poster theme is:

**Maths is Magic!**

Dates to Include:

The dates of the 2026/27 Competitions, which should be detailed on the poster, are as follows;

**Senior Mathematical Challenge: 7th October 2026**

**Intermediate Mathematical Challenge: 27th January 2027**

**Junior Mathematical Challenge: 27th April 2027**

Deadline:

The deadline for your posters is **Tuesday 23rd June 2026**. Please submit to Mrs Bainbridge

## Poster Competition Rules!

- Any year groups can take part in the Poster Competition.
- Teams creating the posters should consist of between 2 and 6 students.
- Posters should be designed on A3 paper.
- The poster should be designed using this year's theme 'Maths Is Magic'.
- The poster must include the competition dates (as listed above).

## Summer School for Kids

Looking for an unforgettable adventure for your child this summer?

View our full brochure here:

<https://heyzine.com/flip-book/33da13816b.html>

Book your places now:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/111599/sessions>

Any queries email Mrs. Dale - [edale@readschool.co.uk](mailto:edale@readschool.co.uk)



## What to learn how to sail?

If you are interested in sailing, there is the opportunity to learn how to sail at our local sailing club! It is a RYA registered training centre, at Beaver Sailing club near Skyehouse.

There will be spaces on the upcoming weekend in July.

Please have a look at the link below for more information:

<https://beaversc.co.uk/events/rya-sailing-yss-12-adult-rya-12-lessons/>

## Art Competition Alert!



**How to take part**

Create an image of a place, object or event based in Goole  
using any form of arts & crafts

Showcase open to all amateur creatives of any age or ability  
living in or around Goole



Huddle Goole Community Interest Company is inviting amateur creatives from Goole and the surrounding villages to take part in its Goole Bicentenary Creative Showcase.

People of all ages and abilities are asked to create an image of a place, object or event based in Goole using any form of arts and crafts they choose.

Small prizes will be awarded in several categories, although this event is primarily about the enjoyment of being creative. Entries will go on display in July to celebrate Goole's bicentenary.

To take part, please keep your submissions family-friendly, safe to display and no bigger than A3 in size. They must be submitted to Huddle Goole CIC at 1 Estcourt Street in Goole (DN14 5AS) before midnight on Tuesday 30 June. Please remember to include your name and address, and your age if you're under 16 years.

Unfortunately, Huddle Goole is not able to accept submissions from professional artists and creatives.

For more information, visit the [Huddle Goole website](#).

Calling all creative pupils!

As part of the Goole Bicentenary celebrations amateur creatives from all age groups are being invited to contribute to a Creative Showcase.

[Use this link](#) to learn more.

The deadline is 30 June 2026.

We hope to see some of the talent from Read School pupils benign entered.

Best of luck- Nuala Suttill

## Uniform Shop Sail!

A uniform sale will be running coinciding with the Upper Junior School sports day from the start to 17:10.

The sale will take place on the front field.

## Reminders

Read School Merchandise can also still be ordered by emailing:  
[readschoolPFA@gmail.com](mailto:readschoolPFA@gmail.com)

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## **Gold DofE**

The Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition this weekend was a resounding success. Seven Year 12 participants showcased outstanding teamwork, exceptional navigation skills, and unwavering support for one another throughout this challenging journey. In return for their dedication and effort, they passed the expedition section of the award with flying colours.

Both the Expedition Assessor and Miss Rothwell expressed their admiration for the group, describing them as "very impressive", with their unity having made a positive and memorable expedition.

Despite the extreme weather conditions, the team's ability to look out for one another became their greatest strength. Their resilience and determination maintained morale from start to finish.

The individual contributions of each team member reflected diverse range of strengths, which will be detailed in the assessor's reports:

Will set a steady walking speed for the group effectively acting as the team's pacemaker, making sure that everyone was out of the blazing sun.

Percy displayed immense improvements in the speed of walking and collaboration compared to previous Bronze and Silver expeditions, proving to be a stellar team player. He was also entertaining to be in a group with.

Emma showed incredible resilience, keeping pace with the group despite ongoing ankle issues. She's also been described as caring and kind to her peers.

George earned respect from the group, receiving superb feedback for his kind demeanour, physical strength, and excellent map reading skills.

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Issy brought high spirit and humour to the trail, keeping a fantastic attitude even when the physical challenge pushed her to her limits.

Abi successfully shifted from her usual independent working style to being a core team pillar. She organised the collective meal planning, wrote the route cards, and excelled at breaking down the daunting route into manageable segments.

Oliver took on the mantle of chief map reader. Despite battling extreme heat and painful sunburn, he pushed through to help other team members improve their own navigation skills.

The expedition was defined by how much the participants looked out for one another. Assessors highlighted the group's navigation as "excellent", yet emphasised that it was their mutual respect and camaraderie that truly set them apart.

Congratulations to all the Gold DofE participants on a phenomenal expedition!



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## **Selby and Surrounding Youth Council**

Showcasing Pupil Voice: Matilda Martin Represents Read School on the Youth Council

At Read School, we are always proud to celebrate pupils who step forward to make a difference in their community. This term, Year 7 pupil Matilda Martin has taken an impressive step into local democracy by joining the Selby & Ainsty Youth Council — a forum where young people aged 11–18 come together to discuss issues that matter to them and shape the future of their area.

The Youth Council brings together young representatives from Selby, Ainsty, Snaith, Drax and surrounding villages, giving them a platform to share ideas, raise concerns, and work collaboratively with local officials. Meetings are currently held online, with occasional in-person sessions, making it accessible for pupils with busy school schedules.

Matilda explains that the Youth Council is a place where young people can campaign on issues important to them, learn how local government works, and meet others who share their passion for improving their community. Because the group is supported by local government officers, pupils gain real insight into how decisions are made and how young voices can influence change.

For Matilda, joining the Youth Council has already been a valuable experience. It has helped her build confidence, develop leadership skills, and understand more about the world beyond school. Opportunities like this also look excellent on a CV or future application, demonstrating initiative, responsibility, and a commitment to civic engagement.

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We are incredibly proud of Matilda for representing Read School with such maturity and enthusiasm. Her involvement is a wonderful example of **pupil leadership** in action and reflects the values we strive to nurture across our community.

If other pupils are interested in getting involved, Matilda encourages them to explore their own local youth councils — even if they live outside the Selby & Ainsty area, there are similar opportunities across North Yorkshire and beyond.

ARE YOU A YOUNG PERSON NEAR SELBY?  
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE DIFFERENCE?

USE  
your  
VOICE

COME AND JOIN...

## Selby and Surrounding Youth Council

### A YOUTH CLUB WITH A PURPOSE!

We make sure young people in the Selby area are heard! Share opinions, make new friends and make a change! Great opportunities + great for your CV!

YR 7 + above!



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SELBY AND SURROUNDING YOUTH COUNCIL

## Join us Now!

A Youth Club With a Purpose!!

Are you a young person desperate to help our community? Do you have an interest in politics?

Come join SASYC and share your opinion!!



BENIFITS! :

- Share your opinion!
- Amazing opportunities!
- Make new friends!
- Great for your CV!

YR 7 AND  
ABOVE!

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## Summer Evening of Music and Drama

To celebrate our Summer Evening of Music and Drama, we were treated to a wonderful night by the Performing Arts students. Every performance from vocal renditions to piano, flute to an array of acting talents left the crowd in awe.

Performers:

Amy Allright, Hattie Bellamy, Isabella Butterworth, Leo Dillon, Gracie Dukes, Angela Jiang, Annalese Lancaster, Kim Lowes, Becca Marshman, Lincoln Morris, Ethan Sowersby, Gabriel Tapper, Lucy Thompson, James Wynn-Davies.

The night was an opportunity to exhibit the talents of our older pupils and a contribution in raising over £70 for the Alzheimer's Society. Yet, it is also an emotional farewell to the Year 11s who have dedicated hours to the Performing Arts whilst here at Read.

A huge congratulations to James Wynn-Davies who was awarded the Evangeline Barnby cup for outstanding performance and dedication to the production!



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## **Senior School Sports Day**

**Wednesday, 1st July 2026**

The countdown is on for our annual Senior School Sports Day! House assemblies have happened with pupils signing up for their chosen events.

It promises to be a fantastic day of track and field athletics alongside a variety of team games. While we are excited to see some fierce but friendly competition between Dragon, Phoenix, and Unicorn, our goal is maximum participation and fun for everyone.

Key Information for Pupils

- Kit: All pupils must arrive in full School PE kit.
- Preparation: Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, sun cream, and a hat to stay hydrated and protected throughout the day if the weather continues to be nice.

Invitation to Parents & Guardians

Parents are warmly invited to arrive from 1:00 PM onto the front field. You are welcome to move around the tracks and fields, games areas to follow the action and cheer on your son or daughter. A copy of the full event schedule is attached to this newsletter for your reference.

We look forward to seeing you there for a brilliant afternoon of sport!

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## Sports Day Schedule



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### Sports Day Schedule 2026

| Time                    | Year 7 & 8   | Year 9 & 10   |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| <b>1.05pm -1.45pm</b>   | <b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Boys – Field events</b><br><b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Girls – Track events</b><br>ON FRONT FIELD                                | <b>Mixed Rounders, tennis and table tennis</b><br><br>Rounders; Back Field<br>Tennis; MUGA<br>Table tennis; Sports Hall |
| <b>1.45pm – 2.25pm</b>  | <b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Girls – Field events</b><br><b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Boys – Track events</b><br>ON FRONT FIELD                                |   |
| <b>2.25pm – 3.00pm</b>  | <b>Mixed Rounders, table-tennis and tennis</b><br><br>Rounders; Back Field<br>Tennis; MUGA<br>Table tennis; Sports Hall                  | <b>Year 9 &amp; 10 Boys – Field event</b><br><b>Year 9 &amp; 10 Girls – Track events</b><br>ON FRONT FIELD              |
| <b>3.00 pm – 3.35pm</b> |  | <b>Year 9 &amp; 10 Girls – Field event</b><br><b>Year 9 &amp; 10 Boys – Track events</b><br>ON FRONT FIELD              |
| <b>3.35pm – 4.10pm</b>  | <b>Mix Relays</b> (all pupils to be seated in their house areas)<br><br><b>Tug of War</b> (all pupils to be seated in their house areas) |   |
| <b>4.20pm</b>           | <b>THE RESULTS</b>   |   |

Sports Day! **Pupils**; do your best whatever event you are involved in for both yourself and your house! Be competitive but make sure you have sportsmanship. Don't forget to keep hydrated and cheer on your peers. **Parents**; enjoy the afternoon watching/cheering on your child.

The PE Department


## Watt Memorial T20 Cricket Match

The countdown is on for the **annual Watt Memorial T20 Cricket Match!** This Friday, July 3rd, tradition meets rivalry as the Old Draxonians step back onto the crease to take on the Select School XI.

The rivalry is friendly, the talent is undeniable, and most importantly... The teamsheets are officially out!

Who will claim bragging rights this year? Will youth and school pride triumph, or will experience and nostalgia carry the day?


All spectators are very welcome on what promises to be a great game of cricket!



### THE WATT MEMORIAL GAME

OLD DRAXONIANS XI vs READ SCHOOL XI

Friday 3rd July @ 5.45pm - THE READ SCHOOL, YO8 8NL



**Old Draxonians XI**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| H. Huddleston | O. Sugden   |
| N. Reed       | H. Singh    |
| W. Payne      | H. Torn     |
| A. Payne      | M. Torn ©   |
| W. McLaughlan | E. Woodhall |
| G. Breheney   | H. Woodhall |
| O. Sugden     | D. Singh    |

**Read School XI**

|                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| J. Huddleston © | R. North              |
| L. Matthews     | E. Harrison-Muirfield |
| F. Turner       | G. Korolage           |
| B. Dillon       | W. Nicholson          |
| H. Bodle        | H. Wake               |
| F. Nightingale  | J. Dale               |

Umpires; J. Matthews & C. Woodhall

Spectators very welcome • Refreshments and a BBQ available at the pavilion

# 1-2-1 COACHING

With Pro, Gihan Korlage



Elevate your cricket with Gihan Korlage, ECB Level 2 coach and proven first-class performer. Personalised coaching to sharpen your skills, boost confidence, and take your game to the next level.

- Batting
- Bowling
- Fielding
- Wicket Keeping
- Fitness
- Individual or Group sessions

-£30 per session for non members  
-£20 per session for GTCC members

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# KIDS HOLIDAY CAMP



## SUMMER CAMP 2026

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| SPORTS & TEAM GAMES                                      | ARTS & CRAFTS  | INDOOR GAMES   | MUSIC, DANCE & FUN!  | AND MUCH MORE!   |
| <b>WEEK 1</b><br>4 <sup>TH</sup> -6 <sup>TH</sup><br>AUG | <b>WEEK 2</b><br>11 <sup>TH</sup> -13 <sup>TH</sup><br>AUG | <b>WEEK 3</b><br>17 <sup>TH</sup> -20 <sup>TH</sup><br>AUG | <b>WEEK 4</b><br>24 <sup>TH</sup> -27 <sup>TH</sup><br>AUG | <b>WEEK 5</b><br>1 <sup>ST</sup> -3 <sup>RD</sup><br>SEP |

6 - 16 YEARS OLD WELCOME

SELBY RUFC  
SANDHILL LANE  
YO8 4JP

**feast**  
PLACES AVAILABLE

**FULL DAY**  
**£35**  
7:30 - 17:30  
Full day food  
£8- includes breakfast, snacks & lunch

**HALF DAY**  
**£20**  
10:00 - 15:00  
Half day food  
£6- includes snacks & lunch



[ENQUIRIES@SELBYRUFC.COM](mailto:ENQUIRIES@SELBYRUFC.COM)

**BOOK HERE**





Summer Term 25/26

# BOARDERS' *Activities*

## *Saturday Activities*

- 18/4/2026: Beverley shopping
- 25/4/2026: Baking on site & Selby
- 2/5/2026: Litter Pick in Drax
- 9/5/2026: Paddle boarding Welton Waters
- 16/5/2026: Selby Bowling and Shopping
- 6/6/2026: Royal Armouries
- 13/6/2026: Selby
- 20/6/2026: Coast trip - beach games
- 27/6/2026: Howden Treasure Hunt



## *Sunday Activities*

- 9/4/2026: Leeds Arcade Club
- 26/4/2026: Scarborough
- 3/5/2026: Leeds Trinity Centre
- 10/5/2026: National Video Game Museum
- 17/5/2026: National Coal Mining Museum
- 7/6/2026: Aqua Park
- 14/6/2026: National Science and Media Museum Bradford
- 21/6/2026: Humber Bridge Walk
- 28/6/2026: York



# GOOLE JUDO CLUB

Throw yourself into the  
martial art of judo



**First session is free**

Every Friday at  
Goole College DN14 6SR

6pm - 7pm Beginners under 16  
7pm - 8pm Advanced under 16  
8pm - 9pm Seniors



*We Need You!*



**PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**  
READ SCHOOL

# PFA VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!



**OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THE PFA HAVE  
DONATED OVER £35,000 TO THE SCHOOL**

We need your involvement NOW to make sure this continues!

## ROLES REQUIRED

### IMMEDIATELY:

- Chair
- Treasurer
- Communications & Social Media

## OTHER ROLES NEEDED:

- Events Co-ordinators
- Secretary
- Fundraisers
- Volunteer Coordinators
- Committee Members



**[CLICK HERE TO ENQUIRE](#)**

or email [readschoolpfa@gmail.com](mailto:readschoolpfa@gmail.com)



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## **Sport Information**

### **Boy's Sport - Saturday 27th June 2026**

#### **Last game of the season!**

**U12/13 V GSAL away** - meet at 8:25am prompt in whites and blazers, starting at 10:00am and return at around 1:30pm

**U14/U15 V GSAL home** - meet at 9:25am prompt in whites and blazers, starting at 10:00am and return at around 12:30pm

Team sheets are up and pupils have been briefed, but if you have any questions please ask.

### **Girls' Sport - Saturday 27th June 2026**

A free weekend for the girls! Enjoy your time off.

**That concludes this Week's Newsletter, Signed:**

Isabelle Jiang

Mr Voisey

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