



Key Dates Jan/Feb 2026

Weaverham High School

Monday 12th January Year 11 Mock Exams start until 23rd January

Tuesday 13th January Year 10 Future Minds Challenge Competition trip to Cheshire College South & West

15th January Year 7 Pantomime Trip Theatre Clwyd

15th January Year 9/10/11 Aspiring Futures Careers Evening 5.30pm – 7pm (drop in and out anytime between stated times)

15th January - Elevate Parent revision support seminar 6PM - 6.45PM.

18th January – Year 11 Hoodie Order Deadline 11pm

21st January Year 11 Revision on Tour Jekyll and Hyde Theatre Trip 5.30pm

22nd January Year 9 Preferences Evening (previously known as Options Evening) 4.30pm – 6.30pm

22nd January Year 8 & 9 Indoor Rowing Competition

26th January Holocaust Memorial Day: Holocaust Survivor Family Visit and Assembly

26th – 27th & 30th January Year 11 Sir John Deane's Interviews at Weaverham High School

27th January Year 9 Endeavour Visit from Chester University

28th January Year 9 Parents Evening

30th January Year 9 Chemistry at work Trip Catalyst Museum

3rd – 5th February School Production “Bring It On”

4th February Year 11 Poetry Live Trip to Bridgewater Hall

10th – 13th February – Year 7 Condoover Residential Trip

10th February Duke of Edinburgh Awards Assembly for pupils

11th February Year 10 Maths Festival Sir John Deane's

12th February Year 11 Mock Results Day

13th February Year 9 Preferences (previously known as Options) Deadline

School Communication

In the event school has to close, we will ensure all parents are contacted via school comms email, the school website and Facebook by 7.30am on the day of closure. In the event no contact is made, school will be open as usual.

REPORTING ABSENCE

If a pupil is absent for any reason parents/carers should contact the school office **every day** that the pupil is absent ideally by 9am. This can be done by emailing attendance@weaverhamhighschool.com with the child's name, form and reason for their absence. Please use this email to inform the school in advance of medical appointments and other known future absences.

HEAD OF YEAR 11

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Rebecca Gate - Head of Year 11 and Philippa Baker- Assistant Head of Year 11, Sue Lightfoot remains as Year 11 PSM. Can we remind parents that your first point of contact should be via your child's form tutor. Staff Email addresses can be found [Staff List | WEAVERHAM HIGH SCHOOL Lime Avenue, Weaverham. Cheshire. CW8 3HT](#)

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Assembly for pupils

Pupils who have completed all sections of the DofE and will receive their DofE bronze award on 10th February 2026.

In order for Pupils to achieve this award, the physical, skill and volunteering section must have 10 pieces of evidence and an assessor report. The evidence can be diary entries, pictures, logs, or an activity log sheet e.t.c. The expedition section has already been filled in for all participants.

If you require further information it can be found on google classroom, including a video explaining how to upload the evidence. If you have any other queries regarding this, please email Jeffrey.Jones@weaverhamhighschool.com

We Said....We Will – Homework Parent voice

This half-term we have conducted a parental voice on your perceptions of the effectiveness of homework at Weaverham. Below we have summarised the general comments / concerns about home learning into five areas, we have then responded to these areas in the right with how we will further adapt our offer.

1. Homework systems need to be consistent.	We have re-briefed staff that <u>ClassCharts is the single platform</u> for setting homework. Google Classroom remains a resource bank for homework – please ignore all reference to homework.
2. Homework instructions are not always clear.	There are a variety of ways in which homework is presented. Access is an important feature of our homework; subjects may set the task on <u>ClassCharts</u> but physical booklets may give more detail. We will communicate a basic setting of the task requiring staff to: - Give clear instructions - Indicate where resources are - Indicate method of submission e.g. Online or booklet.
3. Completed tasks remain visible, creating confusion.	From January we will be requiring staff to log submissions on <u>ClassCharts</u> . Once a submission is logged this will remove it from the visible list. You will now be able to view pupil completion rates.
4. Parents want more guidance on how to support at home.	We will be publishing a short guide for parents on how to support pupils with homework. This will be available on the school website under the Homework tab. For Autism service SEND-specific support, we are running two parent workshops this academic year to help families better understand and access school systems. These will take place on 10th December and 14th January. These workshops will be by invitation only. If you would like further support, please attend the SEND Forum on 21st January.
5. Less screen time and more paper-based options.	Most departments are encouraged to produce hardcopies of homework. However, this is not always possible as many departments also subscribe to online platforms to support pupil revision and workload. In all cases students are able to access a virtual platform to support them in their learning both before, after and throughout the school day. This takes the form of access to computers before school, at break and lunch time and after school. Additionally, <u>PowerHour</u> runs in the library four days a week. Please see the homework overview available on the website - https://www.weaverhamhighschool.com/curriculum/homework/
6. Stronger expectations for consistency and deadlines.	Teachers have received guidance on: • Setting homework on the day it is issued • Giving appropriate completion time • Ensuring all verbal homework is also logged on <u>ClassCharts</u> • Avoiding last-minute uploads Please see the homework overview available on the website - https://www.weaverhamhighschool.com/curriculum/homework/

Attached is the response to parent voice on homework - if there are any further questions please contact Liam Holian on liam.holian@weaverhamhighschool.com.

Our partners Elevate Education have provided webinars aimed at parents and revision support - please follow the link for the Spring Term schedule - <https://go.elevateeducation.com/ukparentwebinar>