

# Hope Tree School....

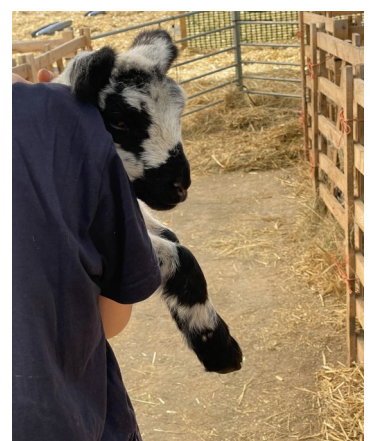
Volume 12, Issue 1

## Skylar's News

March 2026



Spring has arrived and all our students enjoyed their visit to Gayton Farm for a visit with the lambs, some tent building and roasting of marshmallows on a fire-pit. The opportunity to have some time out of the classroom, being in nature and making connections with students from other year groups made for a delightful morning in the spring sunshine.



## Mock Exams



As a school that continues to grow and develop we continue to do many things for the first time. This term has been the introduction to Mock Exams, actual exams and a controlled assessment.

Our Year 10's ran the gauntlet of a formal exam series, where they sat formal mock exam papers, completed actual exams and undertook a controlled assessment.....all under exam conditions.

What an amazing set of young people we have in this cohort.

This is the first time any of the students had sat any kind of formal assessment. There were a range of trials and tribulations to overcome, problems to solve and with plenty of pastoral support on offer our students got to the end and without doubt earned a full day of activities of their choice.

They all persevered where necessary, had time out where needed and made good use of the reasonable adjustments on offer.

Where needed, many showed determination and resilience... key life skills for the future.

We are immensely proud of every student for giving things a try, rallying when things got tough and came back on another day to keep going.

They all now need a well earned rest!

## Spring 2026

The first half of the Spring Term is always a tricky one for being outside. This year it rained and rained and rained. Some of our resilient young people did venture out into the rain and cold and there were occasional glimmers of the sun, the beginnings of blossom on the trees and a little warmth in the air.

Despite the awful weather outside the students have been beavering away in their classrooms, focusing on their learning, craft activities and spending time with classmates.

### PE during the Spring Term

- Badminton
- Trampolining
- Whole school swimming
- Axe throwing

### Lunchtime activities

- Drama Llamas
- Gracie's Tuck Shop
- Chess Club
- Engineering Club
- Illustration Club



Happy Easter to all our students, families and staff. Enjoy a restful break and we will look forward to seeing you all on our first day back.

**Tuesday 14th  
April**