

Newsletter 05: 16th October 2022

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News from this Week

Year 7 showing ambition and pride!

Thank you to all Year 7 families who dropped-in to our settling-in evening on Wednesday night. It was great to see Year 7 students showing such pride in their work talking parents/carers through books. Likewise, some fabulous conversations with parents about our 5-year learning journeys.

Senior staff will also be available on Thursday evening at Year 8 parents' evening to discuss with any parents who are keen to understand more about the curricular journey.



Attendance – Resilience and Responsibility

Again, thank you as always to parents/carers who are sending their children to school each day. We are particularly proud of Year 11 this week whose attendance is the highest in the school at 94.5%. The 7am phone calls and banging on doors is working; we will unashamedly continue. Our focus next week will intensify on Year 10, who as a collective, need to improve their attendance. GCSE courses are unrelenting; every lost day is 5 hours of lost learning. The table below shows whole school attendance this term to date.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
7	98.4	94.8	94.4	94.8	93.7	93.4
8	96.3	94	92	91.9	91.6	91.3
9	90.4	89.5	87.3	84.7	89.3	91.4
10	96.6	90	87.3	87.5	89.6	86.9
11	91.3	92.3	91.3	90.8	90.6	94.5
Weekly Total	94.3	92.3	90.7	90.2	91.2	91.6
Attendance YTD	94.3	92.9	92.3	91.8	91.6	

Students with 100% attendance for the half term will receive certificates at the start of HT2. Year 11 students with 100% attendance for the half term will receive a £5 voucher towards the cost of the prom.

Upcoming Events

We have a very busy last week before half term ahead ...

Monday and Tuesday

Year 11 Art and Photography Drop Down Days – The deadline for the coursework element of these GCSE courses is December. As such to support our learners achieve their best, three 5 hour drop down days will be initiated between now and the Christmas break. It is imperative that if your child studies either one of these two subjects that they are in school on Monday and Tuesday – this is additional provision therefore no second chance will be offered.

Wednesday

Our half term rewards event takes place; an inflatables assault course in the Sportshall. 70% of students have qualified for this event based on the criteria of a positive behaviour for learning score, attendance above 95% and no suspensions from school. If your child has met the criteria a sticker will be placed in their planner on Monday, and they will be given a paper copy of the letter attached to the newsletter this week. They will only be allowed entry to the Sportshall for their one-hour year group slot, if they have their planner and a signed consent form.

It is also a non-uniform day on Wednesday for all students. We ask students bring a contribution of £1 to support two of our students who are raising money for charities close to their hearts. Jake G, in Year 11, is sparring in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for 24 hours as I write this newsletter. His aim is to raise £8000 for the chemotherapy suite at Doncaster Royal Infirmary to make it more welcoming for patients receiving treatment. Jake's Grandad unfortunately passed away earlier this year, but he wanted to do something special for the ward that made his Grandad feel so comfortable. Lucas J, in Year 8, swam Windermere in the Summer and is competing in other relay Swimathons over the upcoming weeks to raise money for JDRF, a charity that supports medical research to cure, prevent and treat type 1 diabetes.

I appreciate money is tight for everyone at present, however I hope you will pull together to support our students who are showing fantastic compassion for others, and such desire to make a difference. Having seen how much money our students spend on sweets in the local shops, hopefully they will be inspired to use this money on Wednesday to support others less fortunate than themselves.

Please note, normal non-uniform rules apply. No low-cut tops or excessive skin on display. **For safety reasons, students will not be permitted on the inflatables in jeans, so we would encourage joggers or leggings.**

Thursday

Year 11 will be doing a walking talking mock with Mrs Brigden in the exam hall for two hours prior to their first proper mock English exam on Friday. This walk through will support the students with exam technique to help them with timings before attempting individually on Friday.

Year 8 parents' evening will be taking place in the new build after school. Students have been busy making appointments; please bring your appointment sheet with you. If you feel your child might need some prompting with appointment scheduling, please contact Mrs Kendall amanda.kendall@consilium-at.com who will be able to support.

Friday

Year 11 English language exam – the first of the mocks. This is to give staff more time to mark thoroughly. The full exam timetable will be distributed to students once they leave the exam.

The Rt Hon Dame Rosie Winterton, Labour MP for Doncaster Central, will be visiting school on Friday.

Just a reminder that school closes for half term at 4pm on Friday 21st October. There is a staff INSET on Monday 31st October. School re-opens for all students on Tuesday 1st November.

Kind regards



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