

Newsletter 10: 4th December 2022

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News from this Week

Personal Development: Our growing careers programme

Year 10 conducted themselves well in the employability skills day, organised by Doncaster Chamber on Monday. On the back of this, one of the business owners have asked for some of our KS4 students to volunteer as photographers at the fashion show they are hosting on the 13th December. For further details on this, contact Mr Petrie.

Following last week's Year 11 mock interviews, these students were highlighted for specific praise by the employers based on their interviews. Well done to: Harleigh J, Frankie H, Livvy C, Nyle G, Josh H, Riley H, Leah H, Rachel G, Zach T, Oliwia L, Amelia P, Lexie B and Libby K.

For the first time, we are delighted to be elected as an Enterprise adviser. We have collaborated with Amazon for this partnership. The first couple of meetings have been very productive, including a site tour of the Amazon DN11 depot. Watch this space ... lots of ideas in the pipeline to benefit our students over the course of the next few months.

Whole school attendance

Whole school attendance dropped to 91% last week. Whilst we are aware there is genuine illness in the community, lateness is contributing significantly to diminishing attendance. Afternoon attendance is currently 1.5% higher than morning attendance – this is simply not acceptable. Students need to be in the school building by 8:25 to begin learning at 8:30. Any student arriving after this time is marked as late. This is particularly important for Year 10 and 11 students as attendance certificates are sent to college. Any student arriving after 9am is marked with a U code – this is unauthorised absence. As the end of term approaches, we will be contacting parents whose child/children are persistently late. Given we offer an alarm service, in our opinion a service above and beyond, there is no excuse or reason for any student to be persistently late.

Students with attendance above 95% this half term will be rewarded in the final week of term.

As always, thank you to the many families who do value the importance of attendance and are working with us to build resilience in the work place.

School Sports Teams

The school table tennis team played a match against Sir Thomas Wharton Academy this week winning the fixture three rounds to one. There were stand out performances from Oskar D, Landry P and Amirali M.

The Year 8 football team played South Axholme this week. Despite defeat, the boys worked hard and kept playing until the final whistle, led particularly well by captain, Leo G.

Trust Award: MAT of the Year!

This week, Consilium Academies Trust, won MAT (Multi Academy Trust) of the year, at the National Schools Awards. This is obviously an incredible privilege and testament to the 6243 students and 745 staff who have made it happen. We never under-estimate the role of our parents; thank you and congratulations to every member of our Consilium family. Just the start. Exciting times ahead. Onwards and upwards

Our proud CEO, David Clayton, with the award.



Upcoming Events

COVID

We are aware COVID infection rates are rising again in Doncaster. This is having an impact on both staff and student absence; some local schools have closed to certain year groups this week. In order to protect our school community, we will be activating phase one of our risk assessment from Monday. This means:

- All desks will be turned to face the front of the classroom.
- Staff and students will be asked to sanitise hands as they enter and leave classrooms.
- Our one way system will ensure students are all travelling in the same direction
- Entry into office spaces will be restricted to ensure social distancing can be maintained between staff.

Should your child contract COVID, please inform attendance as soon as possible.

Year 11 Exam Results

Year 11 will receive exam results from recent mock examinations on Friday. As part of the process, students will have the opportunity to reflect on areas of improvement, self-evaluate the effectiveness of revision and plan key next steps. As a school, we have invested heavily in buying revision guides for all students. These will also be distributed next Friday to help students' structure revision between now and the next mock examination window in March. There will be a Year 11 parents' evening on Thursday 2nd February. Over the course of the next two weeks, we will be contacting the parents of students who have under-performed across the curriculum who we need to see before Christmas. If you are not contacted, but would like to see a member of the leadership team about your child's progress, we will be running a drop-in session on Monday 12th December from 4pm until 6pm. Please contact Mrs McKinna (dawn.mckinna@consilium-at.com) to book a time slot.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 exams begin on Monday. Please ensure if you have a Year 10 child that they arrive to school on time.

Performing Arts Showcase with a Christmas Twist

Just a reminder about the Christmas showcase. On **Thursday 15th December** our students will be showcasing their work for all to see. Entry to the event is free, but to enable us to plan, seats must be booked. The event will commence in South Hall at **6pm**. If you would like to book a ticket, please complete the form below. Tickets will be distributed to your child in school. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible to support our students and bring an end to the school term in style.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Yz8XyH1rai>

Behaviour and Attitudes Coffee Morning

Due to the leadership team having to cover lessons, because of staff COVID absence, this morning will be postponed and rearranged in the New Year.

Community Collaboration

A big thank you to George C and his family, who represented our school last weekend to help switch on the Armthorpe Christmas lights. It is lovely to see the 'village' lit up so nicely as we drive into the community each day.

Take care.

Kind regards



Claire Robbins
Executive Headteacher



