

Newsletter 15: 15th January 2023

Working Together to Improve Standards and Share Success

News from this Week

Raising Aspirations with Leeds University

We were delighted this week to be the only school nationally to be chosen to trial a new gaming app, which is raising awareness of healthy eating and nutrition, as part of a partnership with the University of Leeds. Year 10 food technology students were invited to trial the “FIT Food” game app this week, which has been designed to help the UK public make more informed nutritional choices. The students’ feedback on the game will allow the developers to make important changes, contributing to project research and findings, and help to improve the game and nutrition education for the public. The game engages players in considering the actual healthiness and nutrient content of foods, empowering them to understand nutritional label information on food packaging in an engaging way. It has been created by researchers at the University of Leeds, European app development company, Fit Talent, and public health collaborators.

As part of this project, our students had the opportunity to work with two final year Food Science and Nutrition students from the University of Leeds, who shared with them their own findings about the importance of healthy eating, how to read food labels and protecting food sources for future generations through sustainability.

Miss Pine, Head of Technology, was delighted with our GCSE learners:

“Seeing our Year 10 Food Tech students engage so skilfully with this brand-new game, offering their valued feedback and being a part of something that will help others for years to come, was a such a pleasure. We are so thankful to the University of Leeds for collaborating with us and giving our students the unique chance to learn first-hand from their cutting-edge research, as well as the opportunity to meet with final year students, see the great things they are achieving and learn from their findings.”



It was great to receive such positive feedback about our students from the programme leader, Dr Sally Moore, Msci and BSc Nutrition at the University of Leeds:

“A huge thank you to Year 10 Food students at Armthorpe Academy and Head of Technology Katie Pine for their time and energy during our "What's a healthier food?" session. Our two final year Food Science and Nutrition students from our School of Food Science and Nutrition alongside myself really enjoyed working with these Year 10 students to explore food products, nutrition labels and hear their views on this new game. We were really impressed by the feedback from the students, which will now contribute to research project findings to help improve the game and nutrition education.”

George Fouche

Year 11 students all had the second group mentoring session with George Fouche on Friday. This week's work concentrated 'Focus and Drive'. All students worked well within the sessions and George commented on our Y11s accuracy in labelling their personality traits. It was encouraging to see some Year 11 students independently asking for additional revision materials to take home this weekend. Intrinsic motivation and drive really does make a difference. Year 11 parents, please keep supporting and encouraging revision routines at home.

George also spoke with the Year 9 on Friday afternoon. His motivational story of resilience had a significant impact on our Year 10 and 11 students; therefore, we decided to share with Year 9 on Friday. I hope that Year 9 pupils will have already spoken to you about George's incredible courage and determination to overcome adversity throughout his life and will start to consider how they too can channel their inner drive.

Chamber of Commerce – CIAG 1:1 careers appointments for Year 11

CIAGs started this week and our colleague from the Chamber of Commerce commented on the level of preparedness of the Y11 students she spoke to on Wednesday. This shows direct impact from the Personal Studies and careers curriculum we have established since September. All Year 11 will be having 1:1 appointments during the course of this half term.

Table Tennis Success

Our school team played against De Warenne this week, with each round of games resulting in a 3-1 victory. Well done to all participants: Landry P, Dipesh R, Kascper S, Krystian M, Amairali M, Jack W, Kryspin S, Vladislavs A, Olly OK, Dilan C, Bailey P and Jovan S.

The Week Ahead ...

Tuesday: In accordance with our safeguarding procedures, we will be practising a lockdown on Tuesday. All staff have been briefed and will be reminding students of procedures and the purpose of these drills on Monday. One to one conversations will take place with any students who may be anxious or concerned.

Extra-curricular activities are now fully operational again for this half term. We have a varied and diverse programme. Please see the table on the final page for information and encourage your child to attend at least one session. Please note the additions at lunchtime in response to student voice.

Celebrating Success

Ruby B representing England

I was delighted to receive an email from Ruby B's Mum this week. Ruby, in Year 7, has been selected to represent TEAM ENGLAND at the Dance World Cup 2023, taking place in June this year in Braga, Portugal. Ruby will compete against students from all over the world. Auditions took place in November last year, and out of hundreds of dance schools and students from across England, Ruby qualified 1st and 2nd in the 11-14 age category for two genres of dance.

It was great to speak with Ruby this week about her fantastic achievement; she is incredibly proud and excited to have been selected to represent England at such a prestigious event, and has worked extremely hard to gain this opportunity. As always, it is wonderful to see our students demonstrating our school values #responsibility, resilience, pride and ambition. Well done Ruby! We all look forward to hearing about the next stage of your journey.

Have a great week!



Claire Robbins



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
First Lunch Years 11 and 9	Library Basketball	Keyboards Music Room Library	Library Basketball	Strings Music Room Library	Student Council Quiz Library
Second Lunch Years 10. 8 & 7	Choir Music Library Games Club T4	Library KS3 Basketball Games Club T4	Strings Y10 Indoor Football Library	Library KS3 Basketball Sports Hall Games Club T4	Choir Music Student Council Quiz Games Club T4
After School	KS4 Maths Support 103 KS4 English Support 106 Football Girls and Boys Astro Reading/Book Club Library KS3 Art Club T block Environment Club S19 School Council Meeting Canteen KS4 Badminton Club	Staff CPD No Clubs	Design Technology T Block Engineering 103 KS4 Art T Block KS4 Photography T Block Dance Club Drama Studio School Choir Music Room Homework Support Library Table Tennis	KS3 Science Club 204 KS4 Science Support Science Corridor KS4 French Support 003 KS3 Linguists Club 001 KS4 Business 203 Debate Club S10 Netball Girls and Boys Courts Homework Support Library	KS3 Badminton Girls. Boys & Staff Sports Hall

