

Newsletter 20: 26th March 2023

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In School Over the Last Week ...

Football Success

Congratulations to the boys' Year 7 and 9 football teams who played against Sir Thomas Wharton at Armthorpe on Thursday night. Both teams were victorious but more importantly both games were played in fantastic spirit. Well done to all students who represented the school with pride. Year 7 are in action again on Thursday at Outwood Danum.



Geography Field Trip



Year 11 students visited Edale this week as part of their field work to support their GCSE studies. The field work element is examined as part of Paper 3 and allows students to put into practice theories studied in the classroom in a practical manner in the 'real world'. Amongst other things, students measured water discharge in streams by calculating the width and depth of water. A good day was enjoyed by all.

Year 11 exams and Intervention

On Friday, I sat with all students with their planners to clearly and carefully explain exactly when coursework exams and practical interventions are taking place. There are 30 school days between now and the first exam therefore 100% attendance at school is vital. Students now have the dates of 'real' exams in planners. Dates will be distributed to Year 11 parents with mock examination results on Friday along with details of Easter revision sessions staff are voluntarily running.

The Week Ahead ...

Year 7

A band will be in school performing live on Wednesday to support the Year 7 music curriculum. This will provide the opportunity for all students to listen to live music. More to follow next week ...

Year 8

Just a reminder that Year 8 HPV Vaccinations are taking place on Monday.

Year 9 options

Year 9 subject assemblies will take place on Monday and Tuesday prior to the Options Evening for parents/carers at 5pm on Tuesday. The majority of families have now indicated whether they intend to attend, but if you have not done so, please complete the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/AZbQvgmFSq>

HPV vaccinations are taking place on Tuesday for Year 9's who had the first dose of the vaccine last year.

Year 10 and 11 Coursework Sessions

To support students in meeting GCSE coursework deadlines, the following sessions are taking place this week:

- I Media – Year 10 – All day on Monday during the school day
- Performing Arts – Year 10 – All day on Thursday during the school day
- Health and Social Care – Year 11 – 3 until 6pm on Tuesday after school
- I Media – Year 11 - 3 until 6pm on Tuesday after school

Passports for students with SEND

Bespoke passports written in conjunction with students to support learning in the classroom have recently been reviewed. These will be shared with parents via email shortly. We appreciate some parents will want to meet in person to discuss whilst it is more convenient for others to email. When your child's passport is emailed, there will be a form with an opportunity to book an appointment to meet one to one with a member of the leadership team to discuss your child's passport and progress should you wish. This is an additional evening for parents of children with SEND but like all parents' evenings completely voluntary.

Easter Rewards

All students with 95% plus attendance this half term and positive behaviour for learning (BFL) points will receive a Crème Egg on Friday. There will also be a raffle which provides students with the opportunity to win a variety of Easter treats. Raffle tickets are awarded based on the number of positive BFL points, therefore students with more points will receive a greater number of tickets.

Kind regards



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