

# Driffield Round-up









## Happy New Year!

The autumn term was a busy time at Driffield School & Sixth Form. Our Year 7 students have had a fantastic first term at Driffield school and have made a very successful transition from primary school. They have been immersed in lots of new subjects and experiences. Our enthusiastic Year 7s have already learnt lots of valuable new skills such as CPR through our Restart a Heart Day.

In a matter of weeks, we've seen lots of fundraising events, sporting successes and many rewarding educational visits. These have included a trip to Flamborough Lighthouse for two hundred Year 8 students and a visit to the Hull International Photography Festival for students studying photography in Years 10, 12 and 13. Our Year 11 students have undertaken visits to support their GCSE studies: one hundred and thirty students visited Hull New Theatre to watch a live performance of 'An Inspector Calls', a play they will be assessed on in their GCSE English Literature exam and ninety two students visited York to complete their GCSE geography fieldwork. Our sixth form students have had opportunities to visit Hull University for sociology and criminology and our potential medics have also visited Hull York Medical School.

The students in Years 11 and 13 have worked extremely hard preparing for their mock exams. We offer a wide range of intervention sessions during lunchtime and after school and we are extremely proud of how students have engaged with the support available. Students in Year 11 received their mock results on Monday 13 January and that had an important day off timetable, designed to build on their mock performance. Year 13 students will receive their mock results on Monday 2 March.

This term will be an exciting one for our Year 9 students as they embark on their GCSE options process. On Thursday 9 January, Year 9 students were invited to our options evening where they had the opportunity to talk to staff and students about what each GCSE course entails. There was also be an opportunity to visit the careers fair to discuss future qualifications and careers in order to find out more about post-compulsory education courses, apprenticeships and potential career pathways.

Ensuring that students regularly access exciting opportunities is a key aspect of our school vision and I know you will enjoy reading about, and celebrating, the wide variety of activities that students have accessed and excelled in during the first term of this academic year.

I would like to thank you all for the continued support you have given the school and wish you all a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

**Scott Ratheram**  
Executive Principal

# Celebration Evening

On 16 October, Driffield School & Sixth Form held its annual celebration evening, recognising the hard work and achievements of students in the previous academic year.







# Sixth Form Open Evening

Following on from a summer of great success, it was wonderful to see so many students from Driffield and beyond at the Open Evening on 23 October. The event had a fantastic atmosphere and provided an opportunity for students and parents to hear about what the sixth form offers students as it prepares them for university, employment and apprenticeships. With a wide range of subjects to choose from, including familiar subjects such as maths and geography and many new subjects like politics and psychology, the event helps students navigate important choices.

There was also the opportunity to visit the newly renovated sixth form areas, which were proudly shown off by the army of Sixth Form volunteers who represented the sixth form. They are a tremendous group of talented young people and a credit to the sixth form and local community.

The evening also saw the launch of this year's prospectus that is also available to view on the school website at [https://www.driffieldschool.net/images/6thform/Sixth\\_Form\\_Prospectus\\_2020\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.driffieldschool.net/images/6thform/Sixth_Form_Prospectus_2020_WEB.pdf).

There will be a further information evening in January, but if any parents or students would like a further meeting regarding Sixth Form options, or would like to visit our sixth form facilities, then please don't hesitate to contact Mr Andrews, Head of Sixth Form, and he will be happy to meet with you.



# Sixth Form Visit to Hull York Medical School

Five Year 12 potential medical students visited Hull York Medical School at the University of Hull for some sessions on 'Problem based learning' as part of the Making Connections events the Medical School runs for local schools and colleges.

Our students worked on a scenario with current Hull York Medical School second year students and learned about carpal tunnel syndrome including the symptoms, anatomy of the hand and lower arm and tests which can be done to provide an accurate diagnosis. Our students talked to a range of academics at the medical school and were able to ask questions about what life is like as a medical student and what type of activities they need to be doing to secure a place at medical school.

The students will also have the opportunity to participate in a 'Pathways to Medicine' presentation from Hull York Medical School. This is open to our Year 11 and sixth form students who are looking for a career in medicine.



# Visit from Computer Science Expert Dr Alistair Edwards



Dr Alistair Edwards is an Honorary Fellow in Computer Science at The University of York and met with our Key Stage 4 Computer Science students in November, giving a dynamic talk followed by a question and answer session.

Dr Edwards is passionate about guiding interested students into a future career in Computer Science and explored study routes and future career pathways in Computer Science.

## Black History Month

October was Black History Month and this provided a fantastic opportunity for us to recognise the outstanding contributions people of African and Caribbean descent have made to our country over many generations. Students at Driffield School have learnt about many of these people in form time, assemblies and lessons.





# Year 8 English Visit to Flamborough Lighthouse

Two hundred Year 8 students visited local landmark Flamborough Lighthouse to enhance their English studies this term. The visit supports the reading of 'Prince of Mist' in English as well as linking with their studies in geography.

Despite the 'great' British weather experienced during the two day visits, our students' enthusiasm did not waiver. They explored what Flamborough Head has to offer, thinking as a writer in response to such a vivid setting. They were even lucky enough to see the seals playfully bobbing in the North Sea and of course, the highlight of the day was when they ascended the famous lighthouse for a memorable view. Students were then given the opportunity to use the essence of the day to influence their own creative writing and emulate many famous writers who have also used the coast for inspiration.



# Student Council Environment Group Tophill Low Visit



The Student Council continues to grow in its numbers and the Environment Group now has twenty five members who are all keen to see changes made across the school and across the wider Academy Trust. The students have discussed many different points, from reducing single use plastic to creating wildlife habitats, all in the effort of aiming to reduce the school's carbon footprint.

Students visited Tophill Low Nature Reserve in order to gain an insight into how to encourage wildlife onto the site. They set about collecting wood, cutting and carrying willow branches and gathering hay, before turning these materials into a layered home for the over-wintering grass snakes.

The environment group meets regularly and they are looking for more ways to improve the eco-credentials of the school. If there are any businesses, parents or carers of students, or friends of the school within the community who can offer expertise and advice to this enthusiastic group, then please contact Mr Chapman at the school.



# Remembrance Day

On 10 November, Mrs Hogben (Director of Maths) and Mr Rees (Teacher of History) attended the Remembrance service at All Saints' Church in Driffeld. Our students attended to do readings and also as members of uniformed services including the cadets, scouts and St John Ambulance. It is always special to see any community pull together to recognise the key moments in the lives of those we live and work alongside and it is a privilege that our students are able to be part of this.

On 11 November, staff and students paid their respects on Remembrance Day by pausing in lessons to watch a video beginning with the Last Post and concluding with a two minute silence at 11am. Students stood behind their desks as a mark of respect and wore poppies sold by members of each House Team on behalf of The Royal British Legion.





# #Anti-Bullying Week #ChangeStartsWithUs

We've been proud to support this year's Anti-Bullying Week with the theme:

*Change Starts With Us: Small change. Big difference.*

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life and this continues into adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone; because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

*Change starts here*

*Change starts now*

*Change starts with us*



# #NoMoreKnives Campaign

On 29 November 2019, Humberside Police working with Pastor Mo Timbo, knife crime campaigner, delivered a presentation to our students, highlighting the dangers and consequences of carrying knives.

The no more knives project, run by Humberside Police, was initially launched in October 2018 (in Hull) bringing a multi-agency presentation to students about the dangers of knife crime. After a successful pilot in Hull, the project has now been rolled out across the county and Driffild School & Sixth Form played host to them on 29 November 2019. Students from Year 7 to Year 10 were able to take part in the presentation delivered by a team consisting of a people from a number of agencies that each had their own unique story. Kayleigh Pepper, from The Rich Foundation, bravely told us the story of how her own brother's life was taken by knife crime. Mo Timbo, a former gang member from Peckham in London, was inspirational when he spoke about his life, his experiences with knife crime and how he was able to turn this around. PCSO Rich Whelan led the presentation by informing the students about the dangers carrying a knife can bring and wider community issues.



# Fundraising Activities

## Madagascar Expedition Students Tackle the Yorkshire Three Peaks

Students, who are part of an expedition team going to Madagascar in summer 2020, took up the challenge to walk the Yorkshire three peaks to help raise funds for their forthcoming expedition. The team were brilliant; so determined and positive. It was a huge challenge climbing the three peaks (totalling 2100 metres and 28.5 miles) yet they remained cheery and buoyant throughout.



## Children in Need Appeal

Students had fun on 15 November with the annual Children in Need live duck race. We raised an amazing £339.63!

'Beakwell Tart' was declared the winning duck!





# Harvest Festival Trussell Trust Foodbank

Donations of food came rolling in to support the harvest festival appeal by the Trussell Trust Food Bank, who have asked us to pass on a massive thank you to everyone who donated. Our donations really made a difference to a lot of people in the community.

## Reverse Advent Calendar Driffield Food Bank

Each day during advent, staff and students brought in one or more food items and this has meant we were able to present the Driffield Food Bank with a fantastic selection of appetising goods, resulting in a brighter Christmas for everyone!



## Wear it Pink Day Breast Cancer Now

Students and staff wore one item of pink on 18 October, increasing awareness of breast cancer and raising a fantastic £484,64!



# Sporting Endeavours

## Team Sporting Success



There has been continued success for all of our sporting teams who have played games in schools across the region, including our football teams who have taken part in tournaments and our cross-country athletes taking parting in the Schools Cross Country Championships in Cottingham this term. We congratulate all our athletes on their team spirit and hard work. We are really proud of all their achievements!

# Individual Sporting Achievements

There have been lots of sporting successes in a range of disciplines and we congratulate these students on their amazing achievements.

Year 13 student Shaun Kerry has competed in international competitions for hammer throwing and proudly wore his England vest at the Welsh International in Cardiff this summer. He secured a first-place gold at the International Throws Competition in Portugal with a 64.13 metres throw. Shaun then got the call from Team GB and made his debut at the Manchester International, competing against top athletes. He achieved fourth place and a personal best throw of 66.14 metres.

Year 10 student Elsa Thompson has won both the heats and finals for 100 metres and 200 metres at the Humberside and Lincolnshire County Championships in Grantham, becoming the Under 15 Girls' County Champion for these events. Elsa went on to achieve continued success at a range of events, including the English Schools Championship in Birmingham in July, the Northern Athletics Championships in Liverpool in August and the England Athletics Championships in Bedford.

Year 8 student Lucy Kelly started dancing at age four and trains with Footworks Dance Club in Driffeld. She is part of their dance squad and has competed nationally in Nottingham and Newcastle, becoming the British Under 14 Lyrical Champion earlier this year.



Year 9 cricketer, Noah Kelly, has had a fantastic summer season and received public praise from Yorkshire Cricket for breaking the 100 runs barrier in 2019. He had a great summer with 1031 runs in total. This included six centuries and averaged 103.1 runs per match!

Year 10 student Owen Richardson competed in the Sea Cadets National Finals this summer as coxswain for the Scarborough Sea Cadet Unit. The team achieved first place and gold medals!

Former student Dominic Smith is training at the University of East Anglia to be a Primary School teacher and continues to play dodgeball. He will be representing England Dodgeball in Team GB. At the start of this year he set up The Norwich Nighthawks, bringing dodgeball back to the local community and inspiring and coaching a new generation of dodgeball athletes.



# NSEA Christmas Show Jumping

Year 9 student, Amy Kay, represented Driffeld School & Sixth Form on Sunday 1 December at the National Schools Equestrian Association Christmas Show Jumping Competition at Bishop Burton College. Amy is the first student from our recently formed equestrian team to compete for the school. She competed in two show jumping classes: 70cm, and for her first ever time, 80-85cm.

Miss Burgess, Safeguarding Officer and keen horse rider herself, said, "We are really proud of Amy, we were all watching her complete the 85cm course for the first time. We are now waiting to hear how Amy, and her pony Blue, have placed overall. Well done Amy!"



# Volunteer Wiser Programme

This year all Year 8 students are completing the Volunteer Wiser Programme with ERVAS (East Riding Voluntary Action Services). The students will work alongside their APEX (Achieving Personal Excellence) teachers and ERVAS to experience a very dynamic, inspirational programme.

The ERVAS programme has expanded and diversified to now include working closely with Humberside Police and Humberside Ambulance Service. The programme looks at shaping the behaviours of young people and provides vital information about how they can stay safe, by taking part in fun learning activities.

Further details can be accessed at [www.ervas.org.uk](http://www.ervas.org.uk)



# National Citizen Service

We have been awarded Champion School status in November 2019 due to our commitment and support for the National Citizen Service. Out of 146 schools, we are only 1 of 14 to win the Silver Award.

The NCS is a four-week programme. The first week is based at an outdoor education centre and students spend five days enjoying outdoor pursuits and developing their teamwork. The second week is based at The University of Hull and students develop many employability skills and get to work with many different providers. In the final two weeks, students complete a social action work experience project. Successful completion of the programme is celebrated with a graduation ceremony at Hull City Hall.

We are extremely proud of all our students who have completed the NCS. They have made a huge positive difference to our community. Mrs Mortimer, Coordinator of Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance, highly recommends that all Year 11 students complete the NCS. It is a fantastic opportunity for students to have new experiences, build confidence, develop leadership skills and improve communication skills. Please contact Mrs Mortimer for further details.

# Year 6 Open Evening



On 4 October we held our Year 6 Open Evening and opened the entire site for parents, carers and students to see our subject facilities and meet with departmental staff. Many departments demonstrated their resources, displayed students' work and provided opportunities for the Year 6 students to try out some engaging activities.

We look forward to meeting our Year 6 students again over the course of this school year.





# Year 6 Maths Challenge

We held our annual Year 6 Maths challenge on 27 November. Seven teams from our local primary schools came to compete against each other in a range of activities. The students were faced with a host of problems, including logic problems, sequencing, spatial awareness and maths calculations.

Each group had one of our fantastic sixth form students supporting and encouraging them through the day and explaining any answers after each round. Many of our sixth formers had taken part in this challenge themselves when they were at primary school, so we look forward to these Year 6 students being our future A-level mathematicians.

After five different challenges, we were delighted to report that Beeford Primary maintained their first place win from last year, followed by North Frodingham and then Driffield Juniors 2nd team.



# Year 11 Exam Preparation

The autumn term was a very busy one for our Year 11 students as they enter the final stages of their GCSE courses. Staff have been impressed by their positive work ethic and attitude towards their recent mock exams. Many of our students have been attending the lunchtime and after school interventions sessions that we have on offer. These classes will continue to run for the remainder of the academic year and we encourage students to attend these in order to supplement their revision at home.

## Lunchtime

### MON

Biology  
Business Studies  
Geography  
History  
Maths  
Physics (triple)  
RS  
Spanish

### TUE

Business Studies  
Computer Science  
Geography  
Music  
Photography

### WED

Chemistry  
Design and Technology  
English  
French  
Geography  
History  
Maths  
PE

### THU

Art  
Biology  
Geography  
Health & Social Care  
History  
Maths  
Music  
Physics (trilogy)

### FRI

Drama  
English  
French  
History  
Maths  
Media  
Spanish

## After School

### MON

Art  
English  
Food Preparation and Nutrition  
Health & Social Care  
Maths  
RS

### TUE

No Sessions

### WED

History

### THU

Art  
Chemistry  
English  
Maths

### FRI

Biology

# Intervention Morning

Our Year 11 students experienced their first intervention morning on 18 October. As part of this, they were shown effective ways to revise in the core subjects and provided with flash cards to help them begin making their revision materials. To reward their hard work, members of our Senior Leadership Team served them a free breakfast.



We have two further intervention days planned for our Year 11 students in the spring term. Students will receive their mock results on Monday 13 January and will be off timetable for the full day to engage in numerous activities designed to build on their mock performance. These will include a workshop with an external motivational coach and a variety of study skills sessions, including effective revision techniques and skills for living in the wider world.

Year 11 students will also have a second day off timetable on **Wednesday 25 March 2020** for a health and wellbeing day, exploring strategies to cope with the pressure of exams.



# The Education Alliance 'Be Well' Programme

Following the launch of The Education Alliance 'Be Well' programme in November 2019, we have been very busy in school ensuring the programme is ready to start in January 2020.

This is a unique programme that is designed to provide a range of support for people within our Trust with their mental health and wellbeing. The Trust have invested £600,000, over the next four years, to deliver an integrated programme of information, training and support developed in partnership with the Humber Teaching Foundation Trust and Hull and East Yorkshire, Mind.

The Be Well programme is based around the THRIVE Framework, an integrated, person centred and needs-led approach to delivering emotional resilience and mental health intervention and support for children, young people and their families.

The support provided through the Be Well programme will include:

## The Whole School Approach Mind Project

This is delivered and supported by Hull and East Yorkshire Mind and will include information, one to one support and group intervention for young people, families and staff. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that have contributed to the development of the Mind four year action plan, by either completing the recent online surveys or attending the action plan workshops. More information about the action plan will be provided in the new term.

## Social Mediation and Self Help Support (SMASH)

As a school, we are already privileged enough to receive 2 ½ days SMASH support through NHS funding and with the new funding now available we are able to double this provision. Provision will be a mixture of either group work or one to one support to suit the needs of the individual and is designed to improve the emotional resilience and mental health of young people. An additional SMASH practitioner has been recently appointed and will take up post in January 2020.

## Specialist CAMHS support

From January 2020, the Trust will be supported by a specialist CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) for one day per week. This will allow schools to seek specialist advice, training and support for complex cases and ensure effective referral routes for the appropriate services.

## Mental Health First Aiders

As part of the overall Be Well programme, there is a pledge to train staff to become to Mental Health First Aiders to a ratio of one for every fifty pupils. This will ensure that we have staff who are trained to spot early signs of poor mental health and wellbeing and can confidently signpost to the appropriate support.

Running alongside the Be Well programme, Driffild School & Sixth Form already has other support networks and initiatives running within school:

## Pastoral Team

The pastoral team are the first line of support for all our young people within school and we ensure that they are provided with the tools and training to be able to carry out their duties effectively. This term the team have had access to antibullying training from the Diana Trust, de-escalation training from Team Teach and are about to start a qualification that will enable them to deliver therapeutic interventions.

## Research Project for The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

We are lucky enough to have been selected to take part in a National Education for Wellbeing programme, working alongside 370 schools to evaluate ways of supporting the mental wellbeing of students. This is England's largest mental health intervention and has been commissioned by the DfE. The programme we are taking part in is the INSPIRE programme and is designed for students in years 4, 5, 7 and 8. It will include:

1. Mindfulness sessions – delivered for five minutes on a daily basis by trained school staff for one term
2. Strategies for safety and wellbeing – eight consecutive lessons lasting around 45 minutes delivered by trained school staff
3. Relaxation – delivered for five minutes on a daily basis by trained school staff for one term

This programme will take place in the Spring Term with six tutor groups in years 7 and 8.

## Emotional Literacy Support (ELSA)

This programme is developed and supported by Educational Psychologists and delivered by trained practitioners. The support provided includes recognising emotions, self-esteem, social skills, friendship skills, anger management, loss and bereavement. The support is usually provided for one hour per week for six weeks. We currently have two trained practitioners within school.

## Child Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner (CPWP)

This is a new service provided through Local Authority PET (Prevention Education Team) and Driffield School & Sixth Form have been selected to take part in the pilot for this service. The CPWPs are specially trained children's clinicians who have been trained to work with children and young people aged between 8 and 18 who are struggling with feelings of anxiety and low mood. Their aim is to intervene early, helping improve resilience as early as possible with a longer term goal of preventing more ingrained problems occurring. CPWPs provide short term focused interventions. Sessions last between 30-40 minutes over six to ten sessions.

If anyone would like any further information about the support available in school or the Be Well Programme, please contact Mrs Dalton.



# Staff News

At the end of the summer term, Mrs Dalton (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Duke (Head of PE) were honoured with a long service award for 25 years teaching at the school. Their lasting commitment, enthusiasm and drive has helped thousands of students over the years to be the best they can be.

On 8 November, Mr Andrews (Head of Sixth Form), Mr Colley (Head of Drama), Mrs Jude (Anti-Bullying Co-ordinator), Mrs Loftus (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr McDonald (Director of English) were thrilled to have been nominated to attend the Viking FM Teacher of the Year awards dinner at the KCOM stadium, Hull for the difference their hard work and support has made to our students.

## Year 12 Student Selected for European Jamboree in Poland

Year 12 student, Rebecca Meredith-Baker, has been selected to take part in the European Jamboree in Gdansk, Poland in summer 2020. After taking part in a series of challenges Rebecca, a member of Driffeld Rangers, was selected to join 16,000 Scouts and Guides from 65 countries across the world in the event.

The Jamboree provides an opportunity for 14-18 year olds selected to meet people from different cultures, promotes social change through discussion and workshops and participate in a variety of activities including sailing and forest exploration. It will also feature an opening and closing ceremony, as well as an international day.

Rebecca, who is also a young leader for the Nafferton Rainbows Group, has also been challenged to fundraise towards the cost of the expedition and to date has held a bake sale at the school's annual Christmas and Craft Fair and a bag pack at Sainsbury's in Monks Cross, York. Mr Andrews, Head of Sixth Form, said, "We are delighted that Rebecca has been selected for this opportunity and look forward to reporting again on her experiences after the event. Congratulations Rebecca!"



# Key Dates

## Spring Term 2020

Term Start	Tuesday 7 January
Y11 Progress Evening (X Half)	Wednesday 15 January
Y11 Progress Evening (Y Half)	Thursday 23 January
Half Term Start	Monday 17 February
Half Term Return	Monday 24 February
Y8 Progress Evening (X Half)	Wednesday 26 February
Y8 Progress Evening (Y Half)	Thursday 5 March
Y13 Progress Evening	Thursday 12 March
Y10 Progress Evening (X Half)	Thursday 26 March
Y10 Progress Evening (Y Half)	Wednesday 1 April
Term End	Thursday 2 April
Staff Training Day	Friday 3 April

## Summer Term 2020

Term Start	Monday 20 April
May Day	Friday 8 May *
Half Term Start	Monday 25 May
Half Term Return	Monday 1 June
Term End	Friday 17 July

\* May Day 2020 has been changed to Friday 8 May to coincide with VE Day.



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