



DRIFFIELD  
SCHOOL  
& SIXTH FORM

# Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 9 October 2020

It's been brilliant to see how students have settled well into the new routines this past few weeks, both in terms of the social distancing measures and the 100-minute lessons. We've also been very impressed with how students have been engaging with the lesson resources and homework that's being set on Microsoft Teams (whether it be a case of catching up with missed lessons, completing homework or using these resources for independent revision). Please find below a recap of communications.

## Full School Information

- We are continuing to work closely with practitioners from HEY Mind to provide a range of supportive strategies to care for the wellbeing and mental health of everyone involved in school life; this includes students, parents/caregivers and staff. For key information and important updates about Whole School Approach interventions on offer to the school community, please sign up to the HEY Mind parent and caregiving mailing list by emailing [wholeschoolapproach@heymind.org.uk](mailto:wholeschoolapproach@heymind.org.uk).
- We continue to work with our students on their Duke of Edinburgh Award and Miss Yates, our Duke of Edinburgh Manager, has shared [details](#) of how they can continue to work on their physical, skills and volunteering sections at home. Support is available for this and any queries at all can be emailed to [jess.yates@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:jess.yates@driffieldschool.org.uk).
- We have shared [information](#) about our virtual Year 6 Open Evening (on Monday 12 October) with all parents and carers of Year 6 students. If you have a child who will be joining us in September 2021, we look forward to sharing information and giving you the chance to meet the pastoral team and key transition coordinators for the year ahead. If you have any questions at all, please email [transition@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:transition@driffieldschool.org.uk).

## Year 11 Information

- We are delighted to invite all Year 11 students to a virtual Sixth Form Open Evening on Monday 9 November. Considering next steps can be an exciting time for students and this evening provides an opportunity to explore the wide range of courses we offer here and how we can support students with applications for apprenticeships, careers in medicine and Oxbridge applications. Details have been shared with [students](#), [parents and carers](#) and information on how to access this virtual event will be sent out closer to the date.
- All students have been issued with a [Log On Move On password](#) to help with their decision making about their next steps. Information to help your child know what's next can be accessed [here](#), together with information about [apprenticeships](#). Advice and valuable [information](#) to help your son/daughter prepare and make choices about their future is available on the log on move on website. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Mortimer at the school.

## Year 7 Information

- For our Year 7 students, a tutor evening will take place on Thursday 15 October. This will give you the opportunity to meet with your child's form tutor to discuss how your child has settled in during the first few weeks here. The meetings will be booked online and held by video meeting; the booking system [guidance](#) and video call [information](#) has been shared.
- Flu vaccinations will take place in school on 22 October; further [details](#) and an online consent [form](#) have been shared with parents and carers.
- This week, all Year 7 students have been completing Cognitive Ability Tests which tell us about verbal, non-verbal, quantitative and spatial abilities. This helps us to further support your child's learning and achievement; further details have been [shared](#).

## Other Useful Information

To access our website: [driffieldschool.net](http://driffieldschool.net)

To purchase school items, including revision guides: [shop.driffieldschool.net](http://shop.driffieldschool.net)

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