



DRIFFIELD  
SCHOOL  
& SIXTH FORM

# Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 18 December 2020

Whilst this has certainly been a challenging year for everybody, we are extremely grateful for the ongoing support from yourselves as we continue to help our students through these difficult times. We'd also like to thank our students for the great attitudes we've seen over the past term, whether it be getting used to new routines and new ways of moving around the site, attending extra sessions after school, or working hard in each lesson (whether in person or through Teams) to achieve their best. We are very proud of them.

The Christmas may look very different for us this year, but we hope that you are able to still enjoy the break, with best wishes from all of us at Driffield School & Sixth Form.

## Full School Information

- An [update](#) from the CEO has been shared on 10 December 2020 regarding arrangements for the end of term and with details of reporting positive COVID-19 cases during the Christmas holiday. We thank you for your continued support.
- We have been delighted to make Form Awards to students to value the positive attitudes, values and pride they demonstrate in the school community, as well as making our HEART awards to students who show demonstrated Honesty, Empathy, Attitude, Resilience or Tolerance consistently throughout the school year.
- Support is available for children eligible for Free School Meals from the East Riding Winter Grant Scheme and an [online claim form](#) is available for completion, together with [details](#) of the criteria and how to apply. If any support is needed to complete an application, please contact the Council on 01482 393939.
- We continue to look after the mental health of everyone involved in school life including students, staff, parents and caregivers and [support available](#) from Mind includes 1-1 emotional support for your child and a mailing list to enable you to be the first to know about the work taking place in the school in this area.
- Mrs Mortimer (Head of CEIAG) is pleased to [share](#) with you a number of events including the Humber Virtual Careers Fair which took place on 8 December; access to free self-study courses from Eton College; details of the careers portal 'Log On Move On'; apprenticeship [information](#); and labour market [information](#) for the Humber area.
- Last month, 120 students from 12 local 6<sup>th</sup> forms attended the Yorkshire Wolds Virtual Teacher Training [Experience](#). If any students wish to register their interest in any future sessions, please email Sarah Barley our Trust Director of Employability on [sarah.barley@theeducationalliance.org.uk](mailto:sarah.barley@theeducationalliance.org.uk)
- We are consulting on our proposed admission arrangements and are keen to hear your views. Full details of the proposed arrangements can be accessed [here](#) and please email your feedback to [Francesca.roper@theeducationalliance.org.uk](mailto:Francesca.roper@theeducationalliance.org.uk)

- Our school uniform reflects a pride and sense of belonging in the school and full details are available on our website. If you do have any uniform [queries](#), please contact your child's Head of Year who is happy to help with this.
- Head lice are a normal part of life and can be dealt with quickly if appropriate action is taken. Further information is shared in this best practice [guide](#) as part of the 'Once a week take a peek' national parents/carers campaign.
- If you have changed your contact details, please contact [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk) or ring the school on 01377 253631 so we can update your details.

## Year 13 Information

- The Year 13 progress evening has taken place via video appointments on 10 December 2020, with telephone appointments for anyone who did not have access to video capabilities for these meetings. We appreciate and value any feedback on this virtual approach and please share this via [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk).

## Year 11 Information

- A virtual Sixth Form Open Event has recently taken place for all our Year 11 students and this remains live at [www.driffieldschool.net](http://www.driffieldschool.net), sharing details about each subject area and interviews with our wonderful alumni students and the exciting futures the school has helped them secure. We will in the New Year be running A Level taster sessions and putting further support in place to help the transition to Year 12. Please contact Mr Andrews, Head of Sixth Form for further [information](#).
- We are delighted with the hard work our students put in place to revise for their mock exams and attendance at period 4 sessions continues to be fantastic and we feel sure the students will see benefits of this in their results. Sessions will pause for the first two weeks in the New Year and will [recommence](#) on Monday 18 January.
- The Year 11 progress evenings have taken place via video appointments on 25 November and 3 December 2020, with telephone appointments for anyone who did not have access to video capabilities for these meetings. We appreciate and value any feedback on this virtual approach and please share this via [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk).
- Bishop Burton College would like to share with you [details](#) of their virtual open events on 9 January and 9 February which will provide details of their courses and facilities as well as live subject presentations..

## 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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- If you need a copy of your ParentPay activation code, please contact [finance@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:finance@driffieldschool.org.uk)
- The school can be contacted by telephone on 01377 253631 or emailed at [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk)