

SCHOOL

& SIXTH FORM

# Parent & Carer Bulletin

### Thursday 22 October 2020

We'd like to thank you all for your support over the past term, as we've moved into new ways of learning and new routines in our school day. We're also very proud to have shared our school through the virtual Year 6 open evening (available on our website), as well as the virtual Year 11 information event that has also been released this week.

We hope that all our students enjoy a well-earned break from their study; however, the resources from this term's lessons will still be available on Microsoft Teams should any students wish to access this over the break. Also, if students need access to new books to keep them reading over the break, they can access free ebooks and online articles through our LRC's electronic resources (full details at the end of this bulletin).

#### Full School Information

- A letter from the CEO and Executive Principal was sent out on 14 October to update you on how things are going in school following the re-opening of schools this term. We are pleased with how students have settled back in and will be ready next term to launch "catch up" sessions after school for key examination year groups.
- Peanuts are the most common cause of food allergy, triggered when the immune system reacts to the protein found in peanuts. Peanut allergy affects around 2% (1 in 50) of children in the UK and has been increasing in recent decades. As would be expected from this statistic, we have children at Driffield School and Sixth Form that have been diagnosed with a peanut allergy. Some children may experience mild allergic reactions on contact with peanuts or peanut products, but some children may suffer a very severe reaction which could be life-threatening. Therefore, we would kindly ask parents to be mindful of this when providing food for their child's packed lunch or snacks. Where possible, we ask that you do not allow your child to bring peanuts or products containing peanuts into school. If you require any further information about peanut allergies or the management of allergies, please access this link.
- It is really helpful if our students are aware of the local and regional labour market information so
  they can plan for a job that exists in the future. Please access this link for Labour Market
  Information from the LMI Humber with a focus on construction.
  Our Year 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 students have been emailed the access code for the excellent free online self-study course with Eton College. We highly recommend completion of this course, as it
  helps to develop desirable employability skills.
- If you have changed your contact details, please contact office@driffieldschool.org.uik or ring the school on 01377 253631 so we can update your details.

#### Year 11 Information

• Details have been shared about the virtual Year 11 Information Event, including an information video, tips and advice booklet, revision resources and support with after school study sessions and post GCSE interviews.

#### Year 7 Information

• We have been delighted to host our first virtual tutor evening for all Year 7 parents and carers on 15 October. It has given us the opportunity to explore with you how your child has settled in during the first few weeks and we will be rolling out the electronic video link booking system for all future parents evenings this year so we can hold these important meetings in a safe environment.

#### Other Useful Information

To access our website:driffieldschool.netTo purchase school items, including revision guides:shop.driffieldschool.netTo follow us on Facebook:@DriffieldSchoolTo follow us on Twitter:@driffieldsch

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



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# **LRC Electronic Resources**

### Complete Issues

The digital world can be a confusing place where conflicting opinions, hidden bias and irrational arguments all try to grab our attention.

Complete Issues is a safe place where young people can easily find interesting articles, reliable statistics, amazing personal accounts and great websites that help them to quickly understand the world around them.

Access the site at www.completeissues.co.uk

Username: driffield

Password: issues





VLebooks is a platform where students can access a range of ebooks for free, through their school account.

The books can be accessed through any device with internet access or through the VLEebooks app (available on app stores).

Access the site at www.vlebooks.com

Organisation name: Driffield

The username is your school username (for example: 18\_52145)

Password: Driffield1

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