



DRIFFIELD  
SCHOOL  
& SIXTH FORM

# Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 29 January 2021

Thank you to all of your continued support with students' remote learning. It's been wonderful to see some of the fantastic work that they are producing. We are also extremely grateful for the feedback we recently received on the parent and student surveys, which we've used to reflect on remote learning. We are currently working on getting in touch with those who asked for us to call, as well as sharing the positive messages with staff and using the feedback to further develop the ways in which we teach remotely.

## Full School Information

- As you may be aware, the government has opened a consultation about how GCSE and A Level grades may be awarded this year. Full [details](#) have been shared with our Year 11 and 13 students, parents and carers. We continue to be really proud of our students who continue to work hard with remote learning in such trying circumstances so that they are well placed, whatever the final outcome of the consultation.
- The fourteenth National Apprenticeship Week takes place from 8 February and Mrs Mortimer, Co-ordinator of CEIAG, has lots of exciting careers [information](#) to share with you. The latest labour market information newsletter with a focus on manufacturing and National Apprenticeship Week can be accessed [here](#). There is also the latest Amazing Apprenticeships [newsletter](#) which is full of information about apprenticeships at all levels, with a focus on degree apprenticeships. For any further career information, please contact Mrs Mortimer at the school.
- We are determined to do everything we can to make sure students are well-taught and supported; if any student does need additional help, please contact their Head of Year or Head of House by emailing [pastoral@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:pastoral@driffieldschool.org.uk).
- As part of the government's response to the fight against Coronavirus, schools have been asked to begin a programme of testing in schools. We have shared details of the lateral flow testing with parents/carers of those children who are currently attending school (children of critical workers or those children considered 'vulnerable'). We will begin testing these students from 1 February where consent has been given; further details can be viewed by this [link](#).
- [ChatHealth](#) is a confidential text messaging service for young people aged 11 to 19 years of age living or learning in the East Riding. This enables young people to easily get in touch any time with local School Nurses or to make an appointment with a health practitioner.
- If you are concerned about online safety, there are websites you can access for support. [Thinkuknow](#) and [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) give advice, resources and support information to help keep your child safe online.
- [Useful EHCPs](#) information has been shared with us by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, which gives useful information about all areas of SEND available (both locally and nationally) for young people.

- Miss Yates, our Duke of Edinburgh Manager, continues to work with our students participating in this award and has shared up-to-date information with Bronze and Silver students (who are working on their Physical, Skills and Volunteering sections at home). For any queries, please contact Miss Yates at [jess.yates@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:jess.yates@driffieldschool.org.uk).
- 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 9 Information

- The [Year 9 Progress evening](#) has taken place via video appointments on 13 and 21 January. The [Year 9 Options event](#) continues to be live virtually and can be accessed at [options.driffieldschool.net](http://options.driffieldschool.net). This gives lots of useful information and videos to help our students make informed choices as they progress into their GCSEs. If you have any questions about the options process or about a specific subject, please email [options@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:options@driffieldschool.org.uk).
- If you would like your child to receive the diphtheria/polio/tetanus or the meningitis A/C/W/Y vaccine in school, the vaccinations will take place on Thursday 11 March 2021. Please access this [link](#) for full details and to complete a consent form.

## Year 8 Information

- The Year 8 Progress Evening will take place on 24 February (for X half students) and 4 March (for Y half students) via video appointments. Telephone appointments can be made for anyone who does not have access to video capabilities. Full details will follow shortly.

## Other Useful Information

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| To access our website:                               | <a href="http://driffieldschool.net">driffieldschool.net</a>            |
| To purchase school items, including revision guides: | <a href="http://shop.driffieldschool.net">shop.driffieldschool.net</a>  |
| To follow us on Facebook:                            | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DriffieldSchool">@DriffieldSchool</a> |
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- The school can be contacted by telephone on 01377 253631 or emailed at [office@driffieldschool.org.uk](mailto:office@driffieldschool.org.uk)