



Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 23 April 2021

We hope you enjoyed your Easter break!

It has been great to welcome students back into school after their Easter holidays and it has been a positive start to the summer term. This is a very busy half term for our Year 11 and Year 13 students, who are currently undertaking a number of post-Easter assessments. We have been impressed by their positive work ethic and attitude; it has been great to see such a large number of students attending our period 4 lessons after school.

Full School Information

- A key element of our behaviour for learning policy is around rewarding students for their hard work and meeting our high expectations. Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, the school shop has been closed. We are just in the final planning stages of re-opening it and students will be informed of their total reward points from the 2019-20 academic year in the coming weeks. Students will have access to an online click and collect service where they can purchase items including stationery, sporting equipment or Amazon/High Street vouchers. Once this process has finished, the school shop will remain open for this current academic year, also using a click and collect service. All details will be shared with students through assemblies this week and via their school email accounts.
- We have recently shared [careers information](#) with you, including details of the National Citizen Service, labour market information and how our Year 11 students can access a one to one specialist careers appointment. For any further information, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Mortimer, Subject Leader of CEIAG.
- We have shared further [information](#) about the move to home testing with lateral flow home test kits from 22 March. We thank you for your help and continued support with this.
- We continue to do everything we can to make sure students are supported in their lessons; if any student does need additional help, please contact their Head of Year or Head of House by emailing pastoral@driffieldschool.org.uk.
- Driffield School Association will hold their AGM on 26 April at 6.30pm via Zoom. As COVID restrictions ease, the DSA wishes to begin fundraising again for the school. Over the last 25 years, under the leadership of Keith Harris, and more recently under the leadership of Sarah Casey, the DSA has raised thousands of pounds to support extra-curricular activities to enhance the education of many young people. This includes purchasing sports equipment, frames for the Art exhibition and Spiers Bank projects and repairs. The DSA has supported the annual school production, paying for sound equipment, and we have subsidised many school trips. The DSA normally runs two bingo nights, two car boot sales and a Christmas and Craft Fair to raise the funds. New fund-raising ideas are always welcome. This year we also need a new treasurer and a new secretary so there is plenty of opportunity for people to get involved. We also need new members for the committee. Anyone wishing to join the AGM, or put themselves forward to join

the committee or take up the post of Treasurer or Secretary, please contact Pat Harrison on 07979621430 or via email at patriciaharrison1@hotmail.co.uk. You will then be forwarded an invitation to the Zoom AGM or be contacted with further details if you are not able to attend.

Year 13 and Year 11 Information

- We have explained the final arrangements for the [awarding of grades for Year 11 and Year 13](#) students this summer, now the final guidance from OFQUAL and JCQ has been [released](#). We appreciate the hard work of our students in this final stretch and are proud of their determination, hard work and good behaviour during this incredibly challenging time.
- This summer, the [Tigers Trust](#) are offering young people aged 16-17 the opportunity to do something meaningful during their summer break, developing skills and taking on new challenges. Further details can be accessed at the [Tigers Trust website](#).

Year 11 Information

- Mr Ratheram has shared the [end of term arrangements](#) for Year 11 this week, outlining plans for a Year 11 leavers assembly w/c 24 May.
- Information has been shared about [Year 11 options](#) and a new virtual information event can be viewed via this [link](#). This will give you the chance to see our Sixth Form facilities and consider next steps. We appreciate that our Year 11 students are focusing on preparing for their upcoming assessments and once these have taken place, a transition event will be organised so students can attend taster lessons and find out more about the Sixth Form. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Andrews on darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk.
- We have shared [initial plans](#) for the annual Year 11 Prom. If restrictions are relaxed to allow large social gatherings, we would like to hold this on 16 July for our current Year 11 students and on 25 June for those students who completed Year 11 in the 2019/20 school year.

Year 9 Information

- Students in Year 9 have now submitted their GCSE option choices and will receive a letter confirming their options in the coming weeks.
- More detailed information has been shared in relation to [Modern Foreign Languages](#) groupings and how these are being adapted w/c 26 April in light of students' GCSE options.

Year 7 Information

- [Details](#) of the change to the dates of Year 7 progress evenings have been shared with parents. These will now be held on Wednesday 9 June for the X half and Thursday 17 June for the Y half.

Other Useful Information

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driffieldschool.net

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- The school can be contacted by telephone on 01377 253631 or emailed at office@driffieldschool.org.uk. If you have changed your contact details, please let us know so we can update your details.