



DRIFFIELD  
SCHOOL  
& SIXTH FORM

# Parent & Carer Bulletin

Wednesday 1 December

We are now over half way through a busy half term and it has been a pleasure to see how students – in all year groups – continue to work hard in lessons.

Year 11 and Year 13 are currently preparing for their mock exams and we have recently shared information regarding our Trust's 'No Student Left Behind' Programme. All students in Years 11 and 13 have been given a £50 allocation to purchase revision materials from a menu of resources and we are currently in the process of ordering these to support them with their revision at home.

## Full School Information

- We have shared with you up to date [guidance](#) on the re-introduction of the use of face coverings in indoor communal areas following the Prime Minister's announcement on Saturday about additional measures we all must take in response to a new Covid-19 variant, Omicron. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.
- Thanks to the feedback from yourselves towards the end of last year, we are now in a position to announce a [series](#) of workshops and sessions to support parents and carers in our school community. Some of these are academically focused and we've also been fortunate to work with MIND to include a programme of sessions which will focus on supporting children's mental health. If you are interested in attending, please complete this [registration form](#). All [session resources/recordings](#) will be available on the school website.
- Christmas concert tickets are [available](#) for events taking place on 7 and 8 December at 7 pm in the school's North Hall. This festive event will celebrate the season and students are working hard on their musical performances for this very special event. Tickets need to be reserved in advance by 3 December.
- Just a reminder that we continue to offer a wide range of enrichment opportunities to students (both at lunchtimes and after school) and we encourage them to take part in activities outside of their timetabled lessons. The details of our extra-curricular opportunities can be found [here](#), together with the timetable for [twilight buses](#) which run on Monday and Thursday evenings.
- As part of our APEX curriculum this term, students are learning about the importance of healthy relationships. We look at what a healthy relationship looks like, what attraction is and what safe relationships look like, both online and in person. We also explore what is acceptable and what isn't acceptable in a relationship. We have recently been provided with some excellent resources to support any conversations around relationships which you might find helpful. This includes a set of help sheets and short videos that give essential information for parents and carers. Follow this link for more details: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ask-the-awkward/>
- Families eligible for free school meals may also be able to apply for [additional support](#) with the costs of fuel and warm winter clothing. Find out more by accessing this [website](#).
- We continue to work with Ms Mulligan from MIND, as part of the Trust's Be Well Programme, and to access support please talk to your child's Head of Year or Head of House or email [smulligan@heymind.org.uk](mailto:smulligan@heymind.org.uk).

- Please remember if your child is absent from school for any reason to ring the school's attendance line on 01377 253631 and selection option 2.

## Sixth Form Information

- We will be holding the [Year 13 Progress evening](#) on 9 December. Please access our [online booking system](#) to book appointments and, if you need any further support, please contact the school office on 01377 253631.
- A trip has been [organised](#) for Sixth Form students to Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland ice skating arena at the Designer Outlet in York. We hope the students enjoy this festive event!
- We have shared an update with Geography students regarding the [residential field trip](#). Further information will be shared with you shortly.

## Year 11 Information

- Last week we held the [Year 11 Progress evening](#) for the X half and this week we will be holding the progress evening for the Y half on Wednesday 1 December. Please contact the school office on 01377 253631 if you have any queries.
- Thank you to all Year 11 students who have placed their orders for their revision materials. If you haven't yet done this, please use the following link to put in your order: <https://forms.office.com/r/6U3N4rwPEH>. If students have any difficulty completing this order at home, they can access a computer in the Learning Resource Centre during lunchtimes at school.
- We were delighted to hold a Sixth Form information evening for our Year 11 students at the start of this month and hope that your child found the event informative and helpful. For further information, please see our online [prospectus](#) and [details](#) of how to apply for a place online. If students prefer, a paper application can be collected from the Sixth Form office. Further events will be held in the New Year and we will share details in due course. In the meantime, we've been pleased to share important information about how to achieve positive outcomes at GCSE this summer:
  - ❖ A [virtual presentation](#) where our directors of Maths, English and Science explain how to succeed in the core GCSE subjects.
  - ❖ A link to [GCSE support materials](#).

## Year 9 Information

- [Vaccinations](#) will take place on 9 February 2022 for diphtheria/tetanus/polio and meningitis ACWY vaccine. If further information is needed, please contact the Hull & East Riding Immunisation Team on telephone 03333583397 option 2 (1,2).

## 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). If you have changed your contact details, please let us know so we can update your details.