



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 11 February 2022

As we near the end of term, we would like to commend students for engaging so positively in their lessons. It is a real privilege to see them working so hard in lessons and also enjoying the extra-curricular opportunities available to them.

Our Year 11 students have received their mock result estimates and are now working on their feedback from their teachers. Period 6 sessions have been extremely well attended; 174 Year 11 students have accessed 1397 hours of consolidation lessons within the first four weeks of our period 6 programme and 70% of the cohort are attending more than one period 6 session every week. We are immensely proud of how hard they are working towards their examinations. We would also like to thank our staff for giving so freely with their time as they support students in the run up to their examinations.

We are looking forward to World Book Day when we return after half term on Thursday 3 March. Our events in school will include:

- A story across the day (with a different section being read to students in each lesson across the day at Key Stage 3).
- The Masked Reader competition in form time for all year groups, with prizes for the form groups that can correctly guess which teachers are our 'Masked Readers'.
- Teachers sharing their favourite books with their classes.

The book fair will also be in the LRC from Tuesday 1 March until Monday 7 March. All students will be able to buy books from the LRC and Years 7, 8 and 9 will have a slot in their English lessons to visit the book fair. All students will receive a £1 voucher that can be spent at the book fair. All purchases will need to be paid for with cash, though students can reserve titles if they don't have money at the time.

Full School Information

- We have shared with you the latest [government guidance](#) in relation to Covid-19 and, whilst staff and students will no longer be expected to wear masks (although they are welcome to if they wish), we continue to remind you of our continuing control measures, including good hygiene, increased ventilations, one-way systems and an extensive cleaning programme throughout the day. Please continue to take regular LFT tests at least twice every week and remember students must stay off school and take a PCR test immediately if any of the [main symptoms](#) of coronavirus are evident.
- The NHS School Nursing team have shared [details](#) of drop-in sessions, chat health confidential texting service and drug and alcohol awareness week.

- We continue to work with Ms Mulligan from MIND, as part of the Trust's Be Well Programme. To access support, please talk to your child's Head of Year or Head of House or email smulligan@heymind.org.uk.
- We are celebrating National Apprenticeship Week with our students on 7 to 13 February and Mrs Mortimer has lots of [useful information](#) on opportunities available including with the [Swift Academy](#) Siemens and [Morgan Sindall Construction](#).
- The school is a member of the [National Schools Equestrian Association](#) (who run competitions in show jumping, dressage, eventing and arena eventing). If your child competes in equestrian activities and would like to join NSEA and represent the school, please contact Miss Bateman (Sixth Form Professional Tutor) at office@driffieldschool.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 select option 2. Remember, if for any reason your child will be arriving late in school (for example, for a medical appointment), please write a note in their planner.

Year 11 and Year 13 Information

- The intention and expectation of the government is that GCSE and A level exams will go ahead as planned in the summer. As part of the contingency planning (in the unlikely event that the exams do not go ahead as planned), we have been asked by the government to collate evidence of what students have learned through in-school assessments for each subject. This evidence would then be used as part of any 'Teacher Assessed Grades' process, if required. Full details and dates can be accessed via this [link](#).
- We have written to students in Year 11 and 13 regarding the advance information for GCSEs and A levels that the exam boards released on Monday 7 February. Please see further information using this [link](#).
- All Year 11 and 13 students are able to access a full [programme](#) of after school 'Period 6' consolidation lessons to support them in preparation for their examinations. [Transport](#) is available and bus tickets are available from ACE reception. Students have also been provided with a £50 allocation to purchase revision materials and students have now been given their books to support them with their revision at home.
- Year 11 reports have now been shared with parents and carers. If you do have any subject-specific queries, please contact your child's class teacher and, for any pastoral support, please contact your child's Head of Year.
- Year 11 have one final set of mock exams after February half term in English language (Tuesday 1 March) and maths (Thursday 3 March). These examinations will not be used as part of any TAG process but staff will use these to identify any gaps in knowledge, misconceptions and to inform core interventions
- The shop is now open for Year 11 leavers' [hoodies](#) and the deadline for any orders is **20 February 2022**.
- [Careers information](#) is available for all our Year 11 students who can also access a careers appointment. Please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Mortimer at the school for further details.

Year 9 Information

- We have shared with all Year 9 students, parents and carers details of pathways forms which are now live for students to make their option choices. [Detailed guidance](#) is available and it is still possible to access the virtual [Year 9 options event](#). This event will explain the options process and provide key information and dates relating to options choices, help and advice. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school at options@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Year 8 Information

- We have [shared](#) with all Year 8 parents and carers details of the progress evenings which will be held on 3 March (for X half students) and 9 March (for Y half students). These are continuing to be held as video appointments and our online booking system can be accessed at: www.parents-booking.co.uk/driffieldschool

Other Useful Information

To access our website:

driffieldschool.net

To purchase school items, including revision guides:

shop.driffieldschool.net

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