



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 18 March 2022

As we hit the midpoint of another busy half term, we would like to commend our exam groups on their positive work ethic; they continue to work extremely hard towards their examinations. 174 Year 11 students have accessed 2610 hours of consolidation lessons within the eight weeks that the programme has been running and more than 70% of the cohort continue to attend these sessions on a weekly basis. We continue to be immensely proud of them and look forward to seeing many of our Year 11 students who have signed up to attend our Steps to Success event, with their parents and carers, next Thursday 24 March.

We would like to thank Mrs Snowden and Mrs Mills for running the book fair earlier this month. Due to the amount that students spent at the book fair, we have raised a reward of over £1,000 to spend on new books for the LRC. If any students would like to suggest books for us to add, they can do so by speaking to Mrs Snowden or Mrs Mills.

To celebrate World Book Day, Key Stage 3 students were read a story across the day (in addition to our weekly literacy activities, as part of our form programme). Students also watched some of our staff compete as 'Masked Readers', guessing who was behind the mask. Congratulations to 11H2, who guessed all of them correctly and will be getting their prize in form time.

Full School Information

- The Music Tour to Cornwall 2022 is fast approaching and we are delighted with the students' enthusiasm and commitment as Mr Couper (Head of Music) works with them to prepare for this exciting event. A rehearsal will take place on the morning of Saturday 26 March and [details](#) have been shared with parents and carers.
- We are currently in the process of reviewing our approach to [homework](#) for all students and we are working with staff and students to develop a consistent approach across the school. Many thanks to all parents and carers who have already responded to our survey. If you would like to share your views, we'd really appreciate your feedback, and you can do this by accessing our survey via this [link](#).
- National Careers Week was celebrated from 7 to 12 March with events taking place in all subject areas. Specific careers videos have been shared and each student has access details to START, an online careers portal which has been showcased in form time and during APEX lessons. A great guide is also available, '[Shape Your Future in the Humber](#)' full of lots local labour market and job information. Full details of all careers events taking place in the school can be accessed [here](#).
- The [NHS School Nursing team](#) have shared their latest newsletter as they promote healthier food and drinks as well as access to useful resources, school nurse drop-in details and chat health, a confidential texting service to support young people in the East Riding (Text 07507 332891).

- 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

- We have been delighted to invite all Year 11 parents and carers to a 'Steps to Success' evening on 24 March. The purpose of the evening is to engage students with revision and provide them with lots of practical tips and techniques to help them prepare for their examinations. For Year X students this will start at 4.45 pm in the North Hall and for Year Y students this will start at 6.30 pm in the North Hall. If you haven't yet signed up to the event and would like to, please contact the school office.
- Progress reports have recently been [shared](#) with all Year 13 parents and carers. If any parent would like to make an appointment to discuss university places, apprenticeships or student finance then Mr Andrews will be offering an open 'surgery' for three consecutive Mondays from 14 March. Please email darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk to book an appointment.
- Criminology controlled assessments will be taking place in April for our A Level Criminology students and details of timings have been shared. If for any reasons the dates are an issue, please contact Mrs Shakesby at the school via office@driffieldschool.org.uk.
- We have continued to [confirm](#) with you that the intention and expectation of the government is that GCSE and A level exams will go ahead as planned in the summer term and we are focusing our efforts on preparing students for these exams. We thank you for your continued support with this.

Year 10 Information

- We have been delighted to welcome Miss Parsons to the Driffield team as Head of Year 10 and we thank Mrs Girtchen for the great level of care, support and guidance she has provided to Year 10 students and we wish her well for the future.
- Progress evenings will take place for all Year 10 students on 31 March (X half) and 6 April (Y half). Further details have been [shared](#) and video appointments can be booked via our on line booking [system](#).

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.