



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 8 July 2022

As we approach the end of this academic year, we would like to thank you for your continued support. We are immensely proud of our students and how hard they have worked during this academic year. This term, we have enjoyed meeting our Year 6 students, and their parents/ carers, as part of their transition programme to Driffield School and Sixth Form and look forward to welcoming them to the school in September.

We will write to you with an end of term update in the last week of term and wish you all a lovely summer.

Full School Information

- We have a number of students and staff in our school who suffer from nut and peanut allergies and we have [written](#) to remind all parents and carers that those products containing nuts or peanuts are not brought onto, or consumed on our site. If you have any concerns about your child's allergies or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to make contact with the school. [Specific guidance](#) has also been shared in relation to ingredients brought into school for food preparation and nutrition lessons and these must be carefully checked for nut content.
- During the COVID-19 pandemic we have been holding progress evenings online and we would really appreciate your [views](#) on your experiences with this and the best way to talk to you about your child's progress at school in the future. You can access the feedback survey using this [link](#). Please submit your feedback by 11 July 2022 to enable us to review this and plan for the new school year.
- We are very fortunate to benefit from The Education Alliance Be Well Programme. This programme has allowed us to have a dedicated member of staff from the charity Hull and East Yorkshire Mind based in school for two days per week. Many of our young people have benefited from one-to-one meetings, group sessions or access to training to become Mental Health Well-being Ambassadors. The service is also open to parents, with many of you making contact through parent evening appointments. We are always seeking to improve this service and with this in mind, we would be grateful if you could spend a few minutes provided some feedback through this [survey](#).
- We will be holding our annual [sports day and sponsored walk on Tuesday 19 July](#). The sponsored walk around Driffield is raising money to improve disability access at Spiers Bank House to ensure all students have the opportunity to use this amazing facility and to continue to invest in the facilities there so it can benefit future generations. We have asked that students encourage family and friends to sponsor them by making a donation via the ['Go Fund Me' page](#) and your support with this is very much appreciated.
- [Driffield Show](#) will be taking place over two days on 20 and 21 July and entry each day is by [advanced ticket purchase only](#). To support the show, we are again planning to allow students to attend on one of the two days and we ask that you complete this [link](#) to let us know if your child will be attending or not by 15 July. We will be running a normal timetable on 20 July for any students in school and plan to run reward activities in school on 21 July.
- Following parental feedback, we are working closely with the Driffield School Association (DSA) to provide parents with the opportunity to purchase pre-owned items of uniform. Pre-owned uniform will be available to purchase during DSA events and at pre-advertised times from Ace reception in school. With this in mind, we would be grateful for any donations of pre-owned uniform items to be delivered to Ace reception. We thank you for your help and support with this.
- Expeditions are now taking place for our Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and it has been amazing that our young people have been able to take part in these weekend expeditions. If any further information is

needed about the scheme, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Osburn, our Duke of Edinburgh's Award Manager.

- Lots of exciting careers information is included in Mrs Mortimer's latest [update](#). All our Year 11 students are now taking part in Activate if they are staying with us until the Sixth Form and this ensures a smooth transition from Year 11 to Year 12. Students will have the opportunity to apply for a bursary and complete transport applications and Mrs Amers, our Sixth Form Personal Development Co-ordinator, will introduce the new and exciting enrichment programme. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Andrews at the school. Further details of apprenticeships have also been shared and details of the [National Citizen Service programme](#), which offers young people aged 16-17 the opportunity to do something meaningful during the summer break and develop both employability skills and take on new challenges.
- Our school Nursing Team has shared their latest [newsletter](#) and as well as promoting national smile months, news is included about the importance of a healthy diet. Details of how to access support from the school nurse, a confidential text service and useful phone numbers and websites are detailed in the newsletter.

Year 7 Information

- We have been delighted to share with you details of the educational visit to [Spiers Bank House](#) which has been offered to all Year 7 students in July 2022. This exciting opportunity enables our young people to stay at the house (which is located within the North Yorkshire Moors National Park) and the personal and social development opportunities there are boundless.
- As part of our work around personal development, our Year 7 students have been supporting our central administration and pastoral teams for just one day during the academic year. Students complete their learning whilst doing this role and it has amazing to see our young people carrying out this role with such enthusiasm.

Year 12 Information

- This term, our students start to think about Year 13 and [life beyond the Sixth Form](#) and Mr Andrews has shared details of support available including a programme of advice, higher education visits and open days. Mr Andrews is always very happy to personally discuss future options with you and your child. Please don't hesitate to contact him to arrange a time to meet at darren.andrews@driffieldschool.org.uk.
- Details of the CRN trip 2023 (run jointly by Driffield School & Sixth Form and South Hunsley Sixth Form) have been shared with physics students. This is an exciting opportunity to participate in a visit to the European Organisation for Nuclear Research and if any further information is needed for students participating in this trip, please contact Mr Short, Science Teacher at the school.

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 or wish to change your consent for photos/videos to be used by the school, please let us know so we can update your details.
- Some individuals in school have a very severe, anaphylactic reaction to trace of nuts. We kindly remind you that students are not to bring any items into school containing nuts. Thank you for your continued support with this.

