



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 9 December 2022

As we near the end of a long yet rewarding term, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support across the whole of 2022.

At this time of year there are lots of viruses circulating in our communities which can cause sore throats, colds and coughs. Good hand and respiratory hygiene is important for stopping the spread of many bugs and we continue to encourage all our students to wash their hands regularly and use the hand sanitiser that is provided throughout the school site.

We hope students have a lovely last week of term and look forward to the Christmas music concert next week. We wish you a wonderful Christmas holidays when it arrives.

Full School Information

- We would like to remind you that, in line with our long term sustainability plan, we are committed to reducing the use of single use plastic. With this in mind, we are continuing to encourage students to bring their own reusable water bottle to school. We are delighted with our recently installed hydration stations that enable the swift filling of water bottles. Please note that, from January, bottled water will no longer be on sale at school. Students can purchase carton drinks and will have access to the hydration stations during break and lunchtimes. Reusable cups will also be available in the canteens should students need them
- We have been delighted to share with you our latest Cornerstones [newsletter](#). This publication focuses on personal development, behaviour for learning and health and well-being and this month's edition has a spotlight on your child's Head of Year.
- Details of a new Edulink One app have recently been shared with you and we have been delighted with the take up of this new app which provides easy access to homework details, personal details and timetables. Further news about this exciting new technology will follow. If you have not received your log on details, please contact the school for further assistance.
- Lots of exciting careers news is available in the latest newsletter, For full information of forthcoming events and apprenticeship information, click this [link](#).
- We would like to remind you that we have a number of students and staff who suffer from nut and peanut allergies. Foods that contain nuts and peanut products, even in trace amounts, can for some of our students result in a severe allergic reaction which can be fatal. We ask all parents and students that products containing nuts or peanuts are not brought onto or consumed on our site.
- We are delighted to be able to support our local foodbank in Driffield by taking part in a reverse advent calendar again this year. We appreciate that Christmas can be a very difficult time of year and if it is possible to provide a food donation, please can these be placed in the foodbank box in ACE reception.
- The NHS School Nursing Team have shared their latest [newsletter](#) with lots of useful information on stress management tips for young people as well as details of the school nurse drop-in sessions and chat health (a confidential texting service to support our young people.)
- We are currently consulting on our admissions criteria for 2024-25 and further information can be found [here](#).

Year 7 Information

- Click this [link](#) for the latest Year 7 Cornerstones Newsletter.
- We have shared with you a [curriculum summary](#) to provide you with an outline of the knowledge and skills your child is being taught across their subjects this half term. If there is anything more we can do to support your child, please contact Miss Axon (Head of Year) or your child's Head of House.
- We have [shared](#) with you details of availability for our instrumental music provision at Driffield School. Instrumental lessons also open opportunities to join the school's Big Ensemble and to join the East Riding Music Service ensembles. A wide choice of instrumental lessons is currently on offer.

Year 8 Information

- Click this [link](#) for the latest Year 8 Cornerstones Newsletter.
- We have shared with you a [curriculum summary](#) to provide you with an outline of the knowledge and skills your child is being taught across their subjects this half term. If there is anything more we can do to support your child, please contact Mrs Potter (Head of Year) or your child's Head of House.
- We have [shared](#) with you details of availability for our instrumental music provision at Driffield School. Instrumental lessons also open opportunities to join the school's Big Ensemble and to join the East Riding Music Service ensembles. A wide choice of instrumental lessons is currently on offer.

Year 9 Information

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- We have shared with you a [curriculum summary](#) to provide you with an outline of the knowledge and skills your child is being taught across their subjects this half term. If there is anything more we can do to support your child, please contact Miss Parsons (Head of Year) or your child's Head of House.
- We were delighted to [invite](#) you to our Options Evening on 30 November 2022. We will be in touch again in the New Year about your child's options choices.

Year 10 Information

- Click this [link](#) for the latest Year 10 Cornerstones Newsletter.

Year 11 Information

- Click this [link](#) for the latest Year 11 Cornerstones Newsletter.
- All students in Year 11 have been provided with a £50 allocation to [purchase revision materials](#) to assist them with their revision for their GCSE examinations. Remember to spend this allowance so we can purchase the materials without delay.
- We have shared [details](#) of the GCSE music coursework requirements and an extra intervention session for composition is run every fortnight on Mondays after school and every Monday lunchtime. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Couper (Head of Music).

Year 12 Information

- Progress reports will be sent out shortly and it will contain students' targets for the end of Year 12 and their current estimated grade. If you have any concerns, please contact Mr Andrews (Head of Sixth Form) or your child's subject teacher.

Year 13 Information

- All students in Year 13 have been provided with a £50 allocation to [purchase revision materials](#) to assist them with their revision for their A level examinations. Remember to spend this allowance so we can purchase the materials without delay.

Trips and Visits Information

- Our Christmas concert will take place on 12 December at 7 pm in the North Hall. Tickets for the concert are available on the door on the evening of the concert. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Couper (Head of Music).
- The Science Department are running a trip for GCSE science students to the 'GCSE Science Live' event at St George's Hall in Bradford on 23 February 2023. Please contact Mrs Backhouse (Director of Science) for any queries.

Other Useful Information

To access our website: driffieldschool.net

To purchase school items, including revision guides: shop.driffieldschool.net

To follow us on Facebook: [@DriffieldSchool](https://www.facebook.com/DriffieldSchool)

To follow us on Twitter: [@driffieldsch](https://twitter.com/driffieldsch)

- 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.

