



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Parent & Carer Bulletin

Monday 30 January 2023

As we are in the middle 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. Our Year 11 students will receive their mock result estimates next week and they will be able to use their feedback from these to focus their revision in the coming months.

It was great to see all students from Years 7- 10 attend the BBC Careers Roadshow (as part of its centenary celebrations) this week. The event was designed to support students with their career pathways and hear from a panel of guests on their career journeys. It was a fantastic event for our students.

As part of our commitment to improving communication with parents and carers we have introduced new publications this year, including curriculum summaries so that you are aware of what your child is learning each half term, alongside personal development and extra-curricular newsletters. We welcome feedback from parents and carers and a link to a survey on communication is below:

Communication - Parent/Carer Survey ([office.com](#))

Your views are very important to us and we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to share your feedback with us. The link will remain live until Friday 10 February.

Full School Information

- As the new term has started it is once again a pleasure to see students wearing their uniform with pride. The minority of students who are not wearing appropriate uniform are quickly identified by staff and will be offered the opportunity to borrow the correct items of uniform or will receive a written warning. We try to be consistent in our approach to uniform and we are helped enormously by parents who support the policy from home. Our policy can be accessed through this [link](#) for anyone not sure of what our dress code is. Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents that for health and safety reasons, other than one small pair of studs or sleepers in the ears, piercings in any other part of the body are not permitted.
- As part of our ongoing work to support the personal development of students, we are very aware of the issues around social media influencers and more specifically around the topics linked to violence against women, misogyny and sexism from Andrew Tate. In the lead up to International Women's Day on Wednesday 8 March, we will be addressing these issues in assemblies, form time and APEX lessons. There will also be a recorded TEALtalk which will be shared with all staff, students and parents. Supporting documents will also be available to all staff and parents to support with conversations at home or in school.
- Tickets are on sale for our much anticipated production of 'We Will Rock You' which will run from 7 February until 11 February. Contact the school's reception for full details.
- We have shared with you [details](#) of cost of living support that is available to you and your family as the cost of living crisis continues to bite. This includes details of warm spaces, help for energy bills, benefits, and local authority support.
- Lots of exciting careers news is available in the latest newsletter. For full details of all our exciting careers events, please 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.

Year 7 Information

- Last term our Head of Year 7, Miss Axon, moved onto an incredible opportunity to work in Dubai. Miss Axon did a fantastic job of settling our Year 7 cohort through their transition from primary school. This half term we welcomed Miss Blake as our new Head of Year 7. Miss Blake brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and enthusiasm to the role. She will be key to supporting Year 7 and will stay with this year group throughout their time at Driffield School. We wish her well in her new role.
- 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 Blake (Head of Year) or your child's Head of House.

Year 8 Information

- 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.

Year 9 Information

- 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.
- Progress evenings have taken place on 12 January (X half) and 18 January (Y half) and if for any reason you were not able to virtually attend and would like to talk to your child's teachers, please let us know so we can arrange this for you.

Year 12 Information

- [Exam certificates](#) from summer 2022 are now available in school for students to collect from our ACE reception. Remember, we are bound by JCQ rules to either destroy or return any uncollected certificates to the awarding body so we therefore ask that these are collected by 31 December 2023.

Year 13/14 Information

- For those students who have applied for a place at university through UCAS, [details](#) of guidance about the remaining key stages of the application process have been shared. On 13 March at 6pm there will be a live online webinar to cover information about the Student Finance loans system and if you register for this event, you will receive a recording afterwards even if you can't watch it live.

Other Useful Information

To access our website:

driffieldschool.net

To purchase school items, including revision guides:

shop.driffieldschool.net

- 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.