



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

CORNERSTONES

CARE - PERSEVERANCE
RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY

Personal Development at Driffield School

- To ensure students understand the benefits of looking after their mental and physical health
- To provide opportunities for students to access and remember for a lifetime
- To promote equality and diversity and respect difference
- To raise aspirations to achieve personal excellence



PASTORAL UPDATE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

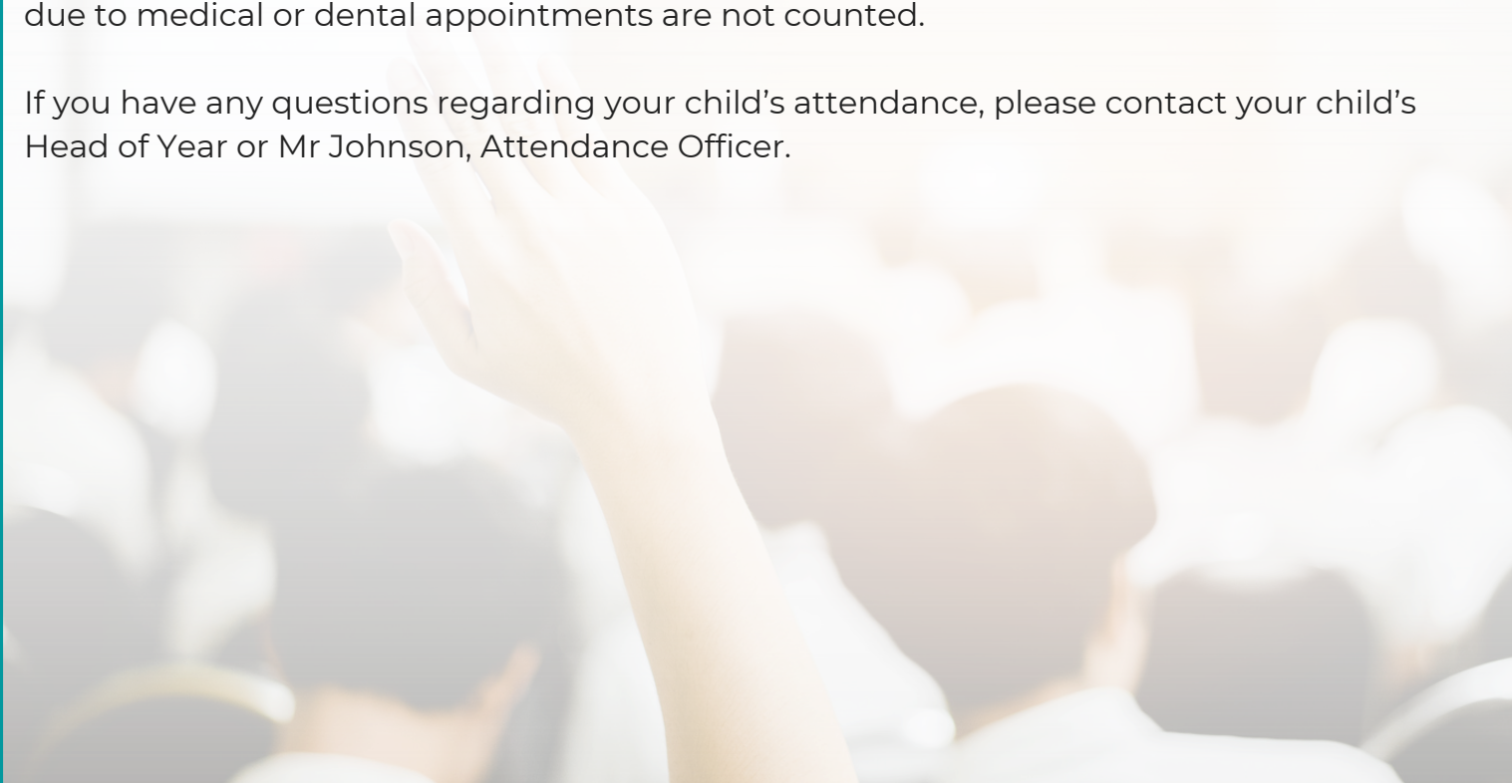
Good school attendance continues to be a high priority for us as we know that outcomes for young people are much better if they attend school over 95% of the time. We continue to recognise those students who meet their weekly targets by entering them into a weekly prize draw. So far this year the students below have been awarded the prize of a voucher.

Bottomley, Clementine	Keech, Rowan	Smith, Charlotte	Lizardos, Toby
Taylor, Jack	Trzeciak, Jakub	Collier, Finn	Hullah, Poppy
Harrison, Zachary	Brook, Annabelle	Lovel, Sage	Watkins, Naomi
Grubb, Charlie	Mohun, Olivia	Wilson, Ella	Allen, Olivia
McCreedy, Kitty	Gerard, Daniel	Collier-Brough, Thomas	Nelson, Connie
Thompson-Hird, William	Barmby, Caylem	Devereux, Eira	Lewis Oakes
Swan, Daniel	Gallant, Jessica	Lewis, Amelia	Crooks, Samuel
Lewer, Millie	Phillips, Max	Walmsley, Sean	Green, Josie
Higginbottom, Charlie	Stringer, Millie	Bristow, Freddy	Collinge, Emily
Skipp, April	Murray, Conor	Hill, Ryan	Hopper, Jack
Ratcliffe, Faith	Bannister, Sam	Gee, Harry	Jones, Liam
Walker, Ricky	Denford, Layla-Boe	Nunn, Robert	Hutchinson, Brigid
Bastiman, Emily	Starrett, Evie	Welburn, Jacob	Davies, Millie
Eccles, Liv	Frankish, Tyler	Mallinson, Tristan	Bannon, Nile
Ostler, William	Berwick, Darcie	Aspey, Sarah	Bunker, Max
Fenton, Betsy	McGivern, Darragh	Yates, Lacey	Horner, Finn

Well done to all of them.

To enter the prize draw, students must meet or exceed their weekly target. Absences due to medical or dental appointments are not counted.

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance, please contact your child's Head of Year or Mr Johnson, Attendance Officer.



PASTORAL UPDATE

PROM 2023

The much anticipated School Prom has been organised for 30th June at Beverley Racecourse. It's a fantastic way for our students to celebrate the end of their exams and end of KS4. Students have already attended an assembly to explain how prom works and a letter with further information will be shared with parents of Year 11 students shortly. Attendance at prom is one of the ways we reward good effort, behaviour and attendance. Students are able to redeem their reward stamps for a voucher towards the cost of Prom. It promises to be a great evening.



PASTORAL UPDATE

HAVE YOUR SAY!

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who took the time to complete the survey about communication in the last edition of Cornerstones. Your views are very important to us and help us make things better for everyone within our school community.

93% of parents found the various types communications from the school helpful and 96% of parents felt that a half termly newsletter was about right.

59% of parents felt they were provided with enough information to understand how their child was behaving in school and 78% of parents felt they had enough information to understand what their child is learning.

81% of parents have used the Edulink One app, with the majority finding the homework section the most helpful.

63% of parents would find text messages helpful and 30% of parents would like more information through Facebook.

We have listened to your comments and some of the changes we are putting in place include:

- Amending the emails alerts that are sent home to inform you of a sanction to explain a little more about the reasons for the sanction.
- A regular article in the Cornerstones bulletin to provide more information about the Edulink one app.
- Moving towards a system that allows text message alerts for those parents who would like this.
- Regular review of parents' evenings to ensure we meet the needs of all. Currently parents are divided on whether they prefer face to face or virtual meetings, therefore we are offering a blended approach through the year groups.
- An opportunity in the summer term for parents who haven't visited school due to Covid to visit for a tour round.

PASTORAL UPDATE

EDULINK ONE

In September, we launched the use of the EduLink One app with staff. We have since given parents access to the app to be able to see timetables, homework, and the personal data we hold for students. We have had some very positive feedback about the ability to see homework and being able to better support children at home. Although we have not yet demonstrated this to students, we are planning to roll this out with them over the remainder of this year. We are also exploring some of the additional features within EduLink which may be of benefit to parents, carers, students and staff, and may also help to reduce the use of multiple systems.



Following the communication survey, some parents have commented that a red cross is showing next to homework tasks which makes it look like the task has not been handed in. This is a feature that links to the student accounts and is an indicator for the students to use so they know which tasks they still must complete. The red cross is not an indicator from teaching staff of incomplete homework. The student planners, in-line with the behaviour for learning policy, will remain central to communicating any issues with homework.

If you have not been able to log into the EduLink app yet, please contact the school and we can resend your login details and information about how to log in.

We will continue to keep parents and carers updated as we add in any additional features and launch the app with students.

PASTORAL UPDATE

STEPS TO SUCCESS

On Thursday 2nd March we held our Steps to Success event for Year 11. We had approximately 280 students and parents/carers attend and there was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the evening. It was a light-hearted affair with food, drink, revision goodie bags, amazing prizes awarded to the winners of our revision quiz and a tale from Mr Andrews about his Dumbo experience at Disney World. Those attending also had the opportunity to attend two revision workshops of their choice. However, the real focus of the event was to share revision tips with students and provide parents/carers with some ideas around how they can support their child with preparation for the GCSE exams. We would like to thank everyone that attended the event and made the evening such a success.



PASTORAL UPDATE

Y7 SETTLING IN CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 2nd and Monday 6th March saw the return of our formal celebration events at Driffield School and Sixth form. The events were to recognise and reward the fantastic efforts of our current Year 7 cohort. We understand the challenge of our 260 students, across 10 feeder primary schools, have transitioning to the a large secondary and we felt it appropriate to celebrate their efforts after nearly 6 months with us.



There were 3 main awards across the events. Firstly, two students from each form were nominated by their form tutor and our tutors were able to be present at the event to articulate why they had nominated their students before handing them a certificate. Our second set of awards were based around our cornerstones. Each head of house could nominate a student based on care, respect, responsibility and perseverance. Our house captains then presented the awards, after describing what each cornerstone meant to them. Students were presented with a certificate and cornerstone badge. Finally, our student of the year award was based on the number of stamps students have received, as well as their overall effort across the school year. Students were presented with a certificate, signed by the head teacher. This is first celebration event of our school year and we are looking forward to recognising the efforts of our other students in the summer term.

FORM AWARDS



Olivia Dean
Oscar Keyes
Orla Rae
Cyrus Websdale



Emma Lyon
Cameron Wilkinson
Isla Hartley
Harry Smith
Chloe Jenson
Adrian Garstka



Kacey Batty
Oliver Garrick
Oscar Pedder-Smith
Katie Lethbridge



Lilly Rose Gilligan-Medforth
Tom Clifford
Casey Gill
Seb Fletcher-Jenkinson

CORNERSTONES AWARDS



Molly Ramsay
Orla Rae
Ben Butcher
Oscar Keyes



Oliver Holmes
Megan Jones
Poppy Sharp
Amelia Elvidge



Millie Lewer
Isaac Melia
Isaac Try
Emma Rayson



Maisie Armstrong
Meredith Sharp
Kali Gascoigne
Tom Clifford

STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS



Orla Rae



Isla Hartley



Maezie Kellington



Casey Gill

CAREERS UPDATE

NATIONAL CAREERS WEEK 2023

We are delighted to be welcoming Kathryn Burn the founder of Pyjamily and My Christmas Pyjamas, BBC Apprentice Finalist and motivational speaker to school. Kathryn is visiting on Wednesday 8th March to speak to all Yr 9, Yr 12 Business Study students and twenty Yr 10 Business Study students.



Kathryn is on a mission to inspire, motivate and empower students to reach their goals and help them believe they can achieve anything when they put their minds to it. Kathryn always knew she wanted her own business, but didn't know where to start. She was driven, ambitious and hardworking. She moved to Australia for two years to see the world and this is when she was inspired and launched, 'My Christmas Pyjamas' with just a £50 budget from Australia, on an opposite time zone. Kathryn's successful business is recently expanding to an all year round range, 'Pyjamily'. Kathryn is keen to share her experience in the real world of business. She will discuss the challenges she has overcome and her entrepreneurial traits, in the hope to inspire more students to follow their dreams.

We are keen to ensure that all students know the desirable entrepreneurial skills and qualities that are vital when starting their own potential businesses in the future. More information about starting your own business in England can be read on [Set up a business - GOV.UK](#)

Students can research successful businesses on the START profile and investigate entrepreneurial skills. Students need to go onto www.careers.startprofile.com

Their username is their full school email and their password is their date of birth for example 09/03/2010

CAREERS UPDATE

TALKS WITH COVENTRY UNIVERSITY SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS

All students at KS3 and 4 are having talks with Coventry University this month in celebration of National Careers Week. It is essential students know all their options post 16 and post 18. This includes higher education options. Coventry University will also talk about degree apprenticeships, these are an outstanding way to achieve a degree whilst working. There are many more opportunities now for higher level apprenticeships and degree level apprenticeships. Our Sixth Formers who wish to get an apprenticeship after summer 2023 are currently working with Holly Robinson our Careers Guidance Lead.



For more information about opportunities at Coventry University Scarborough then follow this link

[CU Scarborough | Coventry University](#)

For more information about degree apprenticeships then follow this link [Degree apprenticeships - Learn more here \(ucas.com\)](#).

TALKING FUTURES

Talking Futures have produced some excellent conversation cards, which can support parent and carers in having productive career conversations with their child about their career plans

<https://www.talkingfutures.org.uk/conversation-cards/>

CAREERS UPDATE

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION

All lessons during National Careers Week will include how each subject links to future careers and labour market information. It is vitally important that our students know the industries that are growing and offer better future employment opportunities. Parents/carers are encouraged to go onto LMI Humber with their child and investigate this data and look at trends and future employment opportunities.

Please visit [LMI Humber](#)

Skills East Riding is another website with important labour market information for our area. Please visit [Skills East Riding](#)

SWIFT GROUP LTD

Our thanks go to Stuart from the Swift Group Ltd for talking to all students at KS3 and 4 about apprenticeships. Our students now know and understand about apprenticeships, the different levels and future opportunities.

For parent/carer information on apprenticeships please follow this link [Support for parents and guardians](#)

Swift Group Ltd are always looking for enthusiastic people that are willing to learn. They are a large business and have opportunities in many areas and can offer wide and varied careers and apprenticeships. Their core business is manufacturing caravans and motorhomes with around 80% of their employees involved in making components (in their machine shop, cabinet shop and GRP department) or assembling their products on the assembly lines.

They also have a diverse range of office based opportunities and recruit individuals with a variety of skills and experience to meet the specific needs of each department. Key areas include Design; Engineering; Supply Chain/Purchasing; Customer Services; Sales; Marketing; Finance; Human Resources, IT. For more information follow the link [Are you ready to come help us achieve our ambitious goals? \(swiftgroup.co.uk\)](#)



CAREERS UPDATE

COUNTRYSIDE CAREERS EVENING

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2023 – 4:00-8:00PM

Driffield Agricultural Society are hosting this new event to showcase the wide variety of careers which have their roots based in rural East Yorkshire. The event is open to all students and past students and parents/carers.

There will be over 60 businesses from a variety of industries, including agriculture (both livestock and arable farming), agricultural related industries, engineering/mechanical engineering, conservation, renewable technologies, supermarkets and supply chains, professional practices, and local and further education establishments.

This event is designed to work twofold:

- To give the next generation an insight into the opportunities for employment in the rural setting.
- To assist our rural businesses to find their next new team member.

This is a superb opportunity for students, past students and parents/carers to meet local and national employers, businesses, colleges, and apprenticeship providers to help plan next steps and future opportunities.

The event will be held on the Driffield Showground and will run between 4pm and 8pm and is completely free.



WELLBEING

BE WELL

We are pleased to confirm that all students in the school will now benefit from our unique Be Well programme by taking part in a series of workshops. Each year group will benefit from one workshop per year to support good mental health and wellbeing. Year 11 students have already had a workshop called 'School life and Stress' and the feedback was extremely positive. Students found the strategies very helpful as they start to prepare for exams and the next steps in their education.

The workshops for Year 7 to 9 students will take place this half term and are as follows:

Self-esteem and confidence: Year 9

We work to understand what Self-Esteem and Confidence are and how they are linked to our mental health, explore how these can be impacted and what we can do to build them up. We finish the session looking at positive affirmations and the power of compliments.

Ways to wellbeing: Year 8

We look at the five areas research has found improves our wellbeing. Discuss how these can be incorporated into our life, and identify those areas we need to improve. We play wellbeing bingo, do activities to connect to others and have group discussions.

Transition and self-care: Year 7

Focusing on the transition to secondary school but also discussing other times of change during a life time, and how this can affect us.

Working in groups to find ways that we can look after ourselves during times of change, and introducing the five ways to wellbeing.



APEX CURRICULUM

The APEX programme at Driffield School is designed to develop students into well informed members of our community, ready to tackle risks within society. The key topic for this term is Risk and Safety. This unit will inform students about some of the dangers they may face online, in day-to-day life and in the wider world.

Students in Year 7 will have an opportunity to explore how to stay safe online and gain an understanding of some of the dangers associated with social media. Year 8 lessons have a greater focus on risks in society. Topics include county lines, gambling, vaping and knife crime. Students in Year 9 will look at risks related to human trafficking, exploitation and extremism.

In Key Stage 4 lessons this term students will be exploring units linked to religious studies and the wider world. Year 10 will study whether we should harm living creatures as well as investigating how religion is portrayed in the media. Year 11 will discuss religion and conflict.

As always, our Head of APEX works closely with the pastoral team to ensure all students are supported throughout the delivery of these lessons. If you do, however, have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of Year.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

TOM FISHER - ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

I am Mr Fisher, Assistant Headteacher for Personal Development and Behaviour and Teacher of PE. I moved to Yorkshire five years ago from Bristol and have loved working at Driffield School ever since. Driffield is a wonderful place to come and work with a strong sense of community and kindness.

When I first joined Driffield School, I continued the work around Personal, Social, Health education by developing APEX (Achieving Personal Excellence) The reason I have so much passion for this subject is because students are at the heart of it. They have a big say on what content should be covered and how. We are all hugely passionate about ensuring young people have the knowledge and skills to equip them for a happy, healthy and safe future.

As I oversee personal development at Driffield, I want to ensure that young people have the very best personal development education they can. I want to ensure they hear from people outside of the staff they daily see, have opportunities to contribute on areas they are passionate about, can attend clubs that increases health and happiness, can access opportunities that might not be possible outside of school and raise their future aspirations. Over the past twelve months, I have led the largest national study of its kind with Citizens UK to tackle the "normalised" sexual abuse in schools. We hope, with the support of over 150,000 young people, we can drive about change in attitudes and legislation.

My other major passion is sport and still being able to teach PE at Driffield is wonderful. Students at Driffield get such a great offer from all the clubs, fixtures, trips and experiences that are available. Outside of school, I have now retired from national league hockey and instead enjoy triathlons, surfing and spending time with friends and family. I encourage everyone to take up a new interest, sporting or not and keep going with it. It will bring you a lifetime of happiness, health, friendships and memories.

