



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Parent & Carer Bulletin

Thursday 25 May 2023

As we near the end of term, we would like to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students on a successful end to their school year. It has been a really settled and positive start to the exams season and we are very proud of the way our students have conducted themselves during their GCSE and A Level studies. We are looking forward to celebrating their achievements in the leavers' assemblies we have planned on Friday 26 May for Year 13 and Thursday 15 June for Year 11.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support and wish you a restful half term break.

Parental Consultation

- As you are aware, this year we have had a hybrid model for progress evenings with some being face to face and others being online. We would appreciate your views and opinions on how successful this has been and whether you would like to continue with this model in the future. Please use this link to share your views with us:

<https://forms.office.com/e/XgZwWjXk5V>

Full School Information

- On Friday 26 May, students are welcome to wear non uniform for the day in support of a young girl in our community called Elsie. In recent assemblies, students learnt more about Elsie and how we can support her and her family to provide the best possible care. We appreciate that these are difficult times and there is absolutely no expectation that any donations are made. However, students can, if they wish, bring in donations to their form tutor on Friday morning. If anyone would like to make any donations online, please find the family link below. Further information about Elsie and Batten Disease can also be found within [this link](#).
- Access the new [Online Safety Hub](#), providing practical insights and advice for you and your child. This includes advice on the latest apps and games and how to get help with social media insights.
- We have been delighted to share our latest Cornerstones [Newsletter](#) with lots of exciting news about Personal Development at Driffield School and pastoral updates.
- We have been delighted to share our latest Extra-Curricular [Newsletter](#) with an updated timetable of activities for the summer term.
- We continue to celebrate everything literary both in and outside of Driffield School. To read more about this, including recommended reading, you can access the latest Read Like Us Newsletter [here](#).
- Lots of exciting careers news is available [here](#)

- Drifffield Show will be taking place on Wednesday 19 July and tickets are available to be purchased via this [link](#). We would be grateful if you could complete this [form](#) by Friday 26 May to inform us if your child will be attending the show so we can plan effectively for those students who will be in school.
- We currently hold a large amount of unnamed lost property and ask that any items be claimed by no later than Friday 26 May. Any unclaimed items will be donated to the Drifffield School Association and added to the pre-owned shop.
- 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.
- 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

- We are delighted to offer all Year 7 students the opportunity to visit [Spiers Bank House](#) residential centre as part of their school experience. These overnight visits will take place between 29 June and 14 July 2023 and for your child to participate, please complete this [consent form](#) and make a payment of £30 by Friday 9 June.

Year 8 Information

- A [Personal Development Event](#) will take place on Wednesday 14 June and during this event, we will be delivering a short presentation in East Hall to share with you our ongoing work to support your child's personal development. You will have the opportunity to tour the school and visit a number of different stalls to discuss aspects of personal development with various members of staff. If you would like to attend this event, please complete this short form here by Friday 26 May 2023: <https://forms.office.com/e/CKQVKEYui3>.

Year 9 Information

- [HPV Vaccines](#) (second dose) will take place in school on Thursday 8 June 2023. If you have any questions and would like to contact the Immunisation Team, please ring 03333583397 option 2 (1,2) or email immunisations.eastriding@intrahealth.co.uk.

Year 10 Information

- Details have been shared for Year 10 GCSE Geography fieldwork during the summer term to Hornsea and Skipsea. This gives students time to practise fieldwork techniques and complete an enquiry investigation for this compulsory element of the course. If any further information is needed, please contact Mrs Vicary (Head of Geography).

Year 11 Information

- During half term, we are running revision sessions in specific subjects and details have been shared with the relevant students. We would ask that you encourage your child to attend the relevant sessions to be fully prepared to achieve their potential in their GCSEs.

- We have [shared](#) with you details of the end of term arrangements for our Year 11 students and we will be holding a leavers assembly on Thursday 15 June. We ask that, as your child's GCSE studies come to an end, you return all English books to the school to enable next year's students to use them. We thank you for your continued support and will be in contact again shortly with details of our Sixth Form transition programme.
- The [Year 11 Prom](#) will be held at Beverley Racecourse on Friday 30 June, with a meal served at 7.30 pm followed by dancing until 11 pm. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the pastoral team.
- It has been a really settled and positive start to the exams season and we remind all Year 11 students to continue to wear their full uniform for each exam. Once in the exam room, students can take off their jumper and blazer if they are too warm.
- The National Citizen Service is an exciting opportunity open to all our Year 11 students which brings together young people from different backgrounds for a unique, fun and shared experience. This year, THE NCS will be a 5-day residential and for more information and to apply, access this [link](#).

Year 12 Information

- The summer term is a busy one for our [Year 12 students](#) with mocks scheduled to take place during week commencing 19 June. We have encouraged students to start creating a revision timetable and we are supporting them to consider the next stages of their careers, whether it be Further/Higher Education or onto apprenticeships and employment. To support this, Mr Andrews will be running a parental information session on Thursday 15 June at 6 pm.
- Visits to Leeds University and the Hull UCAS convention are planned and if you would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Andrews at the school.

Year 13 Information

- We have [shared details](#) of the end of term arrangements for our Year 13 students and will be celebrating with a 'Leavers Assembly' at 11.15 am on 26 May followed by lunch at Kingswood and a trip to Hollywood Bowl. This is a lovely social occasion which gives students the opportunity to spend time together.

Trips and Visits

- Details of the Senior and Junior Ski trips for Easter 2024 have been shared with students.
- On 26 May, 43 students will head off to Barcelona and Catalonia with staff to perform three concerts in local towns. This is the seventh European tour and we thank Mr Couper for organising such a brilliant experience for our students. We wish all students involved a great experience.

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.

