



Parents' Bulletin

Week beginning 13 November 2017

A Look Ahead

20 November 2017	Splendid Productions Metamorphosis
22 November 2017	PSGA Meeting College Site 7pm All parents welcome
29 November	Parent Forum 7.00 pm College Site
04 December 2017	Trial exam week for Years 11 and 13

Letters Home

You should have received or your child should have brought home the following letters this week:-

Information letters for Parents—update

The above are also available on the school website, or contact the school if you would like an additional paper copy.



Piece of the week

<https://youtu.be/leYVrGF6QrA>

Nimrod by Edward Elgar, a piece regularly used for Remembrance Day.

And a very good Brass Band!

Weekly Attendance Summary

School attendance for last week was

92.39%

Invitation to be part of **The Study: Aim Higher - a new project to raise the aspiration and attainment of students in Northallerton.**

We have launched a new initiative to encourage and support our students to help them to realise their potential. The Study: Aim Higher will support students in the following ways:

- A weekly lecture slot entitled Study Skills/Masterclass, these will alternate, the study skills sessions will focus on enabling students to study effectively, the masterclasses will be in the core subjects of English, maths and science and will focus on specific areas of difficulty (e.g. natural selection in biology)
- Extended school day - more time spent studying will result in better grades. The Study (aka Lab 5) will be open before school from 7.45 - 8.30am and after school from 3.15-4.45pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for quiet study

In addition, some students will have the opportunity to take part in a mentoring system. The mentors are local volunteers who have undergone rigorous training.

The usual Calendar of Events has a wide range of opportunities, designed to appeal to as many students as possible please click on the following link <http://www.northallertonschool.org.uk/PDFs/The%20Study%20-%20Aim%20Higher%20Calendar%20-%20Autumn%20Term%202017.pdf>

If you are interested in your son/daughter taking part, they simply need to turn up at Lab 5 at the times listed above for Quiet Study and at the Lecture Theatre at 3.30pm on Mondays for the Study Skills/Masterclass sessions.

Miss A Cox

Project Leader - The Study Room

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Zach Haynes Year 9 student has been awarded first prize in the North Yorkshire Moors National Park Young Ranger Award for further details please click on the link <http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/press-office/press-releases/articles2/the-next-generation-of-north-york-moors-national-park-custodians-recognised-with-new-young-rangers-award>

Splendid Productions Metamorphosis

On Monday, 20th November, the Drama department are taking their GCSE and A-Level students to Thirsk School to be part of what has become an annual combined performance event. Thirsk will be hosting Splendid Productions, a nationally renowned theatre company who this year will be performing 'Metamorphosis'. The students will watch the performance and then take part in a workshop that will explore the performance and further develop their practical skills. This is always a highly engaging event with students gaining a lot from the experience.

A poem to honour the lost souls during wars

Salty Tears

We are who we are now and forevermore,
They made us who we are now and forevermore.
Together as one we each stand here today
But one man's tragedy is another man's happiness.

Heat break, war ache whatever it may be,
Across skies, across land, oceans or seas.
Soldiers' salty tears peak
And roll down their cheek.

Away from the world in happiness and devotion,
They have died in action or motion.
Dreading in their sleep
The pain of one to keep.
For they know the they will never again see
Loved ones happiness; glee.

Their solemn, sad faces
Their soft heartbeat,
The whisper of the words "I love you"
They will never speak.

Heartache, war ache whatever if may be,
Across skies, across land, oceans or seas.
Soldiers' salty tears peak
And roll down their cheek.

The crow has cawed they've said their words,
Along he comes riding down the valley, black cloak on and rattling bones

Goodbye forever
Forever I will be gone

By Abbie Wake 7MDi



Lest We Forget.



Kate Bowers
The Careers Advisor
Available on Monday and Friday
lunchtimes Library (college)

MR JOHNSON'S MATHS CHALLENGE

Last Tuesday, Mr Johnson turned the ripe old age of 31, which naturally excited Mr Johnson as this is a prime number. Given that the life expectancy for someone born in 1986 is 74.93 years, how many more times can Mr Johnson expect his age to be a prime number?

Replies to Mr Johnson by Monday 3.30pm at the latest, or you can email him at :

johnson.a@northallertonschool.org.uk

Last week's answer: 0.273972602739726% or 0.2735978112175103% if one accounts for the leap year.

Parent Forums

Parent Forums were introduced in September 2012 and offer an opportunity for parents to learn more about the work of our school. They are relaxed, informal sessions and are held on topics which we hope are relevant and of interest to parents. The first Forum this year will be held on Wednesday 29 November 7.00pm in the main hall at the college site and will be on internet safety and keeping children safe online in general. This will also include details on sexting and the potential consequences which could arise from students taking part in this activity. We have secured the services of PC Andy Collinson from North Yorkshire Police to come and speak to parents about this and I am sure this will be a really informative session for all parents to attend. If you would like to attend, we would be grateful if you would reserve a place(s) by either phoning the school on 01609 773340 or emailing us on enquiries@northallertonschool.org.uk.

The Study Group—Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Title	Time	Venue	For who?
Every Monday	Quiz	University Challenge	12.30-1.00	Lecture Theatre	Years 10-13
Every Wednesday	Club	Debating Society	12.30-1.10	Lecture Theatre	Years 8-13
Every Thursday	Club	Introduction to Psychology	3.30-4.15	School Site W12	Year 7

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