

## From the Head of School

As we arrive at the end of our first half term I thought it was important for me to update you on a couple of areas of our school improvement. We have been busy developing our behaviour strategy to ensure that our systems and processes will enable us to move the school even further forwards. In particular we will be developing our rewards systems and further promoting the school's values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect. Staff are training this week on our new behaviour system and I look forward to sharing this with you after half term. We will be launching this with students through a series of assemblies and will be starting the new system on Monday 18th November.

I have attached with this newsletter the behaviour and expectations presentation that has been shared with all students this morning. It highlights the improvements we are making with behaviour and also reminds everyone of our expectations. Can I encourage you to discuss this with your child to reinforce these key messages.

I have continued to be impressed with the mature and focused attitude of our Year 11 students. I am very pleased with their attendance at revision sessions as they prepare themselves for the first set of Mock exams this year. These examinations start after half term and will run for a period of two weeks. All information about the exam timetable and revision can be found on our website under the student section. I've attached a copy of the timetable to this week's newsletter. Our website also includes an overview of the year ahead in preparation for the public examinations in May. If you need any further information please contact Mr Wilkinson who is responsible for coordinating this work. I wish all of our Year 11 students well in their revision this half term and in the Mock exams.

Finally I'd like to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the school and I wish you all a safe and happy half term break.

Vicki Rahn—Head of School

## Update from Areté Learning Trust

The first half term as an **Areté Learning Trust** academy has certainly been a busy one for Northallerton School and it's been a real pleasure for me as CEO of the trust to meet so many delightful students and work with a highly committed staff cohort here. It's also been very encouraging to talk to the many parents who've been so supportive of the improvement work that is certainly realising results – there's a way to go but we are certainly on the journey and, with your support, will get there!

Thank you to those parents who came along to the redevelopment update evening – Stewart Brennan and I appreciated your contributions and the discussion was useful for us, as well as for you I hope. As I said at that meeting, I shall give parents updates on the re-development project as it progresses. At present there's not much to see though there's a huge amount of work going on in preparation for going out to tender for the work to commence. Mrs Rahn and Mr Wilkinson have been closely involved in ensuring we have the very best allocation of rooms and space to accommodate a growing number of students over the coming years.

You may well have noticed lots of site visits taking place, which have included all the necessary surveys and detailed inspections. We meet regularly with DfE officials as a project team which is led by Stewart Brennan. Design work is progressing well and we are working closely with stakeholders, attending regular meetings to make sure the design meets the demands of the school curriculum, standards and the trust's aspirations for students. A member of the local governing body, Mr Nick Stafford, is closely involved in the planning and is very willing to meet or talk to any parents about the project. He can be contacted via the school.

Best wishes to all families for a safe and refreshing half-term break.

Catherine Brooker — CEO — **Areté Learning Trust**

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# School News

## **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

Last week it was my pleasure to be invited along with Mr Cadell to a presentation at a joint meeting of the Northallerton Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Northallerton Mowbray, given by two of our Y12 students; Laura Reynolds and Jack Hind.

Both students had applied for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) and following an interview process were selected to attend the week-long course which took place in August this year.

The RYLA course is funded by the Rotary Club and the students were invited to their meeting to share their experiences of the course and to answer questions from the club members. The course aims to build students' leadership skills and confidence by exposing them to a range of challenging leadership scenarios.

Both students delivered very engaging and confident presentations and spoke about their experiences of the week and the impact it had had on them, particularly in terms of their leadership skills. Laura and Jack handled the questions from the club members extremely well and even introduced a sense of humour into their presentations!

Sitting at the back of the room, I felt very proud to be associated with the students and our sixth form. Our school is very pleased to be working with both Northallerton Rotary clubs and we look forward to sending future students to experience RYLA.

Mr A. Wilkinson, Deputy Headteacher

## **Maths update**

Since September we have had a vacancy for a teacher of Maths and we are delighted to let you know that we have made a fantastic appointment last week. Mr Atton, who is a highly experienced maths teacher, will be starting with us from January. Mr Atton is a very skilled classroom practitioner and his teaching experience and expertise cover all of our age and ability ranges. In the meantime, Mr Trewick, our new maths cover teacher, has committed to the next 7 weeks up until the end of the autumn term. Mr Trewick is also a very experienced teacher of maths. If you have any concerns about the teaching of maths please contact the Head of Maths Mrs Llewellyn or myself.

Mr A. Wilkinson

## **The Launch of Northallerton School Eco-Council**

Changing weather patterns. Rising sea levels. Increased CO2 emissions. It's time to make a stand! As a school, it is our duty to lead our community into the battle against climate change. Therefore a team of passionate Sixth Formers have created a council that aims to roll out initiatives that will make our school a more eco-friendly place. The initiatives will see the whole school working together to hopefully inspire the wider community to take action. One of our initiatives is to look at introducing school reusable water bottles. More information will be provided in due course. Follow us on Instagram: @nssfco\_eco\_council

*Joseph Mableson,  
13MHE*



## **Karate Kid!**

*I have been learning karate since I was 8 years old. I train three times a week and have achieved my first Kyu Brown belt (which is one step away from black belt).*

*I enjoy working hard at karate. It teaches fitness, strength, balance and other skills such as determination, perseverance and commitment.*

*As a club we compete in many competitions and as an association are really successful. Recently I competed in the North East Open competition in Sunderland and won Bronze.*

*Cole McPhee, 7NEL*

# School News

## SAIL Update

Coaching is up and running! All the students in Years 7 and 8 are having regular coaching sessions. Coaching is where we talk about learning, either one-to-one or in small groups. We have 6<sup>th</sup> form coaches to help us with this and each month we award a '6<sup>th</sup> Form Coach of the Month'. This month, the award goes to Kady Kirby. Kady was nominated by Miss Robson for "Going above and beyond with my base group! Kady has amazing patience and is always ready to help and get stuck in. I am very lucky." Kady wins a Costa voucher for her efforts. She said, "I really enjoy coaching. It is going to be a brilliant skill to put in my UCAS personal statement."

*Miss Cox*  
*Senior Teacher*

## Year 13 Geographers Investigate!

The Year 13 geographers have been out and about in the local area looking at fieldwork techniques for their NEA. They visited the local area and looked at different types of data and collection methods and what the potential problems with them are. They also looked at the sense of place and how as an insider they identify with Northallerton in a way, but looking at the town as an outsider their perspectives changed. They will be shortly visiting Whitby to carry out their investigations - let's hope for good weather!

*Mr Smart*  
*Assistant Head*

## Religious Studies/History Department Trip to France

A residential trip to enrich students' learning of religious studies and history at GCSE and A-level has been organised for the 15th to the 18th February 2020, during the half term holidays. We will spend one day visiting some of the amazing cathedrals and churches that Northern France has to offer and one day visiting battlefields and memorials of the First World War.

The intention is to visit sites such as Rouen Cathedral, the Basilica of St Theresa of Lisieux, the Thiepval Memorial at the Somme, Tyne Cot cemetery, Langemark German cemetery and the Menin Gate. These are incredible and moving places to experience, and we know that students' understanding and appreciation of both subjects will benefit greatly from seeing them.

We estimate that the cost of the trip will be £300 per student to include all transport, accommodation, entry fees, breakfast and evening meals. If you would like your child to join us on the trip, please contact School for a letter and reply slip.

*Ms Bainbridge and Mr Stacey-Chapman*



## Message from Food Technology

Please could we remind parents and carers that students need to bring a large container with a fitted lid to take home food prepared during food technology lessons. The container should be named so that any left behind can be returned to the students. We have a number of containers in the department which need to be collected by students. Thank you.

*Mrs Wilson*  
*Food Technology*

# YEAR 11 TRIAL EXAMS TIMETABLE

	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 4 Nov	English Language Paper - 105 mins (131 mins ET)	Creative iMedia - 75 mins (93 mins ET)
Tue 5 Nov	Maths Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 4 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	<b>Biology Paper 1</b> Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (93 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (131 mins ET)
Wed 6 Nov	French Writing - Higher Tier 75 (93) mins / <b>Foundation Tier</b> 60 (75) mins Spanish Writing - Higher Tier 75 (93) mins / <b>Foundation Tier</b> 60 (75) mins	<b>Chemistry Paper 1</b> Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (93 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (131 mins ET)
Thu 7 Nov	Maths Paper 2 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 5 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	<b>Geography</b> - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
Fri 8 Nov	<b>Physics Paper 1</b> Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (93 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (131 mins ET)	<b>Spanish Listening</b> <u>Higher Tier Only</u> - 45 mins <b>French Listening</b> <u>Higher Tier Only</u> - 45 mins
Mon 11 Nov	<b>Religious Studies</b> - 105 mins (131 mins ET) <b>Design &amp; Technology</b> - 120 mins (150 mins ET)	<b>History Paper 1</b> - 75 mins (93 mins ET)
Tue 12 Nov	<b>English Literature Paper</b> - 105 mins (131 mins ET)	<b>Health &amp; Social Care</b> - 60 mins (75 mins ET) <b>Engineering</b> - 120 mins (150 mins ET)
Wed 13 Nov	<b>Spanish Reading - Higher Tier</b> 60 (75) mins / <b>Foundation Tier</b> 45 (56) mins <b>French Reading - Higher Tier</b> 60 (75) mins / <b>Foundation Tier</b> 45 (56) mins	<b>Maths Paper 3</b> - 90 mins (113 mins ET) <b>Maths Paper 6</b> - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
Thu 14 Nov	<b>PE GCSE Paper 1</b> - 75 mins (93 mins ET) <b>Media Studies</b> - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	<b>History Paper 2</b> - 75 mins (93 mins ET)
Fri 15 Nov	<b>Food Preparation and Nutrition</b> - 105 mins (131 mins ET) <b>Business Studies</b> - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	<b>PE GCSE Paper 2</b> - 75 mins (93 mins ET)
<b>Notes</b>	Formal catch-up sessions will be scheduled for any exams which have a timetable clash or authorised absence.	<b>Exam Access Arrangements</b> All JCQ approved arrangements will be reflected in these exams. All centre delegated access arrangements will be reflected in these exams. All candidates with extra time are to use a blue pen for the extra time segment of their exam.

# General Information

## Year 11 Maths Revision Schedule - Autumn Term 2019

Date	Higher	Room	Foundation	Room
6/11	Surds	B18	Expressions - writing, simplifying, brackets	B19
20/11	Loci and construction	B19	Ratio and Proportion	B12
4/12	Compound Measures	B12	Averages and problems	B18
18/12	Histograms	B18	Pythagoras and Trigonometry	B19

### CATERING NEWS

There will be a change to our menu week commencing 4th November. We will be serving the Tuesday menu on Monday 4th and on Tuesday 5th to celebrate Bonfire Night, we will have a bonfire themed menu.

## BONFIRE NIGHT TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019



HOT-DOGS  
BURGER IN A BUN  
CHEESEY 'CATHERINE  
WHEELS'



ALL SERVED WITH  
FRIES, ONION RINGS  
& BAKED BEANS



TOFFEE APPLE PIE  
SERVED  
WITH TOFFEE SAUCE

Mrs Harris  
Catering Manager

# DIARY DATES

## October

Monday 28th Half Term - School Reopens — Monday 4th November

## November

Monday 4th - Monday 11th GCSE Resits

Monday 4th - Friday 15th Year 11 Mock Exams

Thursday 7th Senior Maths Challenge (KS5)

w/c Monday 11th Year 8 SAIL Celebrations

Wednesday 13th Drive Alive Event

Monday 18th School Photographer - Years 10 - 13, plus catch ups  
(please note date change from Friday 8 November 2019)

Thursday 21st Sixth Form Open Evening - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

w/c Wednesday 25th Year 7 SAIL 'Who Are We' Celebrations

Monday 25th Parents' Forum - 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Thursday 28th Year 11 Mock Results Event, 8.45am - 9.30am

Friday 29th Staff Training Day. School Closed to Students

## December

Monday 2nd PRP1 Years 7 - 13 Issued to Parents

Wednesday 4th Awards Evening, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 5th Year 11 Progress Evening, 3.45pm - 6.45pm

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