

From the Deputy Head of School

On Thursday this week we hosted our GCSE Revision advice and guidance evening for parents of Year 11 students.

A wide range of information regarding this very important exam year was shared with parents including an overview of the school year for Year 11 students, a number of simple but highly effective revision strategies that can be used at home and information about the forthcoming mock examinations.

The Year Ahead for Y11 Students:

w.b. 7/10 Parents' Revision Evening	w.b. 14/10	w.b. 21/10	w.b. 28/10 Half Term	w.b. 4/11 Mock Exams 1	w.b. 11/11 Mock Exams 1	w.b. 18/11 Sixth Form Open Evening (Thurs)	w.b. 25/11 Mock Results Day (Thurs)	w.b. 2/12 PRP1 Published (Mon) Progress evening (Thurs)	w.b. 9/12	w.b. 16/12
w.b. 23/12 Christmas Holiday	w.b. 30/12 Christmas Holiday	w.b. 6/1	w.b. 13/1	w.b. 20/1	w.b. 27/1 Mock Exams 2	w.b. 3/2 Mock Exams 2	w.b. 10/2	w.b. 17/2 Half Term Revision Programme	w.b. 24/2 PRP2 Published (Wed)	w.b. 2/3
w.b. 9/3	w.b. 16/3	w.b. 23/3	w.b. 30/3	w.b. 6/4 Easter Holidays (No revision programme)	w.b. 13/4 Easter Holidays Revision Programme	w.b. 20/4	w.b. 27/4	w.b. 4/5	w.b. 11/5 Main External Exams Start	w.b. 18/5
w.b. 25/5 Half Term Revision Programme	w.b. 1/6	w.b. 8/6 Last Day of main GCSE exams – Friday 12/6	w.b. 15/6	w.b. 22/6 Contingency Day 24 th June	w.b. 29/6	w.b. 6/7	w.b. 13/6			

We were delighted to welcome Paul Cullen from 'Compass Buzz' who spoke to parents about exam stress and anxiety and how to support their children through what can be a difficult year. His talk was very well timed as Thursday was also world mental health day. Paul handed out information about a text messaging service that can be accessed by young people who live in North Yorkshire - shown here.

Following the main presentation in the hall, parents then had the opportunity to visit curriculum leaders who shared more specific advice and guidance about revision strategies, resources and web-based revision.

In the spring term we will be running a similar event for parents of Year 10 students.

Over the next week, I will be updating our school website to include the materials which were shared on Thursday so that parents who were unable to attend can access them.

Mr A. Wilkinson, Deputy Headteacher.

BUZZ US is a text messaging service run by **Compass BUZZ** for young people aged 11-18 who live in North Yorkshire

Text a wellbeing worker on 07520 631168

If you are experiencing any of the following:

- Bullying
- Anxiety
- Self Harm
- Eating Problems
- Low Mood
- Stress
- Self Harm
- Emotionless

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School News

Creative Writing - Success Story!

Over the summer, we entered some of our English students into a creative writing competition called 'Young Writers' Survival Sagas: Mission Chaos'. From 18,000 entries, lots of our students have been selected to have their work published. Letters have been sent out to parents to request permission to publish work. The students are:

*Izzy Jack, Beau Barber, Scarlet Hugill
Paige Davies, Phoebe Smith, Isaac Mottram Leah
Wilkinson, Elisha James, Keiran Costick Florrie
Rayfield, Charlie Robson
Harley Smith, Elle Fielding, Kane Dancy, Tamzin
Upward, Holly Harker, Theo Daniel, Sebastian
Briggs, Paris Clark, Izzy Wood James Wilkin, Oscar
Cullen, Helen Wood
Robbie Moffat, Angus West-Mackenzie
Aidan Leahy, Lilia Smith, Taryn Lincoln
Jennifer Harvey, Rebecca Wake, Harry Bell,
Harrison Greenfield, Elizabeth Chandler
Ami Abhilash

Mr N Watkins
English Department*



Parent Governor Election

The school is seeking to appoint a parent governor to the school's Local Governing Body.

A letter outlining the process was sent via email to all parents/carers last week and is also available on the school website.

If you are interested, please request a nomination form by email to:

bramley.l@northallertonschool.org.uk

The closing date for nominations is **10.00am on Friday 18th October 2019.**

Year 6 Views on Joining NSSFC

At our recent Year 6 Open Evening, Lola Robson and Holly Morton both of 9GCA interviewed parents and students about their views on coming to Northallerton School & Sixth Form College in September next year.

Holly and Lola spoke to Jack from Alverton School, whose older brother Harry already attends NSSFC. He said he was looking forward to joining NSSFC and in particular ICT which was his favourite subject.

From Brompton Primary School, Naomi's younger sister said she was looking forward to meeting new friends and that her favourite subjects were maths and art.

Maddie from Alverton said that she and all of her friends were looking forward to coming here. She loves maths, science and English. Both her parents are chefs and her eldest sister is going to university to study English.

Lucas from Romanby School is looking forward to art. He is also looking forward to the new school building at the Allertonshire School site. He asked if it would be possible to have a skate park and an aquarium at the new site.

Max from Romanby School loves maths and music and is looking forward to the food on offer in the canteen.

Josh from Appleton Wiske is looking forward to science, particularly the Bunsen burners, football, cricket and sleeping!

Bea, Thomas and Charlie from Great Smeaton are looking forward to PE and maths and science and Esme from Osmotherley is looking forward to science, food, tech, P.E. and (hopefully) a trampoline park.

Holly and Lola were impressed by the enthusiasm and ideas expressed by the Year 6 students. Thank you to our budding reporters!

*Mrs G Cadwallader
English Department*



LETTERS HOME

*Year 13 Progress Evening
School Closure Letter*

If you require a paper copy, please contact school.

School News

A warm welcome to Northallerton School Sixth Form!

We spoke to three Year 12 students about their experiences as new starters in the Sixth Form.

Lucy Gardner studies psychology, business studies and English.

Why did you choose Northallerton Sixth Form?

'I chose Northallerton because of its ideal location – it is easy to get to, which makes a big difference to my studies as the commute is not too long. I also already came to school here and so knew the teachers as well as other students staying on to do A-Levels.'

What are you enjoying about the Sixth Form?

'I really enjoy the social element of Sixth Form and spending time with my friends in the common room. Psychology is also a new subject to me and I am enjoying the fresh challenge it brings.'

What are you hoping to do after Sixth Form?

'I will probably go to university, although I am not sure what to study yet!'

Harry Lewis-Purnell studies psychology, English literature and applied science.

Why did you choose Northallerton Sixth Form?

'I chose Northallerton for the small class sizes. This means that the teacher has more time to help us independently.'

What are you enjoying about the Sixth Form?

'I am enjoying the extra freedoms being at Sixth Form brings. I enjoy being responsible for my own workload and having study days.'

What are you hoping to do after Sixth Form?

'I am interested in pursuing a career in either mechanical engineering or perhaps public services.'

Emma Lawn studies PE, psychology and health & social care.

Why did you choose Northallerton Sixth Form?

'I chose Northallerton because of the excellent teachers who I knew would be teaching the subjects I have chosen. The class sizes are also far smaller than at QE, which makes for more personalised teaching. It also helps that it is close to home.'

What are you enjoying about the Sixth Form?

'I'm really enjoying my studies – especially PE. I'm also enjoying spending time with my friends in the common room.'

What are you hoping to do after Sixth Form?

'I would like to study policing so that I can study and train to be a Police Officer at the same time. It is a three-year course and I'm looking forward to it as it is also a paid course!'

Mrs H Barclay
Assistant Head of Sixth Form

General Information

CATERING NEWS

'Treat Friday'

A reminder of our October treats:

11th October - Churros

18th October - Pain-au-chocolat

25th October - Belgian waffles with banana, ice cream and chocolate sauce, or strawberries, ice cream and strawberry sauce

National School Meals Week 2019

National School Meals Week runs from the 11th to the 15th November, 2019.

Last year, we celebrated this event by offering all students a free meal on the Friday if they purchased any meal-deal from Monday to Thursday. This means that all students can get a week of school meals for only £9.60. The offer is for all students but in particular we would love those students who bring a packed lunch, or buy their food elsewhere to come and try our delicious range of home made meals.

Please look out for further details in next week's newsletter.

Mrs A Harris
Catering Manager

Johnson Group - 11th October 2019

Debate: *How should the government spend its money?* 3.15pm in A7. Open to all

Student Photographs

Phototronics were in School on Wednesday 9th October to take individual photographs of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students. Proofs will be available to parents/carers soon.

If any students missed the opportunity, there will be another chance on Friday 9th November when the company return to photograph students in Years 10 to 13.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our extra-curricular booklet has been updated for the Autumn term and is available to view on our website. To see what we offer, CTRL&click on the link below:

[Extra-curricular Activities - Autumn Term](#)

LGBT+ Students' Forum

In the Reading Room, Wednesdays of Week 2, from 3.20 pm to 4.10 pm

Upcoming Events:

16th October - Quiz (with music round)

6th November - Outside Guest Speaker (TBA)

20th November - Age 14+ Discussion/Information Session (MESMAC)

4th December - Making Christmas/Holiday Cards (Amnesty International)

18th December - Film and Popcorn Social



Year 11 Trial Exams Timetable

4th - 15th November 2019

	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 4 Nov	English Language Paper - 105 mins (131 mins ET)	Drama - 60 mins (75 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)	Biology Paper 1 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 / Foundation Tier 60 (75) mins Spanish Writing - Higher Tier 75 (93) mins / Foundation Tier 60 (75) mins	Chemistry Paper 1 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)	Geography - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
Fri 8 Nov	Physics Paper 1 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (93 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (131 mins ET)	Spanish Listening <i>Higher Tier Only</i> - 45 mins French Listening <i>Higher Tier Only</i> - 45 mins
Mon 11 Nov	Religious Studies - 105 mins (131 mins ET) Design & Technology - 120 mins (150 mins ET)	History Paper 1 - 75 mins (93 mins ET)
Tue 12 Nov	English Literature Paper - 105 mins (131 mins ET)	Health & Social Care - 60 mins (75 mins ET) Engineering - 120 mins (150 mins ET)
Wed 13 Nov	Spanish Reading - Higher Tier 60 (75) mins / Foundation Tier 45 (56) mins French Reading - Higher Tier 60 (75) mins / Foundation Tier 45 (56) mins	Maths Paper 3 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 6 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
Thu 14 Nov	PE GCSE Paper 1 - 75 mins (93 mins ET) Media Studies - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	History Paper 2 - 75 mins (93 mins ET)
Fri 15 Nov	Food Preparation and Nutrition - 105 mins (131 mins ET) Business Studies - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	PE GCSE Paper 2 - 75 mins (93 mins ET)
Notes	Formal catch-up sessions will be scheduled for any exams which have a timetable clash or authorised absence.	Exam Access Arrangements 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.

DIARY DATES

October

- Wednesday 16th 'Restart a Heart' for Year 7
- Thursday 17th Year 13 Progress Evening - 3.45pm - 5.45pm
- Friday 25th School Closed—1.25pm to students
- 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)
- Friday 8th School Photographer - Years 10 - 13
- w/c Monday 11th Year 8 SAIL Celebrations
- Wednesday 13th Drive Alive Event
- 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

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