

From the Head of School

We have reminded all students this week of the school rules regarding the use of mobile phones. This is the message we have shared with all students and parents by text:

Students are allowed to use their phones at social times: break and lunch time. Before each social time ends phones MUST be switched off and not be visible.

If directed by the teacher phones can be used during lessons but must be switched off and put away at the end of the lesson.

As stated in our **HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT:**

'As a student, I will make a commitment to: not use phones or other mobile devices except at break or lunch time or as directed by a class teacher.

Students **MUST** switch off their phones as they enter the school site. Students **MUST** not use their phones at lesson change over. Any phones that are visible when coming on to site or moving between lessons will be confiscated. Students will be able to collect their phone at the end of the school day, from reception.

Students refusing to hand over their phone will be given an appropriate consequence. Repeated persistence to hand over a phone will result in a phone call home and a further consequence.

The school will take appropriate action if any student is found filming or distributing images of other students or staff, without permission.

EFFECTIVE AS OF: FRIDAY 24.01.20

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Our weekly newsletter will be ending at the end of January and we will be moving to a half termly newsletter. We intend to increase our use of social media and our website to communicate our day to day news for parents. Details of these are:

<https://www.northallertonschool.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NSandSFC/>

Within this newsletter there is some important information about our focus on attendance this week. Please can you read and discuss with your child.

Finally I look forward to seeing parents at our Parents' Forum meeting on Monday 27th January at 5.30pm in the main hall. All parents are welcome to attend and are invited to contribute to our focus groups on the quality of education and the developments of the school site.

Mrs V Rahn

LETTERS HOME

You should have received, or your child should have brought home the following letter this week:

Year 9 Options Evening Letter
Year 11 Trial Exam Information Letter

If you require a paper copy, please contact school.

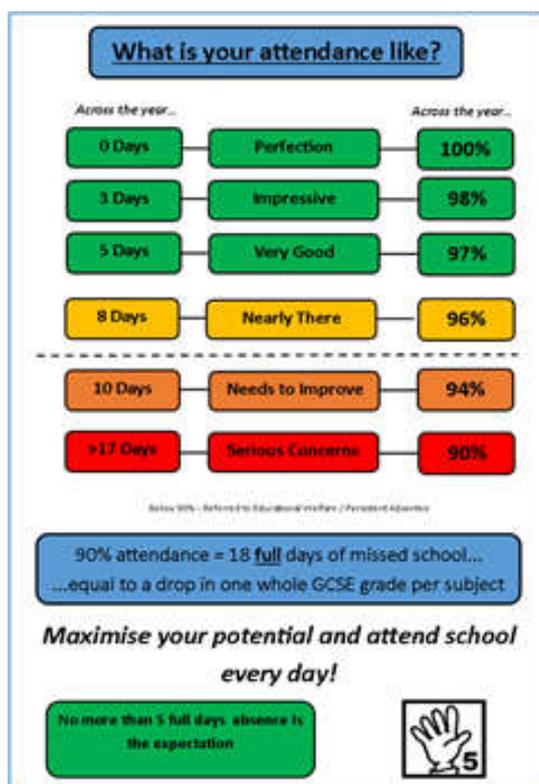
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Attendance Matters!



We want all students at our school to get the most out of their education, and attending school regularly is an important part of your child's education.

Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life. Poor school attendance damages educational achievement and the future progress of young people. Promoting and supporting good attendance at school is essential to learning and attainment.

This week we are beginning our whole school attendance campaign, which aims to encourage students to attend school regularly and to understand what having good attendance means to their future life chances. All year groups have received assemblies about why attendance matters. These will be followed up with activities, during our tutorial programme, which will help students to consider the impact of poor attendance.

We recognise that many of our students have excellent attendance and we will be taking every opportunity to celebrate positive attendance, with our rewards system, which includes issuing weekly 100% attendance postcards to those students who have attended school all week. Students whose attendance falls below the expected 96%, will be given support and guidance to help them to achieve the target goal of 96% to 100% attendance, each half term.

Your support is critical in ensuring your child has excellent attendance by ensuring your child/children attend school, on time, everyday. Where possible, we ask that dental or medical appointments are arranged for outside of school hours. If this is not possible, we ask that students return to school if the appointment is in the morning or middle of the school day. We also ask that, as per government guidelines, any family holidays are taken during school holidays.

If you do have any queries or questions about attendance, please contact your child's tutor or their Head of Year.

We thank you for your continued support.

Mr J Brown
Lead Practitioner
Areté Learning Trust

School News

From the Deputy Head of School

This term we will be asking all of our Year 9 students to decide which option courses they would like to study in Year 10 and Year 11. Whilst much of the curriculum is fixed, we will be asking students to select four additional option courses which may have a bearing on post-16 choices and beyond.

To help students make an informed decision, we are inviting Y9 students and their parents to our Options Evening on Thursday 13 February 2020. The evening will begin at 6:30pm with an introduction and presentation from myself on the options available and the process for making the choices. Students and parents will then have the opportunity to visit the subject rooms where teachers of each option subject will be on hand to discuss their courses and offer practical advice about what to expect.

Some of the courses on offer are not taught at Key Stage 3 and for these courses we will be organising taster lessons for Y9 students. These taster lessons will happen before students submit their final option choices. We thank parents at the most recent parents' forum for putting forward the idea of running Y9 taster lessons - we value what you as parents and carers tell us and we will always try to take on board your comments and suggestions in moving our school forward.

Mr A. Wilkinson

WANTED !

**YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU!
HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?
ARE YOU....**

Friendly, cheerful, reliable and polite?
Energetic, enthusiastic and full of ideas?
Keen to help other pupils and staff?
A good team worker?
Calm under pressure?

We need you to play an exciting and important role in the day to day running of your school library.

Pupil librarians work at break and lunchtime in the library and work closely with the library staff and other pupil assistants.

Full training will be given.

Visit the library for more details and an application form.

Diabetic Training - Tuesday 28 January 2020

For sports coaches or anyone who is looking after children with type 1 diabetes in a sporting environment, a one off session 6.15pm-7.15pm in A7. If you would like to join us, please contact Mr S Wright.

French Trip - July 2020

By now £285 should have been paid towards the trip, another payment of £100 is due end of January 2020. If there is any issue please let Mrs Winn know. Thank you.

School News

Last week our Year 7 and 8 base coaches met with our volunteer coaches to share what is working well and support each other. We try to make sure that every student in Year 7 and 8 has a 1:1 conversation with an adult or a sixth form coach on a regular basis. Research suggests that conversations about learning inspire students to consider where they are now; where they want to be and what steps they might need to get there. We are very grateful to our volunteers who give of their time so generously and we are always on the lookout for more. If you think you have the time, we would be delighted to hear from you. We would give you training and support you in your role. Our current volunteers say they really enjoy their visits, that it is lovely to talk with our young people and a pleasure to make a difference. Please do contact me via the office if you are interested.

In our Learning for Life lessons we have been talking about Choices and what kind of choices we need to make to help us stick to our New Year's Resolutions. We have been encouraging our students to think about the consequences (good and bad) of the choices that we make.

Reminder that Year 8 Progress Evening is Thursday 30 January 2020. Your child should have brought home a letter and appointment sheet. Your child needs to take responsibility for booking appointments with their individual teachers. Your child is encouraged to attend appointments with you and it is useful for them to think beforehand about what is going well, what they need to improve and any questions or worries they might have.

The Year 8 deadline for their Inspiration Mission is at the end of this week 24 January 2020. Year 7 have one more week, a 31st January 2020 deadline for their Global Citizens group work.

Anna Cox - Senior Teacher



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL TEAM PROGRESS TO THE QUARTER FINALS OF COUNTY CUP



On Thursday 16 January 2020, our Year 8 boys football team travelled to SFX school in the last 16 of the County Cup. On a very cold and wet afternoon the boys found themselves 1-0 down after ten minutes, after failing to clear the ball. However, Lennon Harland then equalised with a well taken free kick from 20 yards out. The team were now playing well and Jimmy Bury made it 2-1, when he cut in from the left and side footed the ball home. Against the run of play, and some poor marking, we allowed SFX back into the game, as they equalised shortly before half time. The second half saw us defend much better, and enjoy the majority of possession. Although at times we looked to be struggling to break down SFX, Sam Archer popped up at the back post, to give us a deserved 3-2 lead. It was then a case of soaking up SFX pressure, before a second Sam Archer goal sealed the victory with 5 minutes to go.



A great performance, where the team showed a lot of character and resilience.



Well Done - Mr Myers



General Information

MATHS REVISION

Dates	Higher	Room	Foundation	Room
15/1	Quadratics - factorising, formula, completing	B19	Percentage change inc compound interest	B12
29/1	Volume - inc cylinders, spheres, frustrums	B12	Scatter graphs	B18
12/2	Circle	B18	Solving Equations	B19
4/3	Graphs - drawing, interpreting	B19	Probability	B12

EQUIPMENT FOR YEAR 11 MATHS MOCK EXAM

A reminder from the Maths department that all students require the following equipment for their mock exams over the next fortnight, as well as a black pen and pencil.

Scientific calculator (needed for 1st and 3rd paper)
Ruler
Protractor
Compass

THANK YOU
MRS D LLEWELLYN

CATERING NEWS

'Treat Friday'

31 January 2020 - Hot-Dogs, fries, beans and onion rings.

'Theme Days'

To celebrate Chinese New Year we will be holding a Chinese Theme Day on Thursday 30 January 2020. Below is the menu. Please look out for posters with details of our Theme Days and also the weekly updates in Parents' Newsletter and on the school Facebook page.



SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN
BEEF IN BLACK BEAN SAUCE
BBQ SPARE RIBS
VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS
SERVED WITH EGG FRIED RICE AND STIR
FRIED VEGETABLES
PINEAPPLE FRITTERS AND SYRUP

ParentPay

Please can we ask that if you use ParentPay to top up a students lunch account, where possible it is done before 10.00am. Although ParentPay updates every few minutes with our cashless system, depending on the time of day it can sometimes take longer than usual and does not show on our system straight away.

HEGARTY MATHS

Can I start by thanking parents/carers and students for their patience while we resolved issues with Hegarty over the past few week. I met with a Hegarty representative last week and it should now be up and running normally again. The Maths department will be relaunching Hegarty homework with KS4 students over the next week, explaining how to get logins if needed and best practices for completing homework. It is however, available for all students to use in order to support and develop their maths learning. The best practise for completing Hegarty homework is to ensure students watch the video given for the exercise and make notes on how to work questions out, they should then use these notes to compete their task writing down their working out as needed. If any student is struggling to complete their homework the first step should be to re-watch the video, it can be watched as many times as a student needs to understand the concept.

Thank You - The Maths Department

Year 11 Trial Exam Timetable

	Morning	Afternoon
Mon 27 Jan	English Language - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Health & Social Care - 60 mins (75 mins ET) Drama - 60 mins (75 mins ET) GCSE PE Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) History Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Creative iMedia - 75 mins (94 mins ET)
Tue 28 Jan	Biology Paper 1 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Health & Social Care - 60 mins (75 mins ET) Drama - 60 mins (75 mins ET) History Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Geography Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Business Studies Paper 2 - 60 mins (75 mins ET)
Wed 29 Jan	Chemistry Paper 1 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Maths Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 4 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
Thu 30 Jan	Physics Paper 1 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Religious Studies Paper 1 - 105 mins (132 mins ET) Music - 105 mins (132 mins ET) Geography Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Creative iMedia - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Drama - 60 mins (75 mins ET)
Fri 31 Jan	Maths Paper 2 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 5 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)	French Reading - (F) 45 mins / (H) 60 mins Listening - (F) 35 mins / (H) 45 mins
Mon 3 Feb	English Literature - 135 mins (169 mins ET)	GCSE PE Paper 2 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) Business Studies Paper 1 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
Tue 4 Feb	Biology Paper 2 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Spanish Reading - (F) 45 mins / (H) 60 mins Listening - (F) 35 mins / (H) 45 mins
Wed 5 Feb	Chemistry Paper 2 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Maths Paper 3 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Maths Paper 6 - 90 mins (113 mins ET)
Thu 6 Feb	Physics Paper 2 Combined Science Trilogy - 75 mins (94 mins ET) 11SC1 & 11SC2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET)	Spanish Writing - (F) 60 mins Business Studies Paper 2 - 60 mins (75 mins ET) History Paper 2 - 75 mins (94 mins ET)
Fri 7 Feb	Religious Studies Paper 2 - 105 mins (132 mins ET) History Paper 1 - 75 mins (94 mins ET) French Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins Spanish Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins Business Studies Paper 1 90 mins (113 mins ET)	Geography Paper 2 - 90 mins (113 mins ET) Spanish Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins French Writing - (F) 60 mins / (H) 75 mins Business Studies Paper 2 - 60 mins (75 mins ET)
Notes		Exam Access Arrangements
Formal catch-up sessions will be scheduled for any exams which have a timetable clash or authorised absence.		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.

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BOOK FAIR

Will run from Monday 10 February 2010 until Thursday 14 February 2020

Students from Year 7 and Year 8 will attend with their English teacher

Other years are welcome at break and lunchtime

DIARY DATES

January

- Monday 27th Year 11 Trial Exams commence (end Friday 7th February)
Parents' Forum, 5.30pm - 6.30pm - All welcome
- Tuesday 28th Read and Write Parent/Carer Workshop
- Wednesday 29th PRP2 Years 12 - 13 Published to Parents
- Thursday 30th Year 8 Progress Evening, 3.45pm - 6.15pm

February

- w/c Monday 3rd Year 8 SAIL Inspiration Celebrations
- Thursday 6th Intermediate Maths Challenge KS4
- w/c Monday 10th Year 7 Global Citizens Celebrations
- Thursday 13th Year 9 Options Evening, 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Friday 14th Sixth Form Taster Day
- Friday 14th School closes for half term
- Monday 24th School re-opens
- Tuesday 25th Year 9 Vaccinations MENACWY and DTP (TBC)
- Wednesday 26th PRP2 Year 11 - Published to parents/carers
- Thursday 27th Year 7 Progress Evening 3.45pm-6.15pm

March

- Thursday 5th Year 12 Progress Evening 3.45pm-5.45pm

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