

Head of School's Weekly Update 28 May 2021

FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 STUDENTS

We would like to say a final thank you and farewell to all of our Year 11 and Year 13 students leaving us today. It has certainly been a turbulent year, but we are hugely proud of you all, through everything you have shown amazing resilience and strength of character. We wish you all well for the future and look forward to seeing you on Results Day.

NEW SITE DEVELOPMENTS

Despite the challenges presented by the ongoing pandemic, our new school build at Brompton Road is progressing to schedule. Our new Sixth Form Centre and science block will be complete by the end of June with the remainder of the works completing mid-August.

The site will be transferred to the school in stages from the beginning of July at which point the physical move from Grammar School Lane commences.

We remain confident that the new school will be fully operational by the start of the new teaching year in September.

We would like to thank our building contractors, Moody Construction (Northallerton) and Portakabin (York) for their exceptional efforts in keeping the project on track during these unprecedented times.



New DT block



New dining room



New Sixth Form Centre



New science block

YEAR 13 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

This morning we held our Year 13 leavers' assembly. Many students received awards including the Cuthbert Cross which was awarded to two very deserving students who represent our school values of friendship, excellence and respect. The students who received the awards were Laura and Sam.



YEAR 10s ARRANGEMENTS AFTER HALF TERM

In preparation for the move to our new site we will begin moving furniture out of the science laboratories after half-term. This means that from Monday 7th June, Year 10 will move into their new pod area which is the current Year 11 pod in the maths area. On the morning of 7th June Year 10 students will therefore need to enter the school at the side entrance on Crosby Road opposite the police station. They will no longer enter the school through the main student entrance.

Since Year 10 will be using their own entrance and exit we will no longer need to stagger the time at which they finish school. Therefore from Monday 7th June, Year 10 students will finish school at the standard time of 3:15pm.

YEAR 10 AND YEAR 12 EXAMS

Year 10 exams will take place as soon as we return after the half-term break. Year 12 exams will run during the week beginning Monday 21st June. The general timetables for both sets of exams can be accessed by students and parents/carers [here](#). We will communicate the outcomes of these exams to parents/carers as part of the PRP3 (Progress Report Point 3) which is scheduled to be released during the week beginning 5th July.

PRIMARY VISITS

Year 7 students Yasmen and Billy and Year 9 student Josh visited Alverton, their primary school, with Miss Cox and Mr Crane. We spent time with the Year 6s, answering their questions about transition and our new school. They were very excited about joining our school community.

YEAR 7/8/9 SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS

Parents of Year 7, 8 and 9 students will have the opportunity to book appointments with their child's subject teachers on Thursday 17th and Thursday 24th June between 3.30pm-6.00pm. We will be using our online parents evening system which has been successfully used for our recent Year 10 and Year 12 consultations. Parents will receive further information, including how to book appointments, during the week beginning 7th June.

FESTIVAL OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ARTS



Today, 28th May, we are proudly contributing to the National Festival of School and College Arts that is taking over social media all day. The festival's aim is to flood Twitter and social media with

images and examples of the arts that have taken place this year in schools, in the face of adversity under the current COVID restrictions. We want to help highlight our students' great work and help shine a light on the Arts that have been sorely missed over the last year. Using #EduArtsFest we will be posting a range of work from our students across Art, Drama and Music. Please help show your own support by sharing and retweeting our #nssf posts.

AVALON WALL HANGING

The Year 7 Art Ambassadors are continuing to work on their tactical wall hanging for The Avalon Group. The Avalon Group is a registered day service for older adults in Northallerton with a range of needs such as dementia. Our students are creating a textile wall hanging for their new premises. The group have

developed a sea theme and have been exploring and experimenting with various textiles techniques. Students are working every Week 1 Tuesday after school on the group piece and we are really pleased with the progress that is being made.

MATHS ASSESSMENTS - YEAR 10

Please ensure your child has a Scientific Calculator (we recommend the Casio ClassWiz available from Tesco, WHSmith and Amazon and costing about £12) for their assessments. Their first maths assessment is Monday 7th June. Many thanks. Maths Faculty

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Although we are saying goodbye to our Year 13s we will still be providing support after half term. This is a summary of the support available.

Week beginning 7th June

[Y13 - Online podcasts and lectures June 2021](#)

Wed 9/6/21, PM - Managing on a budget (sign up needed) KRe -

Please email

redpath.k@northallertonschool.org.uk if you wish to attend this activity

Week beginning 14th June

[Y13 - Online podcasts and lectures June 2021](#)

Wed 16/6/21, PM - Cooking on a budget (sign up needed) AMc

Please email

redpath.k@northallertonschool.org.uk if you wish to attend this activity

Week beginning 21st June

[Y13 - Online podcasts and lectures June 2021](#)

Wed 23/6/21, PM - Managing on a budget (sign up needed) KRe

Please email

redpath.k@northallertonschool.org.uk if you wish to attend this activity

Week beginning 28th June

[Y13 - Online podcasts and lectures June 2021](#)

Wed 30/6/21, PM - Cooking on a budget (sign up needed) AMc

Please email

redpath.k@northallertonschool.org.uk if you wish to attend this activity

Half term is an ideal opportunity for rest and recuperation, but we would encourage all our Year 12 students sitting mock exams to take some time over the half term break to begin the revision process if they have not already started. A good place to start would be to create a revision or study timetable for the upcoming weeks ahead.

COVID - UPDATE

We have had **no** positive COVID cases reported in our school community this week.

Students should continue to carry out a Lateral Flow Test at home on a Sunday night and a Wednesday night during the half term holidays and report these home test results to the NHS on <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and also to the school by using the following link <https://forms.gle/csVPoVWY8wYoUbvL9>.

We would ask that if your child receives a positive test result that you contact the school as soon as possible so that we can track and trace and quickly identify any close contacts. During the half term holidays this can be done by emailing the school on response@northallertonschool.org.uk which will be monitored. The household will also need to isolate and a PCR test should be arranged for your child at a local testing centre as soon as possible.

Please note that if your child is showing symptoms of COVID (temperature, cough, loss of taste or smell) then a PCR test needs to be arranged at a testing centre and you should not use a home LFT. Thank you for your continued support with this. Updated DfE guidance for parents can be viewed [here](#)

We have also included a link [here](#) to a blog about the importance of testing and reporting which also features further guidance and common questions and details financial support available to parents whose children are asked to self isolate after contact with a positive case.

Our COVID risk assessment has been updated and is available on our website - this can also be accessed [here](#).

LFT PACKS - YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 STUDENTS

Students in Year 11 and Year 13 have been issued this week with a further pack of 7 Lateral Flow Tests to enable them to continue to test at home. If you would like further packs after these are used, then these can be collected from the school.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Year 10

An email was sent out earlier in the week inviting bronze participants to attend the training sessions taking place after the half term break. These sessions will take place on a Wednesday after school and aim to ensure invited participants are well prepared for their bronze qualifying expedition. The expedition will take place on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th July. Please could parents respond to the google form by next Friday (04/06/21). Thank you.

Year 11

Participants who took part and successfully completed their bronze expedition earlier in the month, presented their expedition aim to a small audience this week. This was the final section of their bronze award. Congratulations to all participants.

Year 12

An email was sent last week explaining the arrangements for the training sessions taking place after the half term break. Please could parents respond to the google form by today (28/05/21). Thank you.

YEAR 7 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

It was another huge achievement by Year 7 this week, with over 20 more students achieving their Bronze Personal Development Awards. We can't wait to hand out all these Bronze Award certificates! 'Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in, day out.'

YEAR 7 WARHAMMER CLUB

The Year 7 Warhammer Club got underway this week with 13 very keen students eager to find out what it's all about. Will M and Will I got us underway with a fantastic explanation of what warhammering is all about. First you need to build your gaming pieces by turning this



into this



Once assembly and painting got underway you couldn't hear a pin drop. The focus on painting in such an intricate way was a pleasure to behold.

Over the next few weeks students will complete all the gaming pieces then start to learn about the strategic play needed to be a successful warhammer gamer. Once the finer details of game play have been developed we are planning to create a fabulous gaming board complete with derelict buildings and fake grass. This will be accomplished by developing the students' skills with the help of the DT department using the CAD and CAM facilities, laser cutting and 3D printing.

So watch this space for regular updates and photos to see the progress. I can't wait for the 3D printing and teaching our students to use processes that could lead to a career in this new and emerging field. Request - if anyone has any surplus warhammer equipment or models that are no longer required, we would be grateful to receive any donation with the assurance that they will be put to good use. Thank you
Mr Taylor