

Head of School's Fortnightly Update 17 September 2021

A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD CRANE, CEO OF THE ARETE LEARNING TRUST

A warm welcome back to all of our students across the trust and I hope you have had a great summer with family and friends. I know that staff across our three schools are working really hard to ensure that we get the new academic year off to the best possible start and I would urge you to make the most of all of the educational opportunities that are on offer in our schools and make the most of your potential in every way. Have a really good Autumn term and be the best that you can be!

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I would like to congratulate everyone on a fabulous first week and a half - students have been outstanding. It has been an absolute pleasure to introduce everyone to our fantastic new site and we are really pleased with how well everyone is settling into our new routines. Our staff have commented on the positivity, conduct and excellent engagement with learning in lessons that all students have shown. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined our school community this year. Our Year 7 students have adapted well to the secondary school environment and we are all very pleased with their start to their secondary school journey.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

The school telephone number remains unchanged 01609 773340. The reception is open between 8.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Our new email address for the school has however changed. If you need to contact the school please email northallerton@arete.uk

Should you wish to meet with a member of staff, we would ask that you make an appointment first as staff will be unable to meet with you without a prior arrangement.

Could we please also remind all parents that the only visitor reception is at Arbor.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30/09/2021 Flu immunisations Y7-Y11
30/09/2021 Year 6 Open Evening 6.00pm-8.00pm
07/10/2021 Y11 Progress Evening (virtual)

SAFEGUARDING

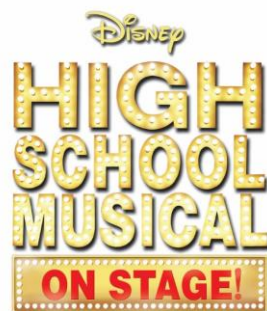
As we start the new academic year, we, as a school, are keen to not only support our students in their academic endeavours but also in their mental health and wellbeing.

We would also like to encourage both parents and students to reach out if they feel they need help or advice. We are keen to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child feels safe and happy. To this end I would actively encourage you to get in touch with your child's Tutor/Head of Year should you be concerned in any way and we can then work together to resolve any issues and support you and your child.

Our latest online safety newsletter was emailed earlier this week and will also be available to view on our website.

Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs [S Bell](#)

The Northallerton School Production



March 22-24, 2022

After teasing our next school production over the summer, the Expressive Arts Faculty are excited to officially announce that next March we will be 'Breaking Free' and transporting you to East High School, for Disney's 'High School Musical'.

Rehearsals begin in earnest after school on Monday 20th September in Arbor Hall from 3.30pm-5.00pm and are open to all students from Year 7-13. If students missed the reveal on Monday, they are still

more than welcome to come along and be part of the production - the more the merrier!
We're all in this together!

PARENTPAY

Since returning back to school we have unfortunately been experiencing some problems with Parent Pay. Due to a technical issue Parent Pay has not been connecting with the school's cashless system. Although the payment had shown as being paid on Parent Pay it had not been credited to the student's account so had not shown on our system. I am pleased to say that this has now been rectified. We have been making a note of what a student purchased each day and have now deducted this from their account. It will show on Parent Pay that a student has purchased all the items in one day but the items shown are what they had previously purchased and not made payment for as we were unable to deduct it.

We would like to apologise for any inconvenience. As a small gesture we did give all students who came in for a lunch on Friday 10th September a free meal.

COVID - UPDATE

We have had a small number of positive COVID cases reported in school so it is really important that students continue to carry out a Lateral Flow Test at home on a Sunday night and a Wednesday night and to inform the school of any positive test results on 01609 773340 and email us on northallerton@arete.uk.

If you receive a positive LFT result you should arrange for a PCR test for your child as soon as possible and your child should self isolate until the result is received.

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. This also applies if your child is sent home with COVID symptoms. The child should self isolate until the result is received.

Thank you for your continued support with this which helps to keep our whole community safe. Should your child need to self isolate because of a positive COVID result, work will be available for them to access via google classroom.

YEAR 11 PROGRESS EVENING

The Year 11 progress evening will take place on Thursday 7th October between 3:30pm and 6pm. We will be using our SchoolCloud online platform to run the meetings. This software was used in the summer term and we received very positive feedback from both parents and staff. Booking instructions will be sent out shortly to parents via email.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD UPDATE

This weekend our Year 11 DofE students are undertaking their bronze award expedition, which they have been preparing for since June. We wish all 31 students taking part all the very best and hope they enjoy the two days.

Running alongside this is the Year 13 silver award practice expedition, with eight students involved. This provides these students an opportunity to develop their skills in preparation for their three day expedition taking place later in the month. Fingers crossed the weather stays fine for both expeditions. Next Wednesday (22/09/21) we will be launching the DofE silver award to our Year 12 students during registration. Students can register their interest by completing the Google Form posted on the Year 12 Google Classroom - available from Wednesday.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The first meeting of the 6th Form Arete Student Leaders took place this week, we look forward to the roll out of their plans for student leadership across the trust.

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Our Year 6 Open Evening will take place on Thursday 30th September from 6pm until 8pm. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 students and their families to our fantastic new site.

FLU VACCINE - YEAR 7-YEAR 11

All parents of students in Year 7 to Year 11 have been emailed information about the flu immunisation being offered in school on Thursday 30th September. If you have not already consented and wish to do so, please click the link below

1. Go to <https://www.hdft.nhs.uk/fluconsent/>
2. Enter the School Code **121678** and click "Find School".
3. **Complete the form** with your child's information

and parent/guardian contact information*.

4. Click the **green "Submit" button**.

For more information about the childhood influenza vaccination programme, please visit

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine>

You can also contact the childhood immunisations team on hdft.childhood.immunisations@nhs.net or 01423 553115.

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Another first this week is the first joint Arete trip. Twelve Year 13 students from across the three schools visited the University of Oxford to find out more about student life.

SIMS PARENT APP/CLASSCHARTS

All Year 7 parents should now have received an email from CAPITA ESS regarding the SIMS parent app. This application is used for checking student details, timetables and student data checking.

If you have not received the email please check your spam/junk folder.

Should you not have received an email from the service please email the school MIS Manager lrichardson@arete.uk

All parents next week will be receiving an email from ClassCharts. This portal is used by the school to record positive and negative conduct points and to set homework alongside Google Classrooms. Students will also be receiving their access details during registration next week to allow students to monitor their conduct, homework events and also view their timetables from home.