

# NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian

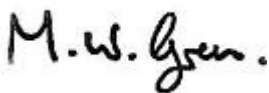
I write as we approach the end of what has been an extremely busy spring term. We are in the final weeks of preparation for Year 9 assessments and the options process, Year 11 GCSEs and Year 12 and 13 examinations. It has also been a particularly hectic time for staff and students regarding the production of coursework and controlled tests/assessments. May I take this opportunity of thanking colleagues who have worked relentlessly in supporting students and often giving up many, many hours of time beyond the school day. I would also like to wish all of our students the very best in their forthcoming assessments.

Please note that the school closes at 2.25 pm on Friday 26 March (school buses have been informed). School returns after the Easter holiday at the usual time on Tuesday 13 April.

I would like to congratulate Natalie Watson (Y13), who enthralled a large audience at the Bridlington Spa during the East Riding Youth Orchestra Spring Concert on Sunday 21 March. Her solo performance (accompanied by the orchestra) of Mozart's Bassoon Concerto was superb—well done Natalie and good luck with your studies at the Royal Academy of Music in London this September.

May I take this opportunity to thank parents and all friends of the school for their continuing support of everything that we do. I would also like to wish you a happy and restful Easter break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'M.W. Green'.

M W Green  
Headteacher

**\* Please note that Friday 26 March will be a non-uniform day, with students making a 50p minimum contribution to our good causes, identified by the Student Council. Parents are asked that clothing worn is appropriate for school.**



## ACE Day – Tuesday 18 May 2010

Aiming for College Education (ACE) Day is an exciting opportunity for Year 9 students to gain insight into what life is like at College or University. The event is run in connection with the University of Hull and will fit into the normal school day. Students will need to wear school uniform and take a packed lunch. There will be a series of short activities throughout the day including a tour of the facilities. Letters to parents will be issued to all Year 9 students during PSHCEE lessons after Easter. The contribution will be £5 per student and places are limited.

For further information please contact Miss Woodman (see below).

## Work Experience 2010

- W/c Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010 for Science groups **X** and **10Y-S118**
- W/c Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 for Science groups **Y**

Notification of students and their placements will be issued after Easter. Students that have self canvassed will receive confirmation when approval has been granted. As this process can take up to 12 weeks confirmation this may take longer.

The work experience period unfortunately clashes with some exams. Work experience will commence directly after the exams have finished, placements will be notified.

- Geography Exam: 24<sup>th</sup> June - morning
- Science Exam: 28<sup>th</sup> June - morning

Further information will be issued in due course. If you have any queries please get in touch with:

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Ext 284  
ewoodman@driffield.e-riding.sch.uk



## Celebration Evening: Thursday 15 July 2010

Following last year's success the celebration evening will continue to run as one whole school event involving students and staff from all six houses. Students may be presented with a form award (nominated by form tutors and students in the group), or a selection of special House Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Outstanding Performance, or Outstanding Personal Achievement (nominated by the House Team), for example. Parents/carers will be notified nearer the time by letter if their child has been nominated for an award, and with details about how the evening will run.

Mr D Andrews  
Assistant Headteacher

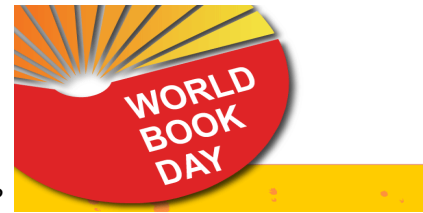
## Haiti Appeal

Following our emergency appeal for Haiti, our students raised £518.95.

Many thanks for your continued support.

# LRC NEWS

**Book Fair** - The Scholastic Book Fair was a great success again. Thank you for all the support we received. I know books can be cheaper on the internet but we receive 60% of the cost of the books back which we use to buy new books for the library, meaning your child we also be able to borrow more titles from the library. We have received £626 worth of commission this year in new books which will be catalogued and available to loan over the next few weeks.



**Author Visit** - To celebrate the World Book Day which was during the book fair we also had a 'Meet the author' session in the LRC. Author James David kept an audience of Year 6 students and Driffield school students enthralled with his talk on how to be an author. James has followed up the first talk with a 'Creative Writing' session. Students are now busy creating their own stories for James to read on his return visit after Easter.

**Tesco Vouchers** - As usual we are collecting Tesco vouchers for schools. This year they are for both computer equipment and sports equipment. **PLEASE NOTE** - last year Tesco introduced a really early date for all vouchers to be in. Last year I received nearly 2000 vouchers after the date which we could not cash. So please could all vouchers be into the LRC for **FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2010**. This gives me one week to get them sent in. Any vouchers received after then will be wasted.

Thank you

Mrs Harrison  
Learning Resource Centre Manager

## North Path Gate

In order to enhance safeguarding of students further we are changing the times that the North Path gate will be open from the start of the summer term.

It will be open at the following times:

Early morning until 8.45 am  
12.30 – 12.40 pm  
1.10 – 1.20 pm  
From 3.30 pm

At other times entry to and from Bridlington Road can be made via the main entrance on Manorfield Road.

Thank you  
M W Green

## School Uniform

Please find attached with this Newsletter our school uniform list. Parents are asked to ensure that students arrive at school following the policy and fully equipped for school work.

## **EXAM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010**

**March/April/May 2010** – KS5 Language Orals

**Monday 19 April until Wednesday 28 April 2010** – Y11 GCSE Orals

**Thursday 22 April 2010** – Y11 English Language Mock Exam

**Friday 14 May until Wednesday 19 May 2010** – Y10 Orals

**Monday 17 May 2010** – Y9 Science Test

**Monday 17 May 2010 until the end of June** – Summer external exams: (AS/A2/GCSE)  
Some exams also for Y10 during this time – **please do not book a holiday**

**Friday 28 May 2010** – Y10 GCSE Business Exam

**Thursday 17 June 2010** – Y10 Geography Exam

**w/c Monday 21 June 2010** – Work Experience/Enterprise Week 1

**Thursday 24 June 2010** – Y10 Geography Exam

**Friday 25 June 2010** – Y10 Statistics GCSE Exam

**w/c Monday 28 June 2010** – Work Experience/Enterprise Week 2

**Monday 28 June 2010** – Y10 Modular Science GCSE Exam

**Tuesday 29 June 2010** – Y9 Maths Test

### **Exam Timetables**

Exam Timetables will be provided for all students after Easter w/c 19/04/10. Students are advised to not lose their copy and should write the exams dates and times in their planners / on calendars at home as soon as possible.

AM examinations start at 9.00am and students are asked to be present outside the room before 8.45am.

PM examinations officially start at 1.30pm and students are asked to be present outside the room before 1.15pm.

Exams commence 17 May and are typically all complete by 1 July.

Miss L Noble  
Examinations Officer

## DRIFFIELD SCHOOL UNIFORM

### Key Stage 3 Students (Years 7, 8 and 9) - Students must wear:

- A navy polo shirt with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- A navy v-neck jumper, navy sweatshirt or navy cardigan all with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- Plain black trousers or a plain black skirt.
- Sensible plain black or brown shoes or boots, or completely black trainers.
- A plain black or brown belt (only if required), with a simple fastening

### Key Stage 4 Students (Years 10 and 11) – Students must wear:

- A plain white shirt or blouse with a collar and the school logo stitched or heat sealed on, or a white polo shirt with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- A black v-neck jumper, black sweatshirt or black cardigan all with the school logo stitched or heat sealed on.
- Plain black trousers or plain black skirt.
- Sensible plain black or brown shoes or boots, or completely black trainers.
- A plain black or brown belt (only if required), with a simple fastening

### Students are not allowed to wear the following items:

- Shorts of any length or style
- Inappropriately short skirts
- Jeans, or denim trousers or denim skirts of any type or colour
- Pinstripe, checked or patterned trousers or skirts
- Clothing displaying brand names or brand logos
- Open toe or backless shoes
- Fashion boots or 'Ugg' style boots (plain black or brown boots are permitted).
- Stiletto heeled shoes or boots of any type
- Fashion, studded or wide belts
- 'Hoodies'
- Coloured t-shirts underneath school shirts or school polo shirts

### Hair Colour, Hair Style and Make-up

Natural hair colours only are permitted. Hairstyles must not include extreme colours or styles. Excessive use of make up is not allowed.

### Jewellery

- One pair of studs or small sleeper earrings is allowed. No other body piercing is allowed - this includes the use of retainers.
- One plain ring may be worn on either hand.
- One watch may be worn
- One discreet necklace may be worn
- One discreet bracelet on each arm, may be worn.

**All permitted jewellery must be removed when requested by any member of the school staff as appropriate e.g. during PE, D & T or other lessons and activities where it may pose a health and safety risk**

## **Attendance at School and the Local Authority Attendance Policy**

Parents may have seen in the local press and/or the East Riding News, the launch of the Council's "Attendance at School Policy" which provides details about when holidays will and will not be authorised for absence, and consequential fixed penalty charges.

The Council is asking our governors to consider this policy during their Full Governing Body meeting in June of this year. Governors have initially welcomed the principles of the policy, as there is much evidence that full attendance at school promotes higher levels of attainment and achievement. This is particularly the case in Key Stage 4 and the Sixth Form due to the nature of assessments, which can occur at any time during these years. Parents are asked to bear this in mind when booking holidays in the future and the school's formal position will be provided for parents after the June Governors' meeting.

Any policy will not be implemented retrospectively and holidays already booked will be authorised at the discretion of the Headteacher, up to a maximum of ten days in any one academic year. It is already the policy of the school that no student will be granted authorised absence for holidays if those holidays take place during any formal assessment time.

I will write to you again with further information near the end of the summer term.

Thank you

M W Green