

Dear Parent/Carer

As predicted in the last newsletter it has certainly been a memorable November with Ofsted and Headteacher appointments taking place within a couple of weeks of each other. By now I'm sure you will have read the full Ofsted report (available on our school website) which confirms our own judgement that we are a good school with some outstanding features. The challenge now is to continue to build on our many strengths and ensure that we can offer consistently outstanding practice across all areas of school life.

As Acting Headteacher I was able to sit in on the Ofsted Team meetings and gain an insight into how they reached their overall judgements. Inevitably they made many very positive comments about the students and staff that never reached the final report. Nevertheless, they were united in the view that we were well down the road to 'overall outstanding' as a school. What struck me most about the two days was the way in which the school pulled together as one team and I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to everyone involved for their tremendous contribution.

Following on from Ofsted, I will be asking for your views as parents/carers on a range of issues during the remainder of the school year. We are already starting to plan ahead for September 2012 and are keen to consult widely prior to making any significant changes. However, we also need to keep our 'eye on the ball' and work closely with you to maximise the opportunities and outcomes for all our students over the next few months.



**Acting Headteacher:** Mr S Jones  
**Deputy Headteacher:** Mrs J Harris  
**Co-Headteacher:** Mr M W Green

Manorfield Road  
Driffield  
East Yorkshire  
YO25 5HR

**t:** (01377) 253631  
**f:** (01377) 256922  
**e:** [office@driffield.e-riding.sch.uk](mailto:office@driffield.e-riding.sch.uk)  
**w:** [www.driffieldschool.net](http://www.driffieldschool.net)



**EAST RIDING**  
OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL



**Last Day of Term**

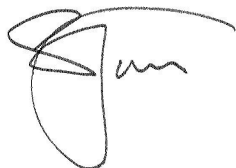
As has become our tradition this will be a non-school uniform day. Students are asked to make a minimum contribution of 50p to our good causes (determined by the School Executive Council).

**Christmas Holiday**

Please note that the school closes at 2.25 pm (after period 4) on Friday 16 December and re-opens on Thursday 5 January 2012 at the normal time. Buses have been informed.

May I take this opportunity to wish all students and parents a very happy, safe and relaxing Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely



S Jones

Acting Headteacher

### **Random Dance—"FAR"**

Wayne McGregor's Random Dance will be performing their new piece of work entitled "FAR", at **The Spa, Bridlington on Monday 30 January 2012 at 7.30 pm.**

Inspired by the controversial Age of Enlightenment and by French philosopher Diderot's very first set of encyclopaedias from the 1700s, FAR mimes an era that first placed 'a body of question'. Ten company dancers confront the distortions, sensuality and feeling of the 18th Century's searing contemporary sensibility, to a new, haunting score by electronic superstar Brian Eno collaborator and Ben Frost.

Staged in a mesmerising environment of shadow and light designed by Random International and Lucy Carter, object and film designed by Moritz Junge and Ravi Deepres, FAR binds cutting edge design with choreography made from a radical cognitive research process.

To view a clip of the performance visit <http://www.randomdance.org/video>

There will be a post show talk with the dancers free of charge.

Tickets are available at Adult £12/cons. £10 and at a discounted price of £8 per person for school parties and can be purchased from the Spa Box Office, on 01262 678258, <http://www.TheSpaBridlington.com>

### **Christmas Music Concert**

I would like to invite you to our music concert which takes place on Thursday 15 December at 7 pm in Driffield Parish Church. There will be a variety of performances which you will enjoy. The concert will finish around 8.15 pm and refreshments will be available afterwards. There will be an entry fee of £2 for adults and £1 for concessions.

During our visit to Malawi in April 2011 we were able to survey Mbulukuta village and assess the impact that the mosquito nets we provided two years ago were having. It was very noticeable that those families with nets had a much reduced incidence of Malaria. We are continuing in our efforts to provide more nets for those families who are without and the funds raised tonight will support this.

We look forward to seeing you there!

J Watson



**EXAM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/2012**

**January 2012**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Jan- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb - AS/A2 January Exams

**Wednesday 11 January**

- Y11 Maths iGCSE Exam

**Thursday 12 January**

- Y10 Science GCSE Exam

**Monday 16 January**

- Y11 Maths iGCSE Exam

**Wednesday 18 January**

- Y10 Science GCSE Exam

**Friday 20 January**

- Y10 Science GCSE Exam

**Friday 20 January**

- Y10/Y11 Geography Unit 1 Exam (Resits charged)

Unconfirmed if Y10 or Y11 will complete at this time

**Tuesday 24 January**

- Y11 GCSE Triple Science Biology Exam

**Tuesday 24 January**

- Y10/Y11 Geography Unit 2 Exam (Resits charged)

Unconfirmed if Y10 or Y11 will complete at this time

**Wednesday 25 January**

- Y10/Y11 GCSE Health and Social Care Exam

(Resits charged)

**Thursday 26 January**

- Y11 GCSE Triple Science Chemistry Exams

**Monday 30 January**

- Y11 GCSE Triple Science Physics Exams

**Tuesday 31 January**

- Y11 GCSE Dance Practical Mock Exam

**w/c 6 February**

- Y10 French / Spanish Orals

**Thursday 1 March**

- Y10/Y11 GCSE Modular Science Exams

(Resits charged per unit)

**Friday 2 March**

- Y10/Y11 GCSE Modular Maths Exam

(Resits charged per unit)

**Monday 5 March**

- Y10/Y11 GCSE Modular Maths Exam

(Resits charged per unit)

**Tuesday 6 March**

- Y11 Childcare Exam

**Wednesday 7 March**

- Y10/Y11 GCSE Modular Maths Exam

(Resits charged per unit)

- Thursday 8 March** - Performance Review Day
- w/c 12 March** - Y11 French / Spanish Orals
- Thursday 22 March** - Y11 English Language Mock Exam
- March/April/May 2012** - KS5 French / Spanish Orals

**Monday 14 May until the end of June** - Summer external exams: (AS/A2/GCSE)

There may also be a number of other Y10 exams in a variety of subjects in the summer series

- Monday 21 May** - Y10 Triple Science GCSE Biology Exam
- Thursday 24 May** - Y10 Triple Science GCSE Chemistry Exam
- Wednesday 30 May** - Y10 Triple Science GCSE Physics Exam
- Monday 11 June** - Y10 GCSE Modular Maths Exam
- Tuesday 12 June** - Y10 GCSE Science Exam
- Wednesday 13 June** - Y10 GCSE Modular Maths Exam
- Friday 15 June** - Y10 GCSE Science Exam
- w/c Monday 18 June** - Work Experience/Enterprise Week 1
- Monday 18 June** - Y10 Geography Unit 2 Exam
- Tuesday 19 June** - Y10 GCSE Modular Maths Exam
- Wednesday 20 June** - Y10 GCSE Science Exam
- w/c Monday 25 June** - Work Experience/Enterprise Week 2
- Tuesday 26 June** - Y8 Maths Test
- w/c 2 July** - Y10 French / Spanish Orals



Mr Bibbington and some Year 11 pupils are going to be creating a small allotment plot on the grounds to grow produce for use in the Food Technology department. The area also generates a great learning environment in which pupils can learn about crop rotation, soil management etc.

Should any parents have any gardening equipment going spare (canvas green houses, shovels, trowels, gardening gloves etc.) these would be greatly received.

Also we are in desperate need of building materials for constructing paths, raised beds and cold frames if anyone knows of any available materials please let Mr Bibbington know.

Additionally, in January/February we will be in need of seeds to plant once the area has been prepared. Any spare seeds/bulbs that you have spare would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

### **Year 10 School Leaver Booster & HPV 2nd dose Vaccinations**

Vaccinations for Year 8 Girls HPV and Year 10 Booster have been brought forward to Wednesday 18 January. Year 10 Students should have received a consent form issued via their form tutor w/c 5<sup>th</sup> December. The vaccination service request that these forms are returned to school within one week in order that they can be forwarded to their office for processing prior to the session. The deadline for returning the forms to Health Point is Wednesday 14 December



In order to avoid unnecessary delay through the internal mail system please can I ask that your son or daughter returns their consent form direct to Health Point within one week of their distribution.

## S.O.S

The DSA is in danger of collapse. We need VOLUNTEERS to help at approximately 4 events throughout the year - only a few hours of your time is needed. Funds raised provide for those "little extras" that the school budget doesn't reach to, e.g. Prison me, no way project, PE equipment, chill and chat room and music equipment.

PLEASE come along to the next meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm to find out more and have a look at the new ACE building.

THANK YOU

### DSA

The DSA held a very successful Car Boot Sale in September and Craft Fair in November. With current funds it was agreed to buy news sports vests for the PE Department and show cases for the new building.

Many thanks to all who participated in any way.

Mrs L Riby

Acting Co-Chair DSA

### Wear it Pink and Children

#### In Need

Many thanks to everyone who took part in Wear it Pink and Children in Need Days. We raised £728.46 and £676.62 respectively.



### **Vomiting Illnesses**

Vomiting illnesses can affect many of our students, particularly during the winter months. The NHS advises that children should not return to school until 48 hours after vomiting and/or diarrhoea has settled.



In order to minimise the risk of transferring the infection to others, please can we request that you do not send your child back to school until they have been free from symptoms for at least 48 hours and are well enough recovered to cope with the physical and mental demands of the school day.



### **Spiers Bank House Annual General Meeting**



The Spiers Bank House Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 5 January at 7.00 pm in the school's West Building staffroom.

All welcome

### **Spiers Bank House**

As part of an on-going conservation project at Spiers Bank House, the Trust Committee is still in need of a supply of large bamboo canes, the sort that carpets are rolled around prior to delivery i.e. approx. 10 foot long or longer. If you are able to provide us with some or suggest a contact who may be able to do so, the Trust Committee would be very grateful.

We have a small sum of money to pay for such canes should anyone be able to find a supply for us.

A Corscadden



**DRIFFIELD SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM**

*Valuing learning • Valuing each other*