



DRIFFIELD
SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM

Parent & Carer Bulletin

Friday 12 June 2020

We hope that you all managed to have a restful break over the May half term. Since lockdown commenced, although school has been closed for most students, we have been operating each day onsite, to care for our critical worker students and our routines for this group are now well-established. Following the Department of Education's guidance to 'offer some face-to-face support to supplement the remote education of Year 10 and Year 12 students who are due to take key exams next year', we have been undertaking significant discussions, risk assessment and planning to ensure we are able to do this safely from Monday 15 June. We have now written to parents of students in Year 10 and Year 12 to explain our plans for a phased reopening to offer some face-to-face teaching for these year groups.

Thank you to all parents who have provided feedback on the online platform. We are committed to further developing the way we set work online to ensure that we are supporting all students working from home as best we can. We will continue to update you as the online platform evolves.

Full School Information

- [Passenger Services](#) at the East Riding of Yorkshire Council have organised the school transport for those students who will be in school week commencing Monday 15 June 2020 and full details can be accessed [here](#).
- An update letter from the CEO was sent on [4 June](#).
- Looking after our mental health and wellbeing is more important than ever and the latest newsletter from Hull and East Riding Mind, with tips to help your health and wellbeing, is available [here](#). Please don't forget that Mind are offering support during this difficult time and if you would like to book an appointment slot, please email WholeSchoolApproach@heymind.org.uk.
- The East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Prevention and Education Team are providing [online group drop-ins](#) for young people on a range of different topics.
- Many students have library books at home. We would ask that you continue to keep these in a safe place for the time being and we will ask for these to be returned when it is safe to do so.
- Mrs Mortimer, our Co-ordinator of Careers, Education, Advice and Guidance, has been busy organising a wide variety of virtual careers opportunities for all our students, including the exciting opportunity for our Year 11 students to complete the online 'Writing Skills' course from Eton College. A full update is available [here](#) and the [Careers section](#) of the website provides lots of useful resources.
- We thank everyone for their continued patience and understanding in awaiting information about the Madagascar Expedition that was due to take place this summer and the latest update is available [here](#).

Year 12 Information

- We are looking forward to providing face-to-face support to all our Year 12 students from 15 June. A detailed letter, outlining how we will be offering safe face-to-face specialist teaching from this date is available [here](#), alongside a copy of the Year 12 timetable.

Year 10 Information

- We are looking forward to providing face-to-face support to our Year 10 students from 15 June, on a phased basis, to supplement remote learning. Students will have access to specialist teaching in the core subjects of English, maths and science, alongside a comprehensive tutor programme. Personalised letters have been posted home with full details of dates in school, pod number, location and arrival times and a generic version of the letter can be accessed [here](#).
- All Year 10 students have been [issued](#) with 'Log On Move On' accounts. This careers gateway is a single source of information and resources and can be retained and used until Year 14. A video introduction to these resources can be accessed [here](#).
- We had been planning to offer a further maths GCSE in year 10, in addition to the usual options choices. However, a [communication](#) has been sent out to anyone who had expressed interest in this subject as, regrettably, we do not feel it would be beneficial for our students to be studying an additional qualification at this difficult time.

Year 9 Information

- We have been delighted to confirm GCSE option choices for all our Year 9 students and a personalised confirmation has been provided to all students. A generic version of the letter can be accessed [here](#). Now that we have confirmed your son or daughter's options, based on parental feedback, we have made some changes to the way we are setting work on the online platform. We would now like to ask all Year 9 students to complete and submit work for the subjects they will be studying for their GCSE options.
- We have also provided an updated '[Student Guide for Managing Workload](#)' which includes a suggested timetable that may help students in managing their GCSE transition work submissions.

Year 7 & 8 Information

- In place of the annual creative writing categories at Drifffield Show, Year 7 and Year 8 students are invited to enter a creative writing competition through their English tasks, using their learning from across the year. Winners will receive an Amazon voucher, as well as being published in the Drifffield and Wolds Weekly. Details of how to enter can be found in the current block of work (on the online platform).
- Thank you to all parents who completed the online platform survey in the week before half term. As always, parental feedback is important to us and we are committed to developing our online platform further to ensure that we are supporting students as best we can.

Other Useful Information

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To purchase school items, including revision guides:	shop.drifffieldschool.net
To follow us on Facebook:	@DrifffieldSchool
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