



Parent & Carer Bulletin

Tuesday 12 October

Students have made a positive start to the new academic year; settling well into the new timings of the day and looking extremely smart in their uniforms.

We are continuing to upload work and resources onto Microsoft Teams to support any students who may have to self-isolate. Where students are off, they are able to login and access their lesson resources from home. Students can log into Teams using their school email/password through the Microsoft Teams app (on a phone/tablet/computer) or through a web browser. This will then give them access to resources to catch-up on missed lessons, or to check their homework tasks. If absent students have issues logging on at home, they can contact the school office for support.

We are delighted that our extra-curricular timetable has now been launched to students and we have a wide range of enrichment opportunities (both at lunchtimes and after school) that students can take part in. After a year-long closure (due to Covid-19), we are also pleased to welcome students back into the school's Learning and Resource Centre (LRC). The LRC is open at breaktimes for reading, as well as lunchtimes and after-school (on Monday and Thursdays until 5pm) for students to loan books, read, or use the space to study independently.

Full School Information

- The [details](#) of our extra-curricular opportunities can be found [here](#). This letter includes details of the [twilight buses](#) running on Monday and Thursday evenings.
- Our uniform reflects our sense of pride and belonging in the school and it has been a pleasure to see our students returning to school looking so smart in their uniforms. Students are asked to wear either a jumper or blazer when they enter the school and move around the site. We have [shared](#) with you details of our [uniform policy](#) and details of where uniform can be [purchased](#). If you have any uniform queries, please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.
- Please remember if your child is absent from school for any reason to ring the school's attendance line on 01377 253631 and select option 2.
- We have recently [updated](#) you with some additional COVID-19 control measures in line with our risk assessment and contingency planning. With these enhanced measures we hope to minimise any disruption to the education of our students and we thank you for your continued support with this.
- We continue to work with Ms Mulligan from Mind as part of the Trust's Be Well Programme and to access support please talk to your child's Head of Year or Head of House or email smulligan@heymin.org.uk.
- As part of our continued work to ensure all young people are safe, we have been pleased to [share](#) details of the support of the Lucy Faithfull Foundation (www.lucyfaithfull.org.uk). Following a national review regarding peer-on-peer abuse or harassment within schools, the foundation is

running a number of [webinars](#). The first one took place on 29 September and there will be a further session on 13 October 2021.

Year 7 Information

- The Year 7 tutor evening took place on Thursday 7 October and this gave parents and carers the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into the school. Our Year 7 progress evenings will take place in May 2022 but if you have any concerns prior to this, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Kirby, Head of Year 7 or your child's Head of House by emailing office@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Year 8 Information

- Our Year 8 students are currently studying *The Prince of Mist*, a mystery novel with a coastal setting. Our students had a great time visiting Flamborough Head last week as part of their English and Geography studies, experiencing first-hand the role of Flamborough's lighthouse. We hope students had a memorable experience outside of the classroom, enriching their school experience.

Year 11 Information

- Our Sixth Form [Open Evening](#) will be held on Thursday 4 November. We look forward to you joining us on the evening, to support students in considering their next steps as they begin to look to the future, and further details will be shared with you before half term.
- We have [shared](#) details of the changes to the assessment of GCSE exams in 2022 that have been recently announced by Ofqual. We are hopeful that exams will go ahead next summer as planned but Ofqual has recognised that the 2022 cohort have had their education disrupted and exams and assessments will be adjusted to take this into account. Ofqual is currently putting together contingency plans for the unlikely event that exams are cancelled in 2022 and when these are finalised, we will share further details.

Year 13 Information

- We have [shared](#) details of the changes to the assessment of A Level exams in 2022 that have been recently announced by Ofqual. We are hopeful that exams will go ahead next summer as planned but Ofqual has recognised that the 2022 cohort have had their education disrupted and exams and assessments will be adjusted to take this into account. Ofqual is currently putting together contingency plans for the unlikely event that exams are cancelled in 2022 and when these are finalised, we will share further details.

Other Useful Information

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driffieldschool.net

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- If you need a copy of your ParentPay activation code, please contact finance@driffieldschool.org.uk.
- To purchase supplies (for example a planner or apron), please access the school's [online shop](#) or telephone 01377 253631 extension 112.