

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents / Carers



Our students are now into the full swing of the spring term and as usual **EBOR ACADEMY** that is a credit to you for your ongoing support, thank you. I hope the bad weather is behind us now and as the lighter evenings are approaching we look forward to some warmer weather. On 13th January it was a true example of "British (Yorkshire) Grit" that everyone made a tremendous effort in getting to school during the snowy weather in some very challenging travelling conditions. I often remind you that a good attendance record goes hand in hand with academic achievement and it is essential that we make every effort to get your children into school as every day matters. You will see from the list of diary dates included (overleaf) this is a very busy term indeed. We are welcoming students from our local primary schools to promote life in Key Stage 3 at Ebor Academy and later Year 9 will choose their GCSE Options, we look forward to welcoming you all.

News from the PE Department



Congratulations to the Year 10 and 11 girls, who play for SNC Sharks in the Scarborough Ladies Netball League, on a fantastic win last week. They beat rivals Northstead Novas 26-20. In their first game of the season Novas beat Sharks 48-18 so the girls have shown a huge improvement since the start of the season and their hard work has clearly paid off. Well

done girls, keep it up! Pictured L-R Rheanne, Emily, Sophie, Megan, Olivia, Katie, Linsey.

Congratulations also to our Year 8 Rugby team on finishing in second place overall in the recent Scarborough and District Rugby Tournament. Their scores were: won 2-1 vs St Augustines, won 4-2 vs Pindar, drew 0-0 vs Graham and finally lost to Scalby, who won overall, 3-1. Pictured are Nick, Oliver, Tom, Nathan, Joe, Luke, Owen, Matty, Alfie, James, Dylan.



Reading Success

We'd like to tell you a story...

The starring characters are two amazing 'reading dogs' and a library full of even more amazing people. Year 10 students volunteer to spend 20 minutes every morning with Year 7's who want to improve their reading. It works extremely well.

In September Year 10 students were asked to think about reading with less confident, younger students. Their response was amazing. Their commitment and enthusiasm has grown and real friendships have developed. The younger children talk to their mentor about their reading and the mentor's then give help and advice.

We are so proud of these students, because together they have helped every child that they read with to improve their reading age and many by a significant amount. Years not months!

Don't you like a story with a happy ending?



Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd February – Year 11 Revision Information Evening (parents and students)

6th – 17th February – Year 11 Trial Exams

Tuesday 7th February – Year 4 Drama and Music Day

Wednesday 15th February – Year 5 English Taster Classes

Thursday 16th February – Year 7 & 8 Dance Workshops at the Stephen Joseph Theatre

Friday 17th February – Lunchtime Open Day for Year 7 Parents

Friday 17th February – School closes for half term at 3.10pm

Monday 27th February – School re-opens

Tuesday 28th February – School Leaver Vaccination Booster for Year 9's

Wednesday 8th March – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 10th March – Staff Training Day (School closed to students)

Tuesday 14th March – Year 11 Trial Exam Results Evening

Tuesday 14th March – Year 6 Welcome Meeting

Cygnets Programme

Ebor Academy Filey is committed to being an enhanced mainstream school for autism, and communication and interaction difficulties. Mr Lemon, the lead teacher for the enhanced mainstream provision, is currently running a Cygnets parents course at Filey Youth Centre. The course is aimed at supporting parents of young people with autism understand the condition and develop strategies to help support the needs of their children. The course is community-based and accessible to parents of children attending North Yorkshire Schools who are aged between 7 and 18. If you have any questions about the cygnets course please contact Mr Lemon at the Academy.

Drama Elective Performance

The long-awaited performance of Ebor Academy's Drama group 'To Mock a Jay', took place on Thursday afternoon. Students devised the play themselves and came up with the entire concept from improvisation to performance. The actors, and our superb sound effects co-coordinator Mia Adams, were fabulous! Our next production will take place in March/April and will involve a very famous story. Watch this space!

Job Vacancy

A part time post has arisen for a minibus driver here at Ebor Academy Filey. The driver is needed for the school run at the start and end of the school day. Training will be provided. We are looking for someone with an exemplary driving licence. If you would like further details or an application form please contact Mrs Hinchliffe in school or visit the Ebor Academy Trust website <http://www.eboracademytrust.co.uk/careers/>

Congratulations!

Students of the Week

20th January

27th January

Year 7

Kaitlyn Davis, Clay Davison

Emerald Creagh, Max Aitken

Year 8

Jessica Bailey, Ben Jenkinson

Tegan Allison, Tom Macauley

A special mention must also go to Year 10 students **Megan Simpson** and **Ewan Newby** who have recently achieved their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. Very well done to you both!

Yours sincerely



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