

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th February 2017

Dear Parents / Carers



Welcome to a bumper edition of our Newsletter which reflects what a busy half term this has been. Many of the activities have involved our partner schools and fundraising for others less fortunate than ourselves, supporting our values of Every Person & No Islands. I was really proud to attend 'The Place' this week where our "Cooking to Catering" students have set up a community cafe at Filey Youth Centre. Please support them by visiting on Mondays. Safeguarding is always a priority in school and we supported Safer Internet Day last week with activities for students across the school. Year 11 have now completed their Mock Exams and will have a results evening on 14th March, please support them by attending that event. We look forward now to a short break, school re-opens Monday 27th February, before another busy period including Year 9 Options on 8th March.

Safer Internet Day – 7th February 2017

Throughout student briefings and PSHE lessons last week the theme was 'Online Safety' and advice and guidance about what students should do if an incident arises was discussed. They were advised who they should speak to regarding any incidents/concerns. Keeping our children safe is what all parents want but with ever changing technology it can be a challenge to keep up to date with what children are doing on the internet. The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Board has really useful advice, including a parents' and carers' guide to keeping your child safe online.

www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/parents-carers/e-safety-for-parents

Barnados have also produced a guide for parents and carers designed to help you protect your child.

www.barnados.org.uk/barnados_be_safe_guide.pdf

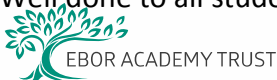
Medication in School

It has come to our attention that a number of students are bringing medication into school without following the correct procedure. Medication should be clearly labelled with student name and handed in at reception to be locked away until needed. A parent/carer is required to complete a form with instructions for the administration of the medication. Students should not carry medication with them in school. The only exception is if students have an inhaler for asthma and this should be kept on their person at all times. Pain relief tablets/medicines are available from main reception at break and lunch times for the treatment of aches and pains, e.g. headache, ear ache etc. Parental consent by telephone is sought before administering these.

Yorkshire Coast Radio 'Reach for the Stars' Event

On 27th January we welcomed into school a team from Yorkshire Coast Radio who delivered an event to 30 of our Year 8 & Year 9 students called 'Reach for the Stars'. This had been organised in partnership with FORCE (Federation of Regional Colleges for Engagement) and the aim was to raise awareness of Higher Education opportunities and to deliver fun and memorable activities which would hopefully inspire students to consider going to university in the future. After a Q & A session with the Yorkshire Coast Radio team, students produced a piece of radio exploring the benefits of higher education. They were then invited to take on the climbing wall, a metaphor for the message being delivered about pushing yourself and aiming high! All participating students were entered into a prize draw to win a stay for themselves and their family in a famous university city, with food, entertainment, travel and university tour all included.

Well done to all students who took part!



Primary School Taster Days

This half term we have had the pleasure of hosting taster sessions for children from our local primary schools. 7th February was the Music and Drama Day when our Year 4 visitors participated in a host of activities including 'Villains and Heroes', 'Spanish through Stories' and 'The Wolf's Tale'.

On 15th February our English Department led a range of classes for Year 5's designed to introduce them to the teaching styles and content they will meet at KS3 in secondary school.

Year 9 University Day

On Monday, 6th February, 87 students from Year 9 visited a local university. Students spent the day either at Hull University, York University or York St John University. They were welcomed by student ambassadors, who talked to them about various aspects of university life and the wide variety of courses on offer as well as challenging some common misconceptions about university life. Students enjoyed tours of the campus, ate lunch in the student canteens and took part in various activities. Our students were a real credit to their school; their behaviour was excellent throughout the day and they asked some perceptive questions of the student ambassadors. Well done to all students who attended!

News from the PE Department

Congratulations to the U15 Netball team in their district tournament on 9th February. The girls played outdoors in some very cold and snowy condition, but never once gave up. The girls fought hard and demonstrated some fantastic netball but in the end they narrowly missed out on 3rd place by just 2 goals, coming 4th overall. Well done girls.

'The Place'

On Monday 13th February, the Cooking to Catering students helped to launch 'The Place', a community cafe at Filey Youth Centre. The cafe will be open every Monday during 'term time' and will give the students the opportunity to do work experience as part of their 'Open Award' qualification which they are currently working towards.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

This year we are again collecting these vouchers from Sainsbury's to exchange for sports and cooking equipment. Please ask family, friends and neighbours to pass on their vouchers, which can be deposited in the collection box at main reception. Thank you!

Royal Shakespeare Company



We are proud to announce that we are now an RSC associate school. This means that we are involved in a partnership programme with the World's leading theatre company: the Royal Shakespeare Company. The aim of this project is to bring about a significant change in the way young people experience, engage with, and take ownership of the work of Shakespeare. In January, some of our English department attended staff training at the Company's headquarters in Stratford upon Avon, learning from actors and directors ways to make Shakespeare's plays accessible today. Whilst there the teachers also took the opportunity to source some brilliant new texts for the school library. Students are encouraged to have a look at the Manga versions of some of the famous Shakespeare plays now on the library shelves! Staff training will impact on the development of the way we teach Shakespeare across the school. The second stage of the programme involved Year 7 seeing a live performance of 'The Tempest' in a specially adapted version designed to introduce students to Shakespeare's plays, and links in to the company's current performance of the play at Stratford which stars Simon Russell Beale. We're looking forward to future work with the RSC and feel very privileged to have this special opportunity.

Knit-for-Nowt Project



Pictured is Mrs Simmons' Year 7 from group who recently took up the challenge of knitting squares to make a blanket for children less fortunate than themselves. With a little help from family, friends and staff, who all rallied round to assist, they have succeeded. This has taken commitment and a lot of hard work. Mrs Simmons is very proud of her students and grateful to all who helped.

Yorkshire Coast Families Coffee Morning Monday 6th March. 10.00am – 12 noon at Filey Youth Centre

Come along and meet other parents of children with SEND and find out what YCF is doing to get information and signposting for other services in the area. The coffee morning will be supporting the Open Awards Catering students, from Ebor Academy Filey and surrounding areas, who have opened the Community Café.

Diary Dates

- Monday 27th February** – School re-opens after the half term break
- Tuesday 28th February** – School Leaver Vaccination Booster for Year 9's
- Wednesday 8th March** – Year 9 Parents' Evening/Options Information
- 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

Congratulations!

Students of the Week

3rd February
10th February
17th February

Year 7

Lucie Jenkinson, Jake Paley
Kirsten Lester, James Beech
Beth Barnes, Matthew Walker

Year 8

Jasmine Phipps, Cameron Lester
Jade Pearson, Paul Braithwaite
Lilly-May Makin, Harvey Williams

