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News update

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Exciting changes lie ahead



Filey School becomes Ebor Academy Filey on 1 June and in this, our first News Update, I want to share with you some of the exciting changes that lie ahead.

While there will be some immediate changes – the signage, for example – it will be the start of the new school year in September before the wider vision starts to take effect.

We are introducing a smart new uniform and will be providing each of our students with a blazer and tie – for free. This includes children currently in Year 6 making the transition to secondary school this summer.

We believe a new uniform and a new name for the school will herald a new era, giving the people of Filey a secondary school of which they can be proud.

You can keep completely up to date with what's happening on our website, www.eboracademytrust.co.uk and we welcome comments and suggestions via eboracademyfiley@eboracademy.co.uk

Richard Ludlow, director of education, Ebor Academy Trust and executive headteacher, Ebor Academy Filey

New name signals fresh start at Filey School



- To be called 'Ebor Academy Filey' from 1 June
- New uniform from September: free blazer and tie
- Term times reviewed to ease holiday planning
- Refurbished and more comfortable library
- Overhaul of IT system, new laptops and wi-fi
- Introduction of new 'innovation centre'
- Transport options to make it easier to go to school
- Teaching staff to attend refresher courses

Name change sends a clear message

Filey School is to be renamed Ebor Academy Filey, the academy trust who are taking over the school have announced.

The name change signals a new start for the school, placed in special measures

by school inspectors Ofsted. The York based Ebor Academy Trust is set to take it over on June 1.

Ebor's director of education, Richard Ludlow, said: "We want to send out a clear message that Filey

School is changing for the better and there is a lot to get excited about. Changing the name is just the start of a process that will transform secondary education in Filey. We are ambitious for the school and for its students."

Change to term times may help ease problem of costly family holidays

Term times could change at the Ebor Academy Filey.

As much of Filey's economy is based around tourism and with many parents involved in the industry locally, taking holidays during term time has always been a preferred option. Too often, traders have said they have found it impossible to take a family holiday themselves other than by taking their

children out of school. However, stricter government guidelines refuse to allow parents to withdraw their children for holidays – and some schools impose fines on parents who break the rules.

Schools say it is damaging to students' education, while parents point to what they call unfair additional prices being imposed by holiday companies during standard

school holiday times.

Now Ebor Academy Filey is trying to find ways of helping parents by considering term times that are different to the ones currently being used.

"We will be talking to families and to primary schools to hopefully find a way to alleviate some of the issues," said Richard Ludlow, director of education with Ebor Academy Trust.

SPORT FOR ALL: Ebor Academy Filey is exploring ways to bring a new sports facility to the school site which can also be used by the local community. This could be a sports hall with fitness suite and changing rooms or a full size or smaller than full size artificial turf pitch. [More news in our next issue.](#)

Transport plan for outlying villages

Making it easier to get to school is a priority for Ebor Academy Filey – and plans are in hand for a minibus to bring in students from Bempton.

Acknowledging that some young people can have difficulty, Richard Ludlow says all options are being considered and he welcomes parents to offer their suggestions.

"We estimate about 70 students need to use a bus every day," he said. "We are thinking about hiring our own bus for the students currently using a school bus service and plan to buy a new minibus to serve the village of Bempton."

Parents are invited to submit their views by email to: eboracademyfiley@eboracademy.co.uk

Below, how the new minibus might look

An expanding track record of excellence

Ebor Academy Trust has a track record of improving education in its schools.

York's Robert Wilkinson Primary Academy is rated as outstanding by Ofsted and the Ebor alliance of academies works with schools across the 3-16 age range in Yorkshire.

Mr Ludlow said: "We are a

forward looking organisation which learns from each other, but also looks outwards to learn from good practice locally, nationally and internationally.

"Together we can give our children a unique learning opportunity whereby the talents and skills of children can be identified, developed

and celebrated."

Filey School will be the fourth to join the multi-academy trust.

A brand new primary school to be built in Selby and opening in September 2016, will also be part of the expanding group of academies.



Technology investment sets up school and students for the future

Filey School's refurbished library is to receive 30 new Chromebooks as part of an £80,000 plan to modernise and improve learning through technology.

The Chromebooks – a new kind of computer laptop – will be used in the updated learning resource centre.

Once new furniture arrives, in the next few weeks, the more welcoming and comfortable environment will offer a different approach to accessing information, according to Richard Ludlow, director of education at Ebor Academy Trust which is taking over Filey School on 1 June.

"This is just the start of a complete revision of the use of technology in the school," he said. "We are having conversations about Chromebooks and computer tablets such as iPads and through wi-fi connectivity how these can become flexible and effective learning



Laura Miller, a Year 8 student at Filey School, with one of the new Chromebooks. Also pictured is, from left, Richard Ludlow, Cavan Walker, Dr Sue Morgan, Filey School headteacher, and Evie White

tools. Looking to the future, I would like to see a time when every student has one of these devices as part of their standard equipment for school."

Mr Ludlow added: "Chromebooks are already used very successfully in Filey Junior School, one of our core feeder schools, and so from September, a lot of our new Year 7s will be using technology that is already

familiar to them."

Sally Bridges, learning resource co-ordinator at Filey School, welcomed the new refurbishment of the library. "It's amazing how much more space there is," she said. "We hope it will encourage students to use the more relaxed new environment as a social area at breaks and lunchtimes."

Evie White, a Year 9 student, said: "This is a good start,

the new-look library is more open and inviting and will help show what the rest of the school will be like."

Cavan Walker, another Year 9 student, agreed. He said: "It's going to get even better for us."

Filey School will be renamed Ebor Academy Filey on 1 June, as part of an ambitious process to transform secondary education in the town.

There's still time to come and join us

There is still time for current Year 6 children to join Ebor Academy Filey. Complete this form and post back to us. Please tick as appropriate:

I have been offered a secondary school place for my child but I now wish my child to attend Ebor Academy Filey.

I am applying now for a secondary school place for my child at Ebor Academy Filey.

I am considering Ebor Academy Filey for my child, but he/she will not transfer in September 2015. Please keep my details on file.

Child's name:

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Child's date of birth:

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Parent/carer's name:

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Address:

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Telephone:

Email address:

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Signature:

Date:

Clip completed forms and post to: Admissions, Ebor Academy Trust, West End, Strensall, York YO32 5UH. Or email: eboracademyfiley@eboracademy.co.uk



Science teachers boldly go...

Science lessons at Filey School are set to become a lot more exciting.

The Ebor Academy Trust has entered into an innovative partnership with the National Science Learning Centre in York. This means science teachers, teaching assistants and technicians from Filey will attend courses to top up their knowledge – so they can pass on latest thinking.

Science, technology, engineering and maths – STEM for short – is a major priority for schools and the national centre has the largest collection of resources in the country.

"Our programmes for teachers make a real difference," said Pauline Hoyle, associate director of the National Science Learning

Centre. "Students get a lot more out of their science lessons and are excited and engaged."

The opportunity to make teachers even more effective is part of the academy trust's action plan for Filey School, which will change its name to Ebor Academy Filey on 1 June. "We want to raise aspirations and expectations for both staff and students," said Richard Ludlow, Ebor's director of education. "Staff in Filey are pivotal to our success and we firmly believe in investing in our staff, empowering them to make their own decisions."

Custom-made training from the National Science Learning Centre will also look at maths and science combined, to help provide inspiring teaching and learning.

"Teacher progression leads to good pupil outcomes," explained Becca Knowles, head of STEM Continuing Professional Development at the centre. "We can help enrich the curriculum and get the teaching and learning right. Science is the route in to maths, technology and computing and can broaden into engineering."

The partnership fits neatly into Ebor Academy Trust's plans for an innovation centre at Filey School.

In 2014, 92 per cent of participants who worked with the National Science Learning Network reported a positive impact on their knowledge and skills, with 76 per cent reporting an impact on pupils' progression.

Becca Knowles of the National Science Learning Centre with Tim Jolly, left and Richard Ludlow of Ebor Academy Trust