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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

19th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations to all students who received a 100% Attendance Award last half term. Please can I ask all parents to support us with our push to improve attendance by continuing to ensure that your child attends school every day. Our target is a minimum of 96%, which equates to no more than 7 days off per year. It is a fact that students who attend regularly achieve higher.

Days off school add up to lost learning.

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS PER YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	<u>10 days absence</u> 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	<u>19 days absence</u> 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	<u>29 days absence</u> A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	<u>38 days absence</u> 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	<u>47 days absence</u> 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child. Court action!	

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 Parents' Evening. It may be necessary for Mrs Pickering to contact some parents who were unable to attend, as it is so important that we work together, during this crucial last year, to support your child in securing their best grades possible. Good luck to Year 11s as they start 2 weeks of trial exams this week.

Duke of Edinburgh



The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a challenging programme of activities designed for young people aged between 14 – 25. This year Ebor Academy Filey has 23 students taking part in this amazing scheme.

It is designed to be enjoyable and rewarding, whilst also promoting personal development, self-reliance and leadership skills.

The Award operates at three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold); the higher the level, the more time and effort is required. Completion of the Award is voluntary, as students commit some of their own time to undertake activities which they have selected.

At Ebor Academy Filey, students are encouraged to participate in the Bronze level and many go on to complete their Silver. Participants who go on to complete the Gold Award (usually after leaving school) are invited to a ceremony at St James' Palace, London where their certificate is presented to them by a member of the Royal Family.



Jake Dodd, Beth Jennings, Emily Maslin, Louise Foster, Kelly Metcalfe, Katy Hartley, Ryan Bailey and Emily Pooley (pictured) have all undertaken their Silver qualifying expedition to North Wales.

Jaheen Khanom has recently completed her Bronze Award following a DofE expedition weekend in the Yorkshire Dales, when the following undertook their practice venture: **Ellie Burgess, Freya Pearson, Matthew Houlton, Ella Cowton, Golda Richardson, Emerald Creagh, Gracie Stonehouse, Liam Sullivan.**

For the volunteering section of their Silver Award, **Louise Foster, Emily Maslin and Kelly Metcalfe** are running an after school sports club for Year 7 students who are undertaking the Physical section of their Bronze Award.



Community Christmas Fayre



On Friday 30th November we are holding a Christmas Fayre, 9.30 – 11.30 am, with stalls being organised by local primary schools, church groups and charities. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the festive fun. Stalls include: chocolate tombola, cakes, book sale, games, Christmas crafts, teddy tombola and more. Pre-school children can also visit our

Santa's grotto. Admission is £1 for adults and free for children, this includes a drink and a mince pie. Please do tell all your friends and family; we would love to make this a really great community event.

Drama Club



Year 8 student **Mimi Browne** has been a member of the Stephen Joseph Theatre Rounders Youth Group since the age of three. She is so passionate about Drama, and really wants everyone to have the opportunity to try it, so she has started an after school 'Drama Club'. Led by Mimi and with the support of the SJT, this club takes place every Monday until 4.30 pm and all students are welcome to attend. This term Mimi's focus is to produce a Christmas Play for members of the club to perform. She is really pleased to see the enthusiasm from the students involved and how much enjoyment it brings. Well done Mimi!



'Lest we Forget'



Thank you to Morgan Richardson, Louise Foster and Jane Baker, who attended the Remembrance Service at St Oswald's Church on Sunday and laid a wreath at the Memorial Gardens on behalf of the Academy.

Year 6 Science Day



More than 120 primary school children from Filey, Hunmanby, Hertford Vale, Sherburn and Bempton recently visited us for a 'Space and Exploration' Day. Science experts were on hand, ably assisted by Year 7 helpers, to introduce them to the challenge of interstellar space and lead them through every step of the journey from Earth to Mars. Designed to give the Year 6 children a taster of secondary school, this was the first of our transition events this year.

School Buses

In the event of a bus breakdown, bus companies are contracted to put on a replacement bus to get students to school. Therefore we ask that students please wait patiently at the bus stop until the replacement bus arrives, and do not go home. Corrections for lateness will of course not be given in this event. Thank you for your co-operation.

Headteacher Drop-in-Sessions

Drop in sessions are taking place at the following times. It is not necessary to make an appointment; simply turn up and sign in at reception.

- **Friday 23rd November** 1.30 – 3 pm
- **Tuesday 4th December** 10 – 11 am
- **Monday 10th December** 11 am – 12 noon

Other Diary Dates

- **Monday 19th November – Friday 30th November** – Y11 trial exams
- **Friday 30th November** – Community Christmas Fayre, 9.30 – 11.30 am
- **Saturday 1st December** – Fishmas Tree Switch On, 4.30pm at Coble Landing
- **Thursday 6th December** – Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Saturday 8th December** – Filey Lions Over 85's Christmas Lunch
- **Wednesday 12th December** – Probus Club Carol Festival, St Oswald's Church, 10am
- **Friday 14th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Tuesday 18th December** – Christmas Concert
- **Friday 21st December** – Last day of Autumn term
- **Monday 7th January** – First Day of Spring Term

- **Wednesday 6th February 2019** – HPV Vaccination, 1st Dose (Year 8 Girls only)
- **Monday 20th May 2019** – Meningitis ACWY and DTP Vaccinations (Year 9)
Further information regarding these vaccinations, including how to give consent, will be included in a separate letter later this week.