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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

7th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now into the full swing of the spring term. Our next Open Evening is for Year 9 parents on **21st February** when parents can discuss their son/daughter's progress with staff as well as discussing the various options available for them to study at GCSE. This will enable parents to help their son/daughter to make informed choices at this important time. Year 11 students now have just ten weeks in school before the start of their GCSE examinations and have been issued with personalised revision timetables for sessions in school, which will enhance and support their revision at home.

This week we have welcomed Year 5 children from primary schools, Bempton, Braeburn, Filey Juniors, Hertford Vale, Hinderwell, Hunmanby, Overdale, Quay Academy and Sherburn into school for a taster of Key Stage 3. They have participated in a carousel of literacy workshops including the works of Roald Dahl, Lewis Carrol and ventured into the world of Hogwarts. The day focused on key English skills including descriptive and persuasive writing and the children were fabulous throughout.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to give their feedback on the consultations regarding changes to the school day and the Academy Rewards and Sanctions systems. Your input is invaluable in helping to improve outcomes for all of our students. Please see our website for links to the consultations.

Mr T Cartmail
Headteacher

Talented Stepsisters



There is lots to celebrate in the Watling / Dodd family. Mum, Fiona Dodd, has kindly sent us these photographs and let us know that **Maddie Watling** (Year 7), has been awarded her black belt in karate and is the youngest girl ever in North Yorkshire to achieve this. Maddie, who attends karate club twice a week, has been invited to conference workshops to meet

and work with highly trained senseis (teachers of karate) from Japan and China.

Meanwhile **Lauren Dodd** (Year 8), has been awarded 'Senior Dancer of the Year' at her dance club and has been chosen to compete in the national scholarships in Glasgow, which only the top 5% in the country attend. Lauren, who has been dancing since age 2, does ballet, freestyle, modern and musical theatre at the Anne Taylor Academy of Dance in Cayton. Well done girls!



Duke of Edinburgh & JASS

Congratulations to **Katy Hartley** in Year 11 who has just completed her Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

A number of JASS students are currently undertaking the physical section of their Bronze award in activities such as yoga, jogging and badminton, and one participant is tractor driving for her skills section.

Prom Fashion Show

Students and staff will become catwalk models for the evening on **Tuesday 19th February**. The event is being organised by Year 11 students in association with Desire of Filey who will provide prom gowns. Tickets are available at main reception and cost £3 for adults and £1.50 for students.

Message from Mrs Coleman



"I was overwhelmed by the volume of good wishes and gifts from students, parents, outside agency staff and school staff once I had made my decision to leave the school before Christmas.

My journey with the school gave me the opportunity to meet and work with some wonderful students and families, staff and representatives from the local community. Thank you and best wishes to each and everyone of you. Quote from Winnie the Pooh –

'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard'. Much love Janet"

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.

- **Wednesday 6th March** 1.00 – 2.00 pm
- **Tuesday 19th March** 9.15 – 10.15 am
- **Friday 5th April** 1.30 – 2.30 pm

Other Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 12th February** – Roller Disco Tuesday (see below)
- **Monday 18th February** – Forum meeting (change to the school day consultation) 5.00pm
- **Tuesday 19th February** – Fashion Show 6.30 pm (see below)
- **Thursday 21st February** – Year 9 Parents' Evening & Options Information
- **Friday 22nd February** – Staff Training Day (school closed to students)
- **Monday 25th February** – Friday 1st March – Half Term Holiday
- **Monday 4th March** – First day of new Half Term
- **Thursday 21st March** – Year 7 Parents' Evening



12th February in the school gym.

Only £3.50

Session 1 – Year 7's . 5 – 6pm

Session 2 – Year 8's . 6.15 – 7.15 pm

Tickets available from Mr Chalk.

Numbers are limited to 50 per session.

Proceeds will be donated to: Smiles to Tanzania



Prom Fashion Show

19th February 6.30 pm

in the school Hall.

In association with Desire of Filey

Tickets: Adults £3 . Students £1.50

