

Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope everyone managed to enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, despite it being a four-day week it seems we have quite a few updates!

### **Summer Uniform – Polo Shirts**

In line with our uniform policy, students are allowed to wear a House coloured polo shirt instead of their tie, white shirt and blazer, after May half term. Polo shirts are now on sale via ParentPay.

Please remember:

- The wearing of polo shirts is completely optional
- Students may not substitute a blazer or polo shirt with a hoodie, sweatshirt or other non-uniform item
- Students must return to school in September in their blazer, white shirt and tie

### **PE Update**

Just a reminder that you should have received an email this week from Mr Grannon, Curriculum Leader of PE. Mr Grannon shared the good news that extra-curricular clubs have now restarted in PE and students are now able to do practical PE instead of a theory PE lessons.

### **Years 13 and 11 – The Final Countdown**

Good luck to Year 13 who begin their final series of PPEs on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

And good luck also to Year 11 who begin their final series of PPEs on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

A detailed letter with an update on Centre Assessment Grades as well as our final plans to mark the end of this academic year with both year groups will be sent home next week. In the meantime, I'd like to praise both year groups for their never-ending resilience and positivity.

### **Years 12 and 10**

Preparations are underway in for both year groups to begin their first set of Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) which begin on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

This week, Year 10 students have been learning how to use flashcards to help promote long term memory in order to succeed in assessments. They have used the recent news story of M&S suing Aldi over Cuthbert the Caterpillar as content.

### **What is a flashcard?**

A flashcard is a small piece of paper which has a question on one side, with the corresponding answer on the other.

Testing yourself has been shown to be one of the most effective ways of committing learning to long term memory.

### **What is the best way to use them?**

Flashcards need to be reviewed regularly. To make this more effective, separate piles can be constructed depending on whether a correct answer was given.

This useful video explains more <https://youtu.be/C20EvKtdJwQ>

Flashcards can be used by a student testing themselves or with another member of the family helping to read the questions and give feedback.

### **What are the next steps?**

During Period 1 tutorial, students have had guidance on how to make and use flashcards. They will be tested on this content in the near future so please support your child in practising with those flashcards.

And of course, in order to support their preparation for their PPEs students should be using revision guides and their exercise books to create flashcards using the same format as they have for Colin versus Cuthbert. Once they have made these flashcards they need to be reviewed regularly (as per the video link above).

### ***And finally...***

Congratulations from Team Sherburn go to Georgia Young who entered some photographs into the YPU competition. She has won a certificate for one of her photos and has had another photo accepted which is fantastic- there were over 3000 images entered!

Both of her photographs will be published in the YPU magazine and they will also be displayed at Bradford media museum. What a stunning result.

As always thank you for your on-going support, and here's hoping the sun (rather than hail, rain or snow!) appears this weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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