

Dear parents, carers and students,

Welcome back and thank you!

It's been fantastic to welcome our students back on site, and to see so many of them with impeccable uniform and perfect equipment. I know first hand that this doesn't happen by accident, and that it takes a true Team Sherburn effort from the support-squad at home to make sure our students are "suited and booted" and ready for success. So – thank you!

One of the highlights of my week has been the opportunity to speak to students on their return in assemblies. Using Reef's song, "Put Your Hands Up" for some inspiration and motivation, I shared with students in years 7 - 9 our plans for a new Student Leadership Programme, our House Cup, the extension of our sports clubs and the return of our school shows and concerts.

The focus for Years 10 and 11 was very much on preparing for their GCSEs, (although we do very much encourage them to participate in the full life of the school!) I also took time to praise these year groups, who really have shown remarkable resilience throughout the start of their GCSE journey. They have, in the words of Amanda Gorman, shown that "there is always light" through their superb attitude to learning, even remotely.

To learn more about how students can "put their hands up" and "be the light" see below:

Year 11 Supporting Success

To help our Year 11 students "find their light" our after-school revision and intervention sessions begin next week. These Period 7 lessons run from 2.45 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. The programme for period 7 is as follows:

Monday	English, Drama, PE
Tuesday	History, Geography, RE
Wednesday	Science, Business Studies, IT, MFL
Thursday	Maths, Creative, Health and Social

As you can see from the programme above, more than one subject runs at a time. To help students decide which session to attend, students with particular areas to improve as identified from PPE 1 will be invited to a specific session. Please note, ALL students are invited to attend ALL Period 7 sessions. Unfortunately, at this moment in time, there is no school bus service running for students who attend Period 7.

Parents and carers are also invited to attend our Year 11 Supporting Success evening on Wednesday 6th October from 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., which will be an opportunity for everyone to learn about our countdown to GCSEs, preparation for Post 16, the prom and more!

Food, Glorious Food!

Students are now able to purchase food and drinks at both break and lunchtimes. Students wishing to order a sandwich for lunch can pre-order at break to ensure the sandwich of their choice. To see what's on offer see [here](#).

Luckily this year, sandwiches are not the only food on offer! To see the full range of choices see the price list [here](#):

Smile, Camera, Action!

Year 7 and Year 11, make sure you're camera ready for Friday 17th September when your individual school photographs will be taken. (The Year 11 group photograph will take place later in the year, and don't worry, plenty of warning will be given for last minute haircuts!)

And finally...

We could not have asked for a better start to the academic year – thank you again Team Sherburn!

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher