



Sherburn High School

Headteacher: Ms Miriam Oakley

Garden Lane, Sherburn In Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6AS

Tel: 01977 682442

Web: www.sherburnhigh.co.uk

Email: admin@shs.starmat.uk



Dear parents/carers and students

A huge thank you must go to our students who have worked so hard this half term.

A special well done to Year 7, you've made a brilliant impression on us all and certainly feel like you have well and truly transitioned to secondary school.

And a special mention to all those students who have been ill (some due to Coronavirus) this half term but have still managed to catch up on work via Google Classrooms and have returned to school with such positive, resilient attitudes. Your brilliant outlook on life and your ability to bounce back from adversity is a real testament to you – thank you!

Preparing to Return from Half Term

As you will know from your own personal experiences and of course the national news, Coronavirus remains prevalent. In light of this, please can all students undertake twice weekly lateral flow testing during half term. In particular, could we all ensure that a lateral flow test is done on Sunday 31st October in preparation for our return to school on Monday 1st November.

Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) Update

I am writing to update you on the latest career opportunities available to students.

Roots to Success

We have once again partnered with University of York, York St. John University, York College University Centre and University Centre Askham Bryan.

The aims of Roots to Success are to:

- Provide the opportunity for students to create their own skill set to build their future in higher education
- Provide students with the experience and understanding of higher education to allow them to make informed choices
- Provide students with the confidence and self-esteem to consider that higher education is an option if they wish to pursue it
- Dispel myths about higher education and student finance
- Raise aspirations, not only for higher education, but for lifelong learning.

Through our partnership with Roots to Success, there will be activities for students in all years to complete during Period 1 to help meet some of the aims above, however, they also provide more targeted activities for students in Year 8 and Year 9. This targeted approach is designed for students who might feel like university and higher education is not for them. The Roots to Success programme will provide students with the information and guidance required to help support them to make the best choices for them and their future.

If your child/ward meets at least one of the following criteria they would be eligible for the opportunity to access this more targeted support:

- Black, Asian or Ethnic Minority background (including Gypsy, Roma, Traveller) or is a refugee or asylum seeker
- Is in Local Authority Care
- Is estranged from their family
- Has a disability or long-term health condition or mental health condition or learning difficulties
- Is eligible for free school meals
- Is a young carer
- Would be the first generation of their family to attend higher education
- Is a military service child
- Lives in a low IMD (index of multiple deprivation) postcode
- Lives in a low participation postcode (you can check your postcode using this [postcode look up tool](#). Quintiles 1 or 2 would be considered a low participation postcode)

If you feel your child/ward meets at least one of the above criteria and they would like to apply for a place on the free programme you can complete an [application form here](#). Applications close on Sunday 7 November. If you have any questions about these criteria please contact our school's Roots to Success Coordinator, Ben Featherstone.

For more information regarding Roots to Success, please visit their website:
<https://www.york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/pre-16/roots-to-success/>

Virtual Law Work Experience with Browne Jacobson (Year 10, 11, 12 & 13)

I'd like to share with you an excellent Virtual Law Work Experience opportunity for all students in Years 10-13 taking place over half term with Browne Jacobson.

Browne Jacobson are a top 50 law firm with offices all over the UK and revenues of £80million. This work experience is going to provide students with a fantastic insight into how a law firm works and makes money, the different departments they have and an opportunity to ask your questions to top legal professionals.

Law Virtual Work Experience:

- Wednesday 27th October, 9am - 4pm
- Senior Partner welcome talk
- An insight to law, their different departments and areas of work
- Variety of speakers including QC's, barristers & solicitors
- Talk from Shaun Wallace / Dark Destroyer (Barrister) from the Chase (ITV)
- Talk from Lubna Shuja (2022 President of The Law Society) - "The importance of diversity and open access to a legal career for all"

Students will receive a Certificate of Completion that they can add to their CV and talk about in their UCAS applications / future job interviews. Browne Jacobson will also provide students with a reference from the firm.

Application link for this fantastic opportunity: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Browne-Jacobson>

Virtual Work Experience Opportunities (All Years)

We have registered the School with Speakers for Schools Experience Programme. Launched in 2010 by ITV Political Editor Robert Peston and supported by the Law Family Charitable Foundation, Speakers for Schools aims to improve access to leading figures of all industries and

backgrounds, to engage and inspire young people by providing free Virtual Work Experience opportunities.

We have already had a number of students successfully complete Virtual Work Experiences with Speakers for Schools and there are lots more opportunities for students in all Years to get involved in. To take part, students need to simply register with Speakers for Schools and ensure that select Sherburn High School as their provider. Upon completion of the Virtual Work Experience, students are awarded a Certificate of Completion that can be added to their CVs and UCAS applications.

To register for Speakers for Schools and to search for and apply for the opportunities, students need to visit: <https://www.s4snextgen.org/>

Independent Careers Advisor

As always, our independent careers advisor is available on Wednesdays to offer impartial careers advice to students.

Please contact ben.featherstone@shs.starmat.uk for more information about any of the information shared above.

And finally...

A highlight of my week has been presenting our new Student Leaders with their yellow student leader badges! Congratulations to the following students who make have become our first cohort of Student Leaders 2021-22:

Elle Hudson-Fox, Hannah Wass, Vinny Ward, Sonny Schofield, Joel Connor, Joe Gilvier-Shakespeare, Jasmine Basson, Omar Kanaa, Keiron Maguire, Lily Underdown, Amy-Jo Cobb, Brandon Lovell, Joana Costa, Thomas Bickerdike, Alex Roach, Tom Scriven, Georgia Oliver, Alfie Town, Molly Geldard, Sam Hawes, Manraj Mehat, Ashton Long, Bea Cunningham, Jonny Eldridge, Oscar Gilvier-Shakespeare, Josh Shipman, Isla Butterworth, Harry Riordan, Jessica Greenwood-Field, Reece Crowder, Gabe Sheppard, D'Vante Griffith, Ryan Greensill, Amelia Bialas, Libby Bailey, Isaac Smith, Eva Quirk, James Lodge, Batsirai Muza, Kacey Crawshaw, Ellis Heward, Sofia Iannelli, Kate Tookey, William Baboolal, Moss Procter-Millard, Alfie Lupton, Jamie Maughan, Holly Hodcroft, Seth Wake, Hannah Hurst, Sydney Winfield-Deville, Fin Mills, Aaron Hudson, Isla Hunter, Olivia Earnshaw and T-J Wood.

I look forward to working with our Student Leaders in order to improve the school for all –

Have a lovely half term and as always thank you for your on-going support,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher
Sherburn High School