

Dear parents, carers and students,

## **Congratulations!**

We've done it! It might have been the strangest start to an academic year, but we've made it to half term. Well done to every single student who has shown real maturity, resilience and adaptability; we couldn't be prouder of you!

## **Changes to the School Day**

Now that we have clearly established learning zones and handwashing/sanitising routines in place we are making the following adjustments to the start of the school day. Please check this carefully as any student arriving after 8.40 a.m. will be marked as late and sanctions will follow.

<b>Years 7, 11 and 9</b>	<b>Years 8 and 10</b>	<b>Years 12 and 13</b>
Arrival at <b>8.25 a.m.</b>	Arrival at <b>8.35 a.m.</b>	No change to arrival time

There is no proposed change to the ending of the school day.

## **Access to Specialist Teaching Rooms**

I am pleased to be able to share with you that after half term we are able to provide increased access to specialist rooms for Music and Drama. Initially this will be targeted to students in years 9 – 11, with the plan to increase access to all year groups as we progress through the term.

In addition, work is being undertaken to increase access for years 7 and 8 to specialist Art and Design and Technology rooms.

## **Medication in School**

Please can I remind everyone that students are not permitted to carry medication with them, other than their asthma inhalers OR if parents/carers have completed an "Administration of Medication" form, for any student with an on-going medical condition.

It is really important that we are vigilant in relation to this, and any student caught with medication without the appropriate authorisation will have their medication confiscated from them.

## **Students – Are you worried that local restrictions will mean you're bored this half term? What about ...**

Showing off your wonderful artistic flair by creating a piece of art work, on a fabric square, to help build our very own Sherburn High School mural.

## What positives came from your experience of the lockdown?

Schools around the country have been making art from their students' experiences during 2020. Now it's our turn as Team Sherburn, to come together to document the positive experiences we have had of lockdown.



Be part of our Sherburn High School Mural!



To participate, create a piece of art on a fabric square measuring between 4x4 and 8x8 inches. (leave a 1.5cm gap on the edge so we can sew it all together)



### Ideas for your fabric square:

- A positive message or saying.
- A weekly routine or something you've enjoyed doing during lockdown.
- A new skill or something you've learned
- Anything positive that came from your experience of lockdown.

Bring what you have made into school by **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Give it in to your form tutor, for it to get delivered to the creative department.

### You could sew, paint or draw.

- If you paint use fabric paint, acrylic or poster paints.
- If you draw, fabric markers, sharpies, or even biro should work. Don't use felt tips as they may run if your art gets wet.

If you don't have any fabric but still want to take part you could create art on paper and we will do our best to transfer these onto fabric so your art can be incorporated into the mural.



Or if your creative talents lie elsewhere what about becoming a BBC Reporter?

The **BBC Young Reporter Competition** is an opportunity for young people to tell the BBC what matters to them and about the subjects they think the BBC should be reporting and featuring on programmes and platforms - from The One Show to BBC Breakfast, BBC News and local radio.

Young people can share a story about themselves or their family, friends or community.

Or they might have an idea for one of the new categories this year - about the impact of coronavirus or an uplifting story to fill BBC audiences with cheer!

Don't worry – the BBC are not looking for completed reports or features; they just want original story ideas and outlines.

All the details are available online at [www.bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition](http://www.bbc.co.uk/youngreportercompetition)

## Super Six Lucky Dip Winners!

As you know we love being able to praise our students and this week has been no exception with a record number of Super Six slips being issued. All our Super Six slips go into a lucky dip and the winners receive an extra special treat. Last week's winners, who received their treats today were: Bethany Clarkson, Ellie Bissett-Walton, Molly Ralls, Sam Barnett, Jonah Hardman, Joshua Lazenby, Izzy Riley, Millie Stead, Annie Crick and Matt Wilkinson.



***And finally...***

Thank you for your support – your trust in us has meant that students' attendance and behaviour has been amazing. Our school has once again been filled with students learning and laughing and it's felt so good.

I hope that everyone remains well over half term and that families manage to have some well-deserved rest and relaxation. I look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November (which is a B week!)

Yours with thanks,

Miriam Oakley  
Headteacher