

Dear parents, carers and students,

Updated Government Guidance

Yesterday, the government updated their guidance ["What parents and carers need to know about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak"](#) The two key messages from the updated guidance are:

- Attendance is mandatory and local authorities and schools have a range of [legal powers to enforce attendance](#) if a child or young person misses school without a valid reason. Every single session of learning available this term is vital for our students' mental health, wellbeing and educational progress. In light of this it is timely to remind parents/carers that holidays in term time are not normally authorised unless they are for exceptional reasons.
- A reminder to all of the importance of face masks in schools and the twice weekly lateral flow tests.

As always I would like to thank you for your on-going support in all of these matters. Attendance at Sherburn High School throughout this pandemic has been superb and well above reported national averages. Moreover, your support with lateral flow testing and the tedious logging of results also remains high – thank you.

The Return of PE Clubs!!!!

PE extra-curricular activities return next week!

Monday: Period 7 for Year 11

Tue: Year 8 football and Netball

Wed: Y9 Netball and Football

Thurs: Y7 football and netball (***Due to Year 10 Parents' Evening this will begin on Thursday 6th May***)

Fri: Y10 Football

Clubs are open to any student, free of charge.

At the end of the school day students should make their way up to the temporary gym, and await members of the PE department who will escort them to the changing rooms.

Clubs will finish at 3.45pm

Year 10 "Find their voice" –

A huge congratulations goes to our Year 10 students, who this week began the daunting task of completing their Speaking and Listening Assessment for GCSE English Language. From "The Gender Pay Gap," "Featherstone Rovers" and even "The Sherburn Beast" students have been brave enough to speak in front of peers on topics that have entertained, informed and sparked debate!

Well done everyone for your speeches so far and good luck to those students who have their speeches next week. We are so proud of you!

“Ready...Steady...Cook!”

It's also congratulations to our Year 11 GCSE Food Students, who spent the hottest day of the year cooking up a feast – from curries, cheesecake and lasagne the glorious smells of delicious food got everyone's taste buds tingling. Well done Year 11!

Year 7 exams

These are scheduled to commence during the week commencing 3rd May and will be conducted during normal lesson times, in classrooms. All students will be assessed in the foundation subjects, which include Art and Design, Drama, Information Technology, Design and Technology, French, Geography, History, Music and P.E. We will also be examining students in Religious Studies. Subject teachers will be further instructing students on the necessary content for revision and preparing them for these exams.

Good luck Year 7 – I am sure you will do really well.

Safeguarding our Students

Police Digital Security Centre (PDSC) is a not-for-profit organisation, owned by the police, who believe that the majority of cybercrime can be prevented by taking a few simple steps.

PDSC partners, ChildsafeVPN has created a set of useful infographics about cyber-safety aspects of the main apps and sites that young people may come across.

There are a range of posters aimed at upskilling parents about the most common apps young people use; these posters can be found here: <https://www.policedsc.com/security-advice/safeguarding>

And finally...

Congratulations to this week's Super Six Lucky Dip Winners – who all got to enjoy an extra special sweet treat to mark the end of the week! Well done to Isaac Smith, Jack Hussey, Jayden Selby, Sofia Ianelli, Alexandra Pantoja De Gall, Jamie Sumner, Oscar Westerman-Freer, Matthew Hyslop, Eliza Dale and Keira Black.

Let's hope the sunshine lasts the weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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