

Dear parents, carers and students,

Wow! Over 98% Attendance!!!

I wanted to begin by praising the way in which students in Years 10 and 12 have attended and engaged with their face-to-face sessions. Although it's not school as we know it, I know we have so enjoyed seeing the students and rumour has it, a few of them enjoyed being here too!

If there are any parents/carers who now wish to access this provision for their child, please email admin@shs.starmat.uk so that we can allocate your child to a learning group.

Reporting to Parents/Carers

Our annual 'Reporting to Parents' calendar (which includes Parents' Evenings) has been paused since the national lockdown commenced.

Whilst all students in school have had at least one report this year, and in some cases more, we are particularly aware that the closure of schools occurred just as staff were starting to prepare reports and that planned Parents' events had to be cancelled. We are also aware that the planned Pre Public Examinations/mock examinations for Years 10 and 12 (and the reporting of these results to parents/carers) were not able to take place.

In light of all of this, we have been considering carefully what we can do to fill these gaps. We have re-organised next year's Reporting Calendar, with the plan of holding a series of Supporting Success events (either as stand-alone events or as part of Parents' Evenings) during the Autumn term, so we can share with you our plans for intervention, catch-up and support. We will also share any information we have about examinations in 2021. We will begin with events for students in current Year 10 and Year 12. There will also be a report sent home to all parents within the autumn term.

As soon as the government confirms plans for the Autumn Term we will share the dates of our Reporting Calendar with you.

Calling all Students

I'd like to thank you for being such superb students and the way you have responded whilst the school has been closed. The resilience and self-motivation you have shown over this period of time has been remarkable and it is a true testament to "Team Sherburn." I am thoroughly enjoying seeing the work you are posting on Show My Homework and via Twitter.

I'm also well aware that this half term is traditionally a time of celebration, a time when there would be Sports Day, The Sherbies and our annual reward trips to Flamingo Land or for the sixth form, Alton Towers. Please don't think that we have forgotten about all of these things that make Sherburn so special. Behind the scenes we are looking at ways to ensure that we don't lose these things, and as soon as we know more about next term I will share our plans with you.

Your form tutors will also be contacting you again to see how you are getting on with your work and to check that you are ok; in the meantime if you are worried or stuck on anything at all please contact your teachers via Show my Homework or email admin@shs.starmat.uk or don't hesitate to contact your House Achievement Leader.

Students in Year 10 – An Opportunity for You

We have a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 10 to attend a virtual careers fair with the Royal Engineers. This will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 2pm, so students do not miss the event if they are in school in the morning.

During the fair, soldiers and other members of the Army will discuss the Army in education, apprenticeships and the Army Foundation college in Harrogate. The event is designed to be motivational to help students prepare to get the best possible GCSE results as well as informing students about the variety of careers on offer in the Army.

It is an interactive fair, where students will be able to engage in the discussion through "poll" functions and students can ask any questions they might have to the serving Royal Engineer soldiers.

If you have any questions you would like to ask the Army, please email these to Mr Featherstone, so that they can be answered during the live event.

Formal invitations and instructions to join will be emailed to students' school email addresses closer to the date.

To register your interest in attending the event please email Mr Featherstone (ben.featherstone@shs.starmat.uk)

Students in Year 12

Mr Kirby wrote to you earlier in the week to invite you to an important live webinar taking place on Tuesday 23rd June from 7pm until 8pm. It is vital that both you and your parents/carers attend this webinar as there will be details given regarding the UCAS application process and also Apprenticeship information given by [Anna Morrison CBE](#).

To sign up for the webinar, [please complete the online form found here](#).

Mr Kirby will also post pre-recorded videos talking students through their UCAS applications on Mondays beginning on Monday 22nd June. If you've got any questions at all about any of this, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Kirby (daniel.kirby@shs.starmat.uk)

Friday Five!



This week's Friday Fives go to Year 11 – who we surprised by delivering their hoodies to mark what would have been their final week of GCSEs.

It was so lovely to see you (even in the pouring rain and meet your dogs); we can't wait to celebrate properly with you soon but in the meantime wear those hoodies with pride!

Look out on Twitter to see how many of you we managed to capture, and for any of you that were still in bed, too shocked or shy to come to the door yourselves or out at work – why not upload your picture onto Twitter so we can see you. Better yet, treat yourselves to some Haribos and celebrate your Friday Five properly!

And finally...



Whilst tonight I shall be supporting the opposition (I'm sorry!), I know that the whole country will be "united" cheering on Marcus Rashford whose determination to ensure that no child goes hungry this summer has led to the government agreeing to fund Free School Meal vouchers throughout the summer holidays. Please, if you think you could qualify for this support, apply – no child should go hungry and no family should worry about food. Marcus Rashford has shown that there is no shame in asking for support; to find out if you qualify for Free School Meals and apply on line visit this website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

As always thank you for your support and have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley