

Dear parents, carers and students,

What a week! And no, I am not referring to England's amazing win on Wednesday...I'm referring to the hard work that I've seen in multiple classrooms this week and the work that has gone into transition from Year 6 Road Show lessons, virtual Parents' Evening and visits, to our Year 10 Post 16 Taster Day in collaboration with Tadcaster Grammar School.

It has been so refreshing and exciting to see staff and students work on their next steps, whether that's joining Team Sherburn for the very first time as a Year 7, focussing in their lessons, to preparing to study A levels and considering their future as Year 10 prepare to enter Year 11 and beyond.

Refreshing – reassuring – and dare I say it, a glimpse of the return to school as we know it.

More on our return to school in September in next week's letter home but first an outline of the end of this term.

Week Beginning Monday 12th July – Lessons will continue as normal next week. During Period One on Friday 16th July, nominations for this year's virtual Sherbies, will be announced.

What's the Sherbies ask Year 7 and Year 8?!

The Sherbies are our annual awards presented to students for excellence in subject areas or contributions to life at school. We normally hold awards evenings and present the prizes to students in a hall packed with parents, carers and staff. Obviously, this year, we must do things a little differently – but “the show must go on!” and we look forward to presenting prizes to our wonderful students despite the restrictions.

Week Beginning Monday 19th July – Lessons will continue as normal for Monday to Thursday.

Each day, a different year group will be awarded their Sherbies during Period One. Which of our nominated students will be a prize winner?! Make sure you are in Period One, each day, to find out!

Arrangements for Friday 23rd July

- Students may attend school in non-uniform
- Students will go to period 1, 2 and 3
- Students will return to form for period 4 and any student who has ordered lunch will receive it during period 4.
- Students may bring snacks to enjoy during period 4.
- Students will be dismissed from school from 12 p.m. with the final year group being dismissed at 12.15 p.m.

Details about the return to school in September will be published in next Friday's letter home.

Keeping our Students Safe

I am sorry to have to draw your attention to a serious safeguarding concern. It has come to our attention that students are being targeted on social media platforms like Snap Chat and Instagram by sites called things like “Just for You.” These sites promise free phones, new clothes, and trainers – and money is sent directly to a young person via Pay Pal. This devious form of grooming places young people at serious risk; with what seems too good to be true and very enticing, becoming rapidly exploitative. We have of course notified the police and we are sharing this with you so that you can work with us to keep all of our students safe from harm.

Chromebooks

Thank you to those parents/carers who have placed an order for a Chromebook, this is just a reminder for those of you who haven't ordered one but wish to do so that the ordering portal closes on Sunday at midnight. For more information please click on the following link:

<https://www.sherburnhigh.co.uk/chromebooks>

And finally...

As you know, a highlight of each week is our Super Six rewards. Super Six are given to individuals for exceptional work, behaviour or team spirit – occasionally they are given to a whole class for something extraordinary and up until now, there has been one occasion when a whole year group was given a Super Six for their tremendous effort in their Pre-Public Examinations.

Well – today, Year 10 joined that elite year group, as all Year 10s were rewarded for their superb effort and attitude during their PPEs and for their wonderful behaviour and attitude during yesterday's Sixth Form Taster Day – well done to all!

I hope you have a lovely weekend, and let's hope "football's coming home!"

As always thank you for your on-going support,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher