

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

### **Arrangements for Wider Opening of School**

Deep cleaning, re-organisation of classrooms and more have taken place in preparation for welcoming students in Year 10 and 12 on site next week for some face-to-face sessions.

We are so pleased that over 95% of students have confirmed attendance; just remember:

- Students in Year 10 must enter school through their designated gate and make their way straight to their teaching room
- Students do not need to wear uniform (but must adhere to the uniform guidance in the circulated Behaviour Policy addendum)
- Students will not be able to access their lockers and must take all equipment home with them after each session
- Work will continue to be submitted via Show my Homework and tasks will continue to be set there (note the date for teachers to set new work for English, maths and science has now moved from Wednesday to Thursday)

### **Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

Sadly, lockdown has increased the risk of sexual abuse for some children, both online and offline.

A confidential **Stop It Now! helpline** run by The Lucy Faithful Foundation in partnership with police is available to anyone with concerns about child sexual abuse and its prevention – call **0808 1000 900** (9am-9pm Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm Friday).

The Foundation also has a **Parents Protect! website** with plenty of information and resources on how to keep children safe from sexual abuse. They've put together **a list of useful resources** that can help parents/carers bring up issues such as how to be safe online and consent.

As always, if any parents/carers are concerned about the wellbeing of their child, please contact us – either through your child's form tutor, House Achievement Leader or email [admin@shs.starmat.uk](mailto:admin@shs.starmat.uk)

### **University of York Pre-16 Hub**

The praise from the University of York doesn't appear to be abating for last week's Friday Five winners Megan Horn, Georgina Bell and Emma Long. This week they have impressed the hub with their cooking skills and/or their attendance at the university's Q and A session.

Congratulations also go to Ruby Silverwood, someone else who enjoyed making the chocolate cookies and was rewarded with a £30 Amazon gift voucher as a result!

Well done for getting involved – and for anyone else now tempted to win themselves a voucher take a look at <https://www.york.ac.uk/schools-and-colleges/pre-16/pre-16-hub/>

### **Yorkshire Air Ambulance say...**

A huge thank you to the staff and students at Sherburn High School who raised over £600 at our Bramham House Charity day. It seems a long time ago now when we held the day, but this week we received a lovely thank you letter from them. I can't wait until we can contribute to our community in this way again.

***And finally...***

This week I'm awarding my Friday Fives to the silent majority – the students who have got out of bed each day without moaning, the students who have taken the dog for a walk, kept their rooms (relatively!) tidy, made cups of tea, laughed at their parents' poor attempts to master a Tik Tok dance, read to their younger siblings and completed their remote learning without being nagged or cajoled into doing it. You are making us and your families extremely proud – keep on being you!

Enjoy the weekend and let's hope that there is some sunshine on its way,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley  
Headteacher