

Head of School's Weekly Update 19 March 2021

YEAR 11 AND YEAR 13 AWARDING OF GRADES

On Thursday Mr Wilkinson and Mrs Rahn led an assembly with Year 11 and Year 13 on the arrangements for the grading of students this summer. Mr Wilkinson went through the timeline for the next two months and explained how classroom assessments will be used, alongside prior assessments, to produce students' grades. We will be writing to all parents of Year 11 and Year 13 students on Monday next week to share further details with them.

NEW SITE DEVELOPMENTS

We have seen the delivery of our new science classrooms and Sixth Form Centre to the Brompton Road site this week.



More photos at the end of the bulletin

EASTER SCHOOL

To support our Year 11 and Year 13 students in the preparations for their assessments after Easter we will be running an Easter school during the second week of the Easter holidays. A timetable of the sessions will be published to students and parents early next week.

TRAINING DAY - 12 APRIL 2021

Please note that the date for the training day has been moved to Thursday 22nd July. The last day of term for students will be Wednesday 21st July. We want to maximise on the learning for all students and ensure that our Year 11 and Year 13 students have the best opportunity to prepare for their assessment period. All students will return to school on 12th April following the Easter holidays.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Year 11 students who have completed their skill, volunteering and physical sections and achieved their Certificate of Achievement, have all been invited to undertake the bronze expedition. This will involve three Saturday morning training sessions (20/03, 27/02 and 17/04) to ensure these students are all fully prepared for a successful qualifying expedition. The two-day expedition will take place at the end of April.

Year 12 students are now all up and running with their silver award and are now progressing with the skill, volunteering and physical sections.

Finally, Year 10 students have been progressing well with their bronze award. Students have until the end of June 2021 to complete their skill, volunteering and physical sections if they wish to progress onto their bronze expedition in July 2021.

SAFEGUARDING

Today is National Child Exploitation Awareness Day, which aims to highlight the issues surrounding Child Exploitation; encouraging everyone to think, spot and speak out against abuse and adopt a zero tolerance to adults developing inappropriate relationships with children or children exploiting and abusing their peers.

#HelpingHands

#CEADay21



COVID HOME TESTING

Thank you to all students who have successfully completed their first COVID home tests this week - the response has been fantastic.

Could I remind all parents that these tests are only to be used if the student has no COVID symptoms. If they do, they should book in for a PCR test at a testing centre.

The home tests should be done twice a week, on a Sunday night and a Wednesday night and the results of these tests should be reported to the NHS via <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and also to the school using the link below <https://forms.gle/csVPoVWY8wYoUbvL9>. **We would ask that if your child receives a positive test result that you contact the school as soon as possible so that we can track and trace and quickly identify any close contacts. You can ring the school on 01609 773340 or email us on response@northallertonschool.org.uk** Your child and the whole household will also need to isolate and arrange for a PCR test for the student as soon as possible.

Testing should continue throughout the Easter holidays and students will be given additional test kits next week to bring home.

These tests are for student use only. Household members of school aged children are eligible to access home testing kits - details of how to access these were included in the NYCC letter ([click here](#)).

Thank you for all your support with the home testing which is helping to keep our school community safe. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Anna Wilson or Louise Bramley at the school. Thank you.

COVID POSITIVE CASES - UPDATE

We have only had one positive COVID case reported in our school community this week.

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Comic Relief

Due to the current restrictions we were limited with what we could do to help fundraise for Red Nose Day, but that did not stop us as a community finding a means of raising money for a very just cause in a

safe and responsible manner. Students from across the school and sixth form were given the opportunity to attend school in non-uniform, and we encouraged those students to wear red, where it was possible to do so; this was in exchange for a small donation of £1 to raise money for Comic Relief. We also ran a 'How Many Sweets in the Jar?' competition; this was run in a COVID friendly manner. The total sum of money collected will be announced next week. Thank you to everyone that contributed and helped in their own small way to a much bigger cause and thank you to the sixth form student council for organising this.

YEAR 7 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The return to school has brought a new challenge for our Year 7 students - they have all been invited to work towards their Bronze Personal Development Award. The PDA is about celebrating effort and taking part whilst also building confidence and resilience. To achieve the award, the students simply have to complete 6 of the 10 criteria. The criteria are:

- Take part in student voice
- Complete one of the house challenges (MegaMarathon or Reach For The Stars)
- Be awarded an R2 (Star Card)
- Complete 90 minutes or more of Hegarty Maths before the end of term
- Complete 100 Educake questions
- Feature in a school social media post or an article for the website
- Take part in a school competition (such as the Friends of the Friarage Logo Competition, the Arete MFL Mardi Gras Competition or one of the Arete Challenges)
- Pass an Accelerated Reader quiz
- Attend a school club (eg Short Story Club)
- Attend intervention sessions with school staff and complete any work set - Monday morning to Sunday evening (SEND team)

Good luck to all Year 7 students. Who can achieve their award before the Easter holidays?

