

Our Ref: PS3

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted with the progress students are making in all year groups and I hope you see this reflected in your son's/daughter's Praising Stars report.

Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students are undertaking external exams for vocational qualifications at the moment and feedback has been very good. Shortly we will be beginning music, art, graphics and photography exams which take place from March until the summer. Mock exams will also be taking place in March for all examined subjects. Can I ask that parents do not take students out of school during this critical exam period as it will have a very detrimental impact on exam results.

Year 11 students, in particular, are showing immense resilience and have a fantastic attitude to their learning. They have recently enjoyed a trip to the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield to see 'Blood Brother' to support them with their English literature GCSE. Quantum Theatre also came into school to perform 'A Christmas Carol' for year 10 and 11 students.

This week we have an educational visit taking place to the World War One battlefields for year 9 and 10 history GCSE students and there is a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm for this.

Students studying photography have educational visits to Filey and Hebdon Bridge to look forward to and we are also planning who to include in our team for the Outwood Family of School Games which is taking place in the near future.

Once again our Boccia teams, coached by Mrs Storr have seen huge success, coming first, second and third place out of all the attending teams at the Yorkshire Championships- well done to them all!

Year 8 students who have shown excellent behaviour for learning and have fantastic attitudes towards their education were invited to a celebration buffet lunch this week. These students received a certificate and pen to celebrate their very mature approach to school. Well done to them all!

We have had lots of other celebrations this term, with more to come. Most importantly can I remind you that Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 12 March, we would be very pleased to welcome you to this. Please also see the list of future dates for your diaries:

Friday 15 February 2019	Last day for students (half term)
Monday 25 February 2019	Academy open to students
Tuesday 12 March 2019	Parents Evening
Friday 12 April 2019	Last day for students (Easter holiday)
Monday 29 April 2019	Academy open to students

Yours faithfully



Jayne Gaunt  
Principal