



**May 2016**

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Year 10 and 11 GCSE Examinations**

As you already know, the year 10 and 11 GCSE examinations are rapidly approaching, with the first exam being held on Monday 16 May. I would like to remind parents and pupils to visit our website in order to view resources and materials for your subjects; there are many different styles of revision materials available, including videos, games and past exam papers. If there is anything you are unsure of or if you are unable to access the internet, please speak with your subject teachers and they will provide you with any advice or materials you may need. To view our revision guide and for tips, tricks and revision materials, please visit the 'Pupils' section of our website.

## **Football Finals**

Last week, our Year 7 and 9 Football teams were involved in the East Riding Cup finals. Both teams did everyone proud. The Year 7 team beat a lively Wolfreton School side and the Year 9 team were narrowly beaten by Driffield School 4-5. Well done to all the boys involved, this is a fantastic achievement.

## **Healthy Eating Week – Week commencing**

As a school we are keen to promote healthy eating and we have been working with the School Council who will be helping to organise a number of activities, including an extensive salad bar, competitions, challenges and breakfast during Healthy Eating Week in June 2016, part of a national campaign to improve our eating habits.

## **Sports Council**

The Sports Council have been busy this term and have put together some ideas about sports kit. In response to their ideas we are planning to offer some additional option items to the girls PE kit in Key Stage 4 only and will include a navy badged hoody and black leggings. We are just in the process of confirming the suppliers but will be sending information out to the current Year 9 and 10 girls as soon as it is confirmed.

## **Staffing Update**

We are pleased to confirm officially the appointment of Ms Michaela Blackledge to the post of Headteacher at The Snaith School. Ms Blackledge is currently the Principal at the Airedale Academy in Castleford. I know parents/carers will join me in welcoming her to the school. We say thank you and goodbye to Mr Nick Allcock (Premises Manager) who left the school last week.

## **Race for Life**

As part of my swansong I will be taking part (walking, not running) in the Race for Life at Pontefract Racecourse on Sunday 17 July. A number of staff are taking part as this is a cause very close to our hearts, over the years we have had a number of staff and pupils who have suffered with cancer. I would be really grateful for your support and if you are able to sponsor me I have a Just Giving page, my details will be on the school website soon. All contributions would be gratefully received.

### **School Production**

On the evening of Thursday 14 and Friday 15 July the school performance of We will Rock You will take place. Please reserve the date(s) in your diary. It promises to be a fantastic event, details of tickets sales will be sent to you after half term.

### **Key Stage 3 Awards Evening – Change of Date**

The Key Stage 3 awards evening will now take place on Tuesday 12 July at The Priory Church in Snaith. Prize winners will be informed immediately after half term.

### **Internal Examinations – Years 7-10**

All pupils will be involved in internal examinations during the period Monday 6 June – Friday 17 June. Pupils will have internal examinations in all subjects and will be informed by their subject teachers what they need to revise. All pupils can use their exercise books, the school website, revision guides (Year 10 only), SAM learning, BBC bitesize revision to prepare for the examinations. The examination timetable will be distributed to all pupils before half term.

### **Online Payments**

Thank you to those of you that have registered for schools online payment system. Online payments are our preferred method of payment for school trips and school dinners. For those of you that have not yet registered for this service and wish to do so, please contact the Admin/Finance Office at school for a letter regarding access information. This is a secure system that gives parents the opportunity to pay for school trips and school meals online via debit or credit card. Please note that the school will **no longer take cash** and will only take payment for trips online or in cheque form.

### **Data Contact Sheets – Year 7 – Year 10**

Over the next coming weeks pupils will be bringing home their data contact information to check. To help improve communication further, we would be grateful if you would also provide a valid e-mail address. In the future, this will enable us to send letters to parents and carers by e-mail. It is important that all information is checked and any changes should be clearly made on the form, signed and dated and returned to school in the envelope provided. Many thanks in advance for returning this information promptly.

### **Vacancies**

We have a number of job vacancies in school, details of which are on the school website. Should you be interested in any of the positions, please contact Mrs Helen Manners-Vaughan, Strategic Business Manager for more details.

### **SSA Summer Bingo**

The SSA Summer Bingo takes place on Monday 11 July. Donations of prizes would be much appreciated, either send them into school with your child or drop them off at Reception.

### **Other Dates to Note**

Thursday 19 May - Year 7 Parents' Evening  
Friday 27 May School Closes  
Monday 6 June School Opens  
Tuesday 14 June – Bags 2 School  
Friday 1 July – Year 11 Prom  
Monday 4 July Tuesday 5 July – Year 7 Induction days  
Friday 22 July – School Closes

Yours sincerely

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