



The Snaith School

A High Performing Specialist School in Business, Enterprise and Applied Learning

Year 7 Newsletter

Summer 2016

Welcome and Thank You

It is with mixed feelings that I write to you for the last time. I have found the last 14 years extremely rewarding and would like to thank all parents and carers for their fantastic support of the school during that time. Thank you also for all the good wishes and for sponsoring my efforts in the Race for Life. I am sure that the school will go from strength to strength under the Headship of Mrs Blackledge.

As the end of this year fast approaches we just want to say thank you to all our pupils for their hard-work and commitment. They are a talented and fantastic group of young people who are a pleasure to work with. It only seems a short time since they arrived at the school and already a year has passed. I would also like to thank all our parents/carers for support given throughout the year. Have a lovely summer break. Remember school opens for pupils on Tuesday 6th September. **Jean Pickerill**

Year 7 News

Year 7 pupils have produced some outstanding pieces of work across the curriculum and have shown the fantastic capabilities that they have and the amazing skills that they have developed over the year.

All pupils should be proud of the contributions and the progress that they have made over the year in class and in extra-curricular activities. It has been fantastic to go into many lessons this term and see the wonderful work pupils are producing, in all lessons pupils come across as keen to learn and determined to be successful.

The focus for the coming weeks and into Year 8 will be pupils being ready to learn and taking pride in their work. At the moment we have a few pupils that do not bring the correct equipment to school each day including planner and books. Pupils are aware of what they need in school each day and it is shown in their planners. Please can you help us by ensuring your child has the right equipment for school each day and is ready to learn and be successful in their lessons.

Pupils can look forward to a busy Year 8 programme which will result in them consolidating the work completed in Year 7. I am sure they will have a wonderful year with Miss Baines as their new Head of Year for their remaining time in school as I remain as a static Head of Year 7.

Kind Regards, Mrs Butler

Keep up the good work!

Attendance

Every day in school is so important for every pupil. Our average attendance is 95.6% which is a fantastic achievement. We are aiming for all pupils to be at 100%. A pupil who has 90% attendance in their 5 years at The Snaith School misses 1.5 terms of school which is equal to 20 weeks of learning.

Well done to form 7LB who have the best attendance in the year group with 96.4%

Well done also to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance since the beginning of the school year: Joseph Cooper, James Greenhaigh, Florence McEnroe, Lacey Best, Ruby Schofield, Thomas Whitehead, Taylor Bellwood, Ryan Jackson, Jack Knight, Alexander Rushton, Lewis Thomas, Thomas Blackledge, Hannah Friar, Carmen Mountain, Kieren Baxter, Kaydan Blakesley, Paige Peavoy, William Haw, Blake Ledger, Millie Martin, Daniel Pierce, Ben Whiteley, Ryan Finch, Mackenzie Lister, Vienna Peel

Remember—term time holidays are not authorised and will be submitted to the Local Authority for consideration of a penalty notice. Please refer to the information on the school website.



Race for Life

A number of staff took part in the Race for Life on Sunday at Pontefract Race Course.

Non Uniform Day

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 22 July to raise money for Cancer Research. Usual non-uniform day rules apply.

Year 7 ACE Day

Alternative Curriculum Experience

On Wednesday 20th July Year 7 pupils will be taking part in a trip to Whitby. The pupils will be involved in a number of activities which will help them understand the Gothic genre. The event will involve the pupils in a host of different practical activities and will include, challenges, modelling and teamwork.



Uniform – see the School Website/Pupil Planners for a full list.

Uniform do's and don'ts

During the summer months young people are often tempted to experiment with fashion. **Extremes of hairstyle and colour** are not acceptable in school (we seem to have a few boys with close shaved hair at the moment – no shorter than a number 3 cut is acceptable for school or tramlines etc.), neither are adornments such as those involved in facial and body piercing. Apart from the fact that the latter are inappropriate in a school setting, they do constitute a serious Health and Safety risk in a busy environment. Pupils with extremes of haircut or colour, inappropriate uniform or facial or body piercing may be sent home.

School bags – pupils need a school bag big enough to accommodate all the books etc. they need for one day – a small handbag (which some of the girls seem to be using at the moment) is not appropriate.

Skirts – plain navy blue, medium weight material, smart, uniform type that is not too short or too tight (not the stretchy type) and that tights or socks are worn in line with uniform policy (see School website). Skirts should be on or just above knee length.

Shoes – Black or brown flat heeled shoes (no kitten heels), with laces tied, not trainers, plimsolls (canvas) or boots (footwear that covers the ankle and above), not sandals (flip-flops).

Trousers – some pupils are wearing very tight 'skinny' type trousers (both girls and boys) – these type of trousers are not suitable for school. Ankle grazers which seem to be being sold in shops as 'school trousers' are again not suitable uniform for The Snaith School.

Mobile Phones/other Electronic Devices

May I remind parents that mobile phones/other electronic devices are not allowed in school under any circumstances. You will have read in the press no doubt about some of the problems caused in school by the inappropriate use of mobile phones and I would not wish for any child or member of staff to suffer any distress because of the consequences of this. If mobile phones are brought into school and seen by a member of staff they will be confiscated and a sanction applied in line with the School Discipline Policy. In an emergency we would always contact parents/carers.

Do you qualify?

Free School Meals are available for school children of parents or guardians who receive one of the following:

- Income Support;
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based);
- Child Tax Credit, and have an annual income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs);
- Guarantee Credit element of Pension Credit;
- Support payments under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;

Application for assistance to provide meals should be made to ERYC - full details & application information can be found on the school website. Alternatively you can apply on-line at www.myfreeschoolmeals.com



End of Term Arrangements/New Term 2016-17

The term finishes at 3.35pm on Friday 22 July and re-opens for all pupils on Tuesday 6 September. A copy of the school calendar dates are attached.

Staff Changes

We have a number of staff leaving the school this summer for pastures new: Mrs Oldridge (Food), Mrs Marshall (Health and Social Care), Mr Lyell (Maths/DT), Mrs Rome (IT), Mr Leader (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Robinson (Science), Mrs Brignall (TA). I am sure parents/carers will join me in thanking them for their contribution to the school, in a few cases over many years, and to wish them every success in the future. A number of new staff will be joining us in the summer, a letter will be sent early in September informing you of all the staff changes.



Lower School Awards Evening

Snaith Priory, Tuesday 12 July at 7.00pm

The following pupils were honoured with awards from their form tutors. There were also awards for pupils who have had success in Subject Areas, PE and Music. I presented the prizes this year which was a real privilege. The event is always well attended and all of the award winners should be very proud of their awards and achievements. Well Done!

The Form Tutor Prizes go to:

7BF : Frazer Hinsley, Florence McEnroe, Rachel Steeghs, Amelia Walker –Brownlow

7LRN: Nathan Ayrtton, Amber Kidd, Vienna Peel
Jason Turner

7DN: Mia Biddle, Thomas Blackledge, Abbie Harland

Ryan Johnstone

7LB: Emily Long, Harry Sleight, Lucy Sykes
Benjamin Whiteley

7BVD: Josh Butler, Kathryn Franks, Abigail Hayward

Alexander Rushton

7HA: Thomas Baines, Isabelle Bond, Paige Peavoy
Emily Schmidt



Accelerated Reader Facts

Total number of books read by KS3 since September 2014 is 7,500! That all adds up to 201 million words!

Our Top Ten Most Popular Books

- The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
- A Christmas Carol
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Dog Days
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Roderick Rules
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Last Straw
- Esio Trot
- Room 13
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid The Third Wheel
- Holes

E-Learning

- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/english/ks3
- www.wordgames.com
- www.arbookfind.co.uk
- www.englishbiz.co.uk - helpful for revising grammar and the writing tasks.
- www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/english - help in terms of writing styles.
- www.educationquizzes.com/gcse/english - quizzes on punctuation and writing styles
- www.sparknotes.com - for help with all your literature texts

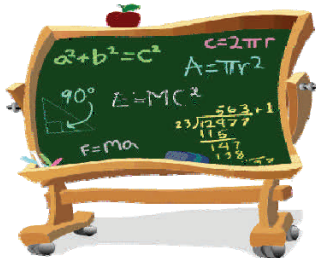
Key Resources

- Dictionary
- Thesaurus

English



Maths



Key Equipment

- Scientific Calculator
- Compass
- Protractor
- 300mm Ruler (not bendy)
- 2 Sharp Pencils
- Pen, Rubber and Sharpener
- *All text books will be provided by the school for the duration of your course*

Top Tip

“More Maths for Mums and Dads - the teenage years” by Rob Eastway (this is a great book to help your parents understand the way you are taught maths).

Course Outline

- AQA GCSE Mathematics (Linear)
- 3 Exams taken at the end of Year 11 (2 calculator, 1 non-calculator)

E-Learning

www.spikedmath.com/math-games - fun games to develop your maths skills

www.plus.maths.org/content - very cool on-line magazine about the use of maths in everyday life

www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse/maths - excellent website you sign up to for free, fantastic notes.

www.mathswatchule.com—videos, worksheets, revision on all topics. Centre ID, username and passwords to be sent home soon.
www.mymaths.co.uk—school login—snaith, password—Range—lessons, revision, games

www.samlearning.com—school login—DN14SS, pupils should know their own login details—revision, tests to boost skills

www.mrbartonmaths.com—excellent website with notes, games, puzzles and links to other good sites for KS3, KS4 and further maths.