

Dear Parents and Carers

The normal newsletter will resume after our first full week back next week, but in the meantime, here is an update on our first few days, and a reminder of some upcoming events.

I should start by acknowledging that this has been a difficult summer period for all of our community. In assemblies this week, each year group have been reminded of where and how they can access support if any student is feeling upset or in need of help following the loss of 3 boys from our community in the road accident at the start of the summer holidays. I also thanked them and their families for the support they have shown to each other, especially those from the Masham community. All of our staff have these resources and can signpost students to other help, or speak to them individually where needed.

Then yesterday, we learned of the death of the Queen. In a whole school assembly this morning, I shared with students why this is such a monumental event for so many millions across our nation and the wider world. We talked about the idea that whatever your thoughts on the monarchy and on the Queen herself, it is important to be aware of how people around us may be affected in different ways. I also reminded them of the close ties between the Queen and our many forces families.

Notices to Share:

- ***Year 7 PSHE Interfaith Trip to Bradford***
Please see the attached letter for further details from Mr Childe

- ***Collecting and Dropping Off Students***
Please can we remind parents that they should not be driving into the school carpark at the start or end of the school day. We do not have capacity for this and it ends up blocking spaces for booked in taxis, and also being a hazard for students as they walk across to enter or leave the site. Thankyou.

- ***CCTV Installation***
Over the summer, we installed CCTV around key areas, entrances, exits, playing fields and corridors near the toilets. Last year we suffered vandalism and damage out of school hours on a number of occasions – hopefully this will be a deterrent, and also help to keep students safer during the school day. We will follow strict protocols over how footage is used and accessed in school.

- ***GCSE Yr11 Information Evening 15th September 6pm***
This is an opportunity for parents to come into school and get some early support with revision advice and further information on how to support your child as they approach exam time.

- ***Your local Air Cadet Unit is recruiting***
2337 (Northallerton) Squadron is having an open evening of Wednesday 14th September. If you Y8 or above and are interested in Aviation, Sports, Leadership and Communication skills, Adventure Training or DofE, or need something to do on evenings and weekends come and see what we are all about. 7pm @ The Drill Hall, Thirsk Road, Northallerton, DL6 1PF. Contact oc.2337@rafac.mod.gov.uk for more info or find us on Facebook @2337- Northallerton Sqn ATC.

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- **Message from Mrs Bradley regarding her Food Prep lessons:**

As we are all too aware the cost of living is impacting us all. I wanted to reassure parents that I will try to keep recipes, especially at KS3, as economical as possible. It is important that the students access basic cookery skills outlined in the curriculum, but I am aware that this could put extra pressure on many families. I am more than happy for recipes to be adapted to meet the needs of your family either by altering an ingredient or making smaller portions. I am aware that some recipes may have an ingredient that many people may not have such as a particular spice or raising agent so I will endeavour to have a bank of these ingredients in the classroom that all students can use. If I issue a recipe that your family would not enjoy, please let me know and we can look at alternatives that would still teach your child that particular skill. Also, if you are struggling with the cost of the ingredients, please let me know in advance of the lesson and I will do what I can to provide any of the ingredients that may help. Please get in touch with any concerns or if you have any suggestions. My email is bradleya@bedalehighschool.org.uk.

- **FAO of families with younger Service children**

Please find attached information released on the 3rd Sept regarding Wraparound Childcare (WAC) and details of a dial in session on MS Teams for Serving personnel and families.

The WAC scheme financially helps eligible Service families with children aged 4 – 11 years old who are in school or being home schooled in the UK. Families can claim up to 20 hours per week of funding for each child attending before and after school care during term time.

Serving personnel and their families can also attend upcoming virtual Microsoft Teams sessions to hear more information about the WAC scheme. I would also recommend Service children support staff attending in order to further your school's understanding of the new scheme. Questions can be submitted before the sessions by using the Slido link, and the session can be joined by clicking on the following event links:

RAF 15 September, 13.00-14:00

Also attached: an FAQ sheet for the new WAC scheme.

- **Northallerton Hockey Club**

Northallerton Junior Hockey training is back with a bang and we welcome your children to join us. If your son or daughter has just progressed into years 7, we would be delighted to see them at training each Tuesday night between 6-7pm.

If they are in years 8 - 11 then we would love to see them between 7-8pm.

We will be training during term time, on the 3G pitch at Hambleton Leisure Centre in Northallerton.

Don't worry if you don't have a hockey stick, we can provide your child with one on the night. We only ask that they come wearing shin pads, long socks and a gum shield for their safety. Training will continue in most weathers so please ensure your children are appropriately dressed and bring along plenty of water.

If you think your child would be interested in giving hockey a go, please get in touch at northallertonhockeyclub@hotmail.com or come along and speak to one of our coaches.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ruth

Treasurer

Northallerton Hockey Club

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Finally, a special well done to our new Year 7s who have made such a brilliant start to school this week. They have been super cheerful and polite, making a really positive impression on staff and other year groups!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully

Tom Kelly

Headteacher
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