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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER: FRIDAY 29th September 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you have enjoyed a good week.

There has been a huge amount going on in school this week; our Y6 Open Evening was a huge success with over one thousand parents and children attending. It was tremendous to see how many of our current students volunteered their time to help on the night. So many of our visitors commented on how brilliant they all were. The Tour Guides, in particular, received some glowing feedback on how they were true advocates of our *core values* – respect, honesty and kindness. We are really proud of them all!

We've also launched many of our extra-curricular clubs in the last couple of weeks which have been really well attended by students. Students have enjoyed the rich and varied choice on offer, with over 50 clubs up and running. Details of our clubs can be viewed on our Website [here](#).

Engaging in extra-curricular activities is associated with an increased confidence which helps our students to develop their social interactions, have a real aspiration to be the best version of themselves and a sense of wellbeing and belonging. At Huntington School we are working to create a culture where all students are keen to engage with an extra-curricular programme that is broad and inclusive.

Finally, there are a couple of important information evenings over the next few weeks that I would like to draw your attention to:

- [Year 7 Tutor Evening – Tuesday 10th October 2023](#)
- [Year 11 Learn & Succeed Information Evening – Tuesday 17th October 2023](#)

Letters have been sent out to Year 7 & Year 11 parents/carers respectively. We look forward to welcoming you to school on these evenings.

I hope you enjoy a good weekend,

With best wishes

Matt Smith
Headteacher

GENERAL NOTICES

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA CELEBRATION

We are delighted to announce that two of our sixth form students have been offered places in the National Youth Orchestra. Rob (Percussion) and Ella (Violinist) will join 159 young people from different backgrounds across the UK to produce music as part of the orchestra. Both students were described as 'exceptional musicians'.

Huge congratulations to you both!



TRAINERS AND FOOTBALL BOOT DONATIONS

The PE department would welcome any donations of trainers and football boots that are in 'good' condition which might be outgrown or unused at home so they can be used as spares during lessons. Please leave them at reception. Thank you for your support.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH UPDATE

Bronze:

The award will be open to applications from current year 10s after the assembly on the 9th of October. Please keep an eye out on class charts for the application form. Places are limited. Meetings will be afterschool on Week B Mondays, starting from Monday 23rd October.

Silver:

A new group of year 12s have begun their award in PDP on Wednesday afternoon. Last year's cohort are just finishing up and will be receiving their awards shortly.

GYM FUNDRAISING

Our Sixth form PDP group are continuing to raise funds for a school gym and we are delighted that Tesco at Clifton Moor have this project as one of the Blue Token options. Please support us by choosing this when shopping.

You can also donate to this project via the gym go fund me page:

<https://gofund.me/58c7aeea>



HOAX EMERGENCY SERVICE CALLS

We have been asked to make you aware that a number of hoax emergency service calls have been made recently in the Huntington and New Earswick area. We would be grateful if you could discuss the implications of making hoax calls with your child, along with outlining the risk that misdirection of these services can have on a real emergency.

It is worth noting that it is illegal to make hoax calls which could carry a fine of up to £2,500 if caught.

YORK COMMUNITY TIES YOUTH PROVISION

Youth Drop-in are running on Thursday's 7pm at Oaken Grove for young people aged 13-16. Students can call in and see them for activities, games, chats and access to youth services.



Ages 13-16

Thursday Evenings

Check Instagram for weekly times



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- **Drop-in and hang out with activities and games**
- **Access to Youth Services and Support**

FREE HOLIDAY COURSES

York City Football Club Foundation are pleased to announce we have yet another fantastic offer for young people and families across York who are eligible for free school meals and those who you feel could really benefit from activity during school holidays and a provision of food.

Please note this is based on eligibility for income -related benefits and not the Universal Infant free school meals.

Please use the discount code provided on the booking link:

https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/multi_activity.html

Spaces are LIMITED and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

York City Football Club Foundation Holiday Courses are run for ages 5-13 years old and are packed full of fun, enjoyment and excitement.

The course day run from 10am to 3pm and starts with small-sided games, team challenges and individual games; the afternoon will involve our famous football manager game as well as further exciting and fun games that allow all children to enjoy the Holiday Course Experience.

Players should wear suitable comfortable clothing and footwear for all activities, taking into account the nature of the venue. Rainwear, sun cream and sun hat may be required and should be worn/provided for the young players.

Happy Healthy Holidays

WHAT: Holiday Football Fun Course
WHEN: Tuesday 31st October - Friday 3rd November
WHERE: Huntington Secondary School YO32 9WT
TIME: 10am to 3pm
REFRESHMENTS: Water, snacks and packed lunch will be provided
WHO: Families eligible for benefits-related free school meals living in York

How to book: Enter the following code **actyrcf23** at https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yorkcity/york-city-courses/multi_activity.html

This secures your space and means you are COMMITTED to attend all course dates. You can book one or both courses. Spaces are LIMITED with bookings closing 25th October 4pm. These FREE Holiday courses are designed to give young people the opportunity to get active this school holiday. Please note that if you booked onto a previous course and did not take up your space we reserve the right to withdraw bookings.

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YORK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDATION

National League York

CONTACTING US

We encourage all parents to contact us if they have an issue with their child that needs resolving. We are here to support and help in whatever way we can. Here are the key contact details:

	Head of Year	Student Support Leader
Year 7	Miss Elliott n.elliott@huntington-ed.org.uk	Miss Tomlinson hf.tomlinson@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 8	Mr Kettlewell r.kettlewell@huntington-ed.org.uk	Ms Booth l.booth@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 9	Miss E Townsend e.townsend@huntington-ed.org.uk	Miss Evennett J.Evennett@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 10	Mrs Garbett ri.garbett@huntington-ed.org.uk	Mrs Hammell l.hammell@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 11	Mrs Hadcroft ce.hadcroft@huntington-ed.org.uk	Ms Gledhill c.gledhill@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 12	Miss Campbell c.campbell@huntington-ed.org.uk	Mrs Blunt a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk
Year 13	Mr Savory/Mrs Hopson m.savory@huntington-ed.org.uk l.hopson@huntington-ed.org.uk	Mrs Blunt a.blunt@huntington-ed.org.uk

Mrs Naish	Deputy Headteacher, Designated Safeguarding Lead g.naish@huntington-ed.org.uk
Mr Lowe	Assistant Headteacher, SENDCO w.lowe@huntington-ed.org.uk
Mr Bruce	Assistant Headteacher i/c Year 7 m.bruce@huntington-ed.org.uk
Mr Meldrum	Assistant Headteacher i/c Year 8 & 9 n.meldrum@huntington-ed.org.uk
Mr Paley	Assistant Headteacher i/c 10 & 11 t.paley@huntington-ed.org.uk
Mr Johnson	Director of Sixth Form m.johnson@huntington-ed.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING AND OUT OF HOURS CONCERNS

If you are concerned about a young person you must contact M.A.S.H (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Team) which is the single point of contact for all concerns about children. If there are immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact North Yorkshire Police on 999.

Contact MASH Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm:

- telephone - 01904 551900
- email - mash@york.gov.uk

Contact MASH Early Help Team to make an early help referral or access advice:

- telephone - 01904 551900
- email - earlyhelp@york.gov.uk

Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays, contact the emergency duty team

- telephone - 01609 780780
- email - edt@northyorks.gov.uk