



# Parent/Carer Bulletin

11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Hello everyone,

Welcome to your first Sixth Form specific parent/carers bulletin. I would like to use this as a platform to update you regularly on events happening in the life of the sixth form that your son/daughter is a valued part of.

It is also my opportunity to let you know that I am delighted to be working with the amazing sixth form team as Head of Sixth Form. Students have been extremely welcoming, and I am extremely excited and proud to be leading and a part of the team.

Mrs Marshall

**Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form)**

## Rewards and House System

All students in the main school and the sixth form have been assigned to one of the following Houses:



Students are being awarded House points for their excellent work and efforts in school. We are passionate about rewarding our students. Over the next few weeks, we are going to be conducting student voice as a means to ensure all students have a say about the rewards they want to receive.

We are very excited to reward our sixth form students!



## Form Sessions:

All students are expected to be on the school site by **8:25am**. Students will be in form time Monday to Friday, with their form tutor, following a bespoke PSHE and tutor time programme. This is part of their wider personal development that we are committed to.

Students will cover a range of different topics, including careers, next step information, skills for the workplace and, also, cultural capital. This gives students a wonderful opportunity to see their form tutors every day.

Mentoring will continue to take place, but it will be in a different format to support our students achieve their very best.

All students should be on site all day, every day so they attend all lessons, study sessions and use additional time to revise.

## Signing in and out of sixth form:

If a student has to leave the school site, an appointment for example, then they must leave via the main school reception and sign out officially. On return, we ask students to sign back in at the main school reception.

## A revamp!

We are excited to announce that the sixth form common room will be getting a makeover. We have listened to student voice, and we are going to be updating the common room very soon!

## Sharing success stories

We are extremely proud of our students. We love celebrating their success in school as well as outside of school. If you have any stories you would like to share, please email the sixth form team.

# CELEBRATION

A huge congratulations goes to Dominic in Year 12 who was presented with the Queen's Award for Boys' Brigade this term.

The Queen's Award is the ultimate award you can get in the Boys' Brigade and honours years of hard work, dedication and commitment. Dominic has also been elected to be the Boys' Brigade Under 26 representative to the national England Regional Committee. We are so proud of you!



Student leaders noted a very successful bake sale.



They raised nearly £200 for a charity very close to their hearts. Watch this space for more fundraising coming soon. Well done everyone!!

A huge congratulations to sixth former Caitlin who skated her way to success in a figure skating qualifier in Sheffield (with a place on the British junior ladies team at stake!) Caitlin is ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the UK!! This is unbelievable.



We love to celebrate past and present students. Dylan left Hermitage Academy in the summer to start her exciting next steps.

Dylan is currently studying medicine at Newcastle University after securing 2 A\*s and 1 A!

## Students impress at CAT

Our Year 12 & 13 product design students started off the new academic year with an exciting trip to Caterpillar (CAT), Peterlee.

The group enjoyed a morning of STEM activities, a factory tour, and the chance to talk to CAT apprentices/recruiters about the opportunities available. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to explore the wide range of careers on offer at a major North East manufacturing and engineering industry employer.



## Support with next steps

Students receive independent and impartial careers guidance from Mrs Caroline Larsen from Progress Careers. Caroline is available to talk to on certain lunch times – no appointment needed.

## Dates for your diary:

Date:	Event:
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Students break up for half term.</b>  <b>House winners announced.</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Northumbria University Open Day
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<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Students return to school</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need

