

Newsletter



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Welcome

Welcome to our Newsletter which contains useful information and celebrates achievement of our students.

Thank you to all parents for their support at this time of the year. Many of our students have faced assessments, tests and examinations and we wish all our young people the very best of luck. Please ensure your child attends revision sessions over the half term break as necessary. Hard work will be rewarded with success.

School re-opens for all students on Monday 5 June 2017, school gates close at 8.25am with learning commencing at 8.30am.

I hope that you enjoy the half term break.

Elizabeth M Hayes
Head Teacher



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INFORMATION

Medical Appointments/Attendance

We remind parents that when a student has time away from school to attend a medical appointment this is an absence. It is an authorised absence but will impact on your son/daughters' attendance record.

We do not expect students to miss a full day of school to attend a routine doctor's appointment. Where possible please make sure that medical appointments are made after school or very early in the day. This will minimise disruption to their attendance and have less impact on a student's learning. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Activities Week – Monday 19 June to Friday 23 June 2017

A reminder that all outstanding balances for Activities Week were due to be paid by 5 May 2017. Outstanding monies must be paid on your child's return to school following half term on Monday 5 June 2017 if your child is to take part in their chosen activity.

Data Collection

In order to keep our school database up to date we ask parents to inform us of any changes to home addresses, email addresses and mobile phone numbers. It is important we have this information so we can contact you in the case of emergencies or sickness in school.

Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

All students and parents from Year 7 are invited to the Parent Consultation Evening to be held on Thursday 13 July 2017 from 4.00pm - 6.00pm. Appointment slips will be given to students and they will be asked to make 5 minute appointments with their teachers. This is a really important event as we celebrate success and achievement for this year and look ahead to learning for next year – please diary this date and make every effort to attend.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

Students have already been notified about these sessions but any young person is most welcome to attend. Please make every effort to support these vital revision sessions as we are so close to the final examinations.

Tues 30 May	9.30am - 2.30pm	RE	Mr A Smith
Wed 31 May	9.30am - 12.00noon	English	Miss L Thompson/ Miss R Melia
Wed 31 May	12.30pm - 2.30pm	History	Mr J Davey
Thurs 1 June	10.00am - 12.00noon	Maths	Mrs J Patterson/ Mrs R Wall/ Mrs V Duffy

Year 11 - 'Enquiries About Results' Data Sheet

All Year 11 students have been given a 'Enquiries About Results Data Sheet'. Please sign the sheet and return to Miss N Korn in the main office. The deadline for returning this sheet is Friday 9 June 2017.

Year 11 - Prom

The Year 11 Prom will take place at Lumley Castle on Wednesday 28 June 2017.

Students should ensure that they have paid in full before their final exam, to secure their place.



Post 16

At Boldon School, it is our vision to provide our Post 16 students, with a choice of vocational courses, delivered well, so that they can build practical skills for employment at the same time as developing academic abilities for their future progression.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that we provide excellent teaching and resources which support students in achieving their goals. Our teachers will challenge students to think and work independently and there is a strong emphasis on active learning in our classrooms, hair and beauty salons and sports centre.

Boldon School has a proud tradition of providing excellent pastoral care and we know that when students join us in Year 12 they are ready to grow and become more independent; it is our job to support them in doing this.

We offer a suite of level 2 and 3 courses which are ideal if you are looking for a practical, challenging and career focussed alternative to A Levels. These are suitable for anyone who would like to progress to Employment, College, University or Apprenticeships.

- Beauty Therapy
- Business Studies
- Hairdressing (Ladies & Gents)
- Health & Social Care
- Information Technology
- Sport

We encourage all our students to participate in enrichment activities so that they can effectively demonstrate skills and qualities that Employers, Colleges and Universities are looking for in their future employees and students. These include:

- Community Sports Leader Award
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Extended Project Qualification
- Global Expeditions & Trips
- Work Placement
- Young Enterprise

Students will continue to study English and mathematics if they have not yet achieved GCSE grade 4 or above. We welcome applications from external students who wish to join us in September as well as those who are existing students at Boldon School.

If you would like more information please contact our Post-16 Coordinator, Ingrid Moir by telephone 0191 5362176 or email ingrid.moir@boldonschool.org.uk

Powburn

The weekend of 12 -14 May offered amazing weather in Powburn. Our route took us to Dunstanburgh Castle in Northumberland. 29 students thoroughly enjoyed the walk around the ruins, playing hide & seek, while making new friends and experiencing the great outdoors!

Our evaluations proved it to be another success after reading the question: What was the worst part of the weekend? Answer: "Going home!"

Without our volunteering staff, our young people would probably be at home surfing on social media etc or in front of a screen!

Roll on the next visit in November for our Year 7 students!



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Closing date for receipt of applications is 21 July 2017.

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In an effort to boost the number of shoes boxes we collect for Operation Christmas Child we have decided to start much earlier this year. If you have any medium sized shoe boxes, left over wrapping paper or any unwanted gifts you are willing to donate we will gladly collect them in school. Please bring any donations in to school at any time.

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