

Newsletter



October 2016

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Dear Parent/Guardian

This has been an excellent start to the new school year. Our students achieved fantastic examination results in the summer and we congratulate them all.

Thank you all very much for your support with our new school code of dress. This has helped to create a good, positive atmosphere in our school.

You will find a selection of some of the high points of this school year so far in this newsletter.

School re-opens for all students on Monday 31 October 2016 with learning commencing at 8.30am.

Elizabeth M Hayes
Head Teacher



Friday 21 October 2016

show racism
the red card

We will be participating in Show Racism the Red Card Day 2016. On Friday 21 October 2016 students can wear a red top but they must wear their usual trousers or skirts and correct school footwear. A £1.00 donation would be greatly appreciated and all money raised will go to Show Racism the Red Card.

Activities Week - Monday 19 – Friday 23 June 2017

Activities brochures have been given to students and their choices need to be returned to school by Monday 31 October 2016.

Accelerated Reading

All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been given a letter to take home regarding Renaissance Home Connect which explains how to log in and allow you and your child to see their progress in Accelerated Reader. To improve your child's literacy skills we recommend that they read for at least 15 minutes per day.



Extra Curricular Activities

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wonder Club 2.45-4.15	Wonder Club 2.45-4.15	Wonder Club 2.45-4.15	Wonder Club 2.45-4.15	
School Production Club 'Oliver' 2.45-4.00/4.30			Rockschool 2.45-4.15	Boldon Band 2.45-4.15
		KS3 Creative Writing Group 2.45-3.45	KS4 AS English Taster Group 2.45-3.30	
			Computer Club 2.45-3.45	
Humanities Film/Debate Club 2.45-4.00				
	Science Club 2.45-3.45 Years 7,8 and 9			
	Maths Club 2.45-3.30			
Fitness Room 2.45-3.45	Fitness Room 2.45-3.45	Fitness Room 2.45-3.45	Fitness Room 2.45-3.45	
Rugby 2.45-3.45	Martin Gray Academy 2.45-3.45	Dance Academy 2.45-3.45	Basketball 2.45-4.30	
Badminton 2.45-3.45			Netball 2.45-3.45	
GCSE Resistant Materials Intervention Year 10 and 11 2.45-4.00	GCSE Resistant Materials Intervention Years 10 and 11 GCSE Art/ Photograph Intervention Year 10 and 11 2.45-4.00		GCSE Art/ Photography Intervention Year 10 and 11 BTEC Engineering Intervention Year 10 2.45-4.00	
Maths Intervention Year 11 2.45-3.45	English Intervention Year 11 2.45-3.30			Further Maths Year 11T 2.45-3.45
KS4 ICT/Voc Intervention 2.45-3.45	KS4 ICT/Voc Intervention 2.45-3.45			
			Year 11 Science 2.45-3.45	
	MFL Speaking & Listening Intervention 2.45-3.45	MFL Speaking & Listening Intervention 2.45-3.45		History/ Geography Intervention 2.45-3.45

Information

Dates for your Calendar

Thurs 10/11/16	Year 7	Meet the Tutor Evening	4pm - 6pm
Tues 13/12/16	Years 12 and 13	Parents' Evening	4pm - 6pm
Thurs 12/01/17	Year 11	Parents' Evening	4pm - 6pm
Thurs 02/03/17	Year 10	Parents' Evening	4pm - 6pm
Thurs 23/03/17	Year 9	Parents' Evening	4pm - 6pm
Thurs 05/04/17	Year 11	Parents' Evening	4pm - 6pm
Thurs 04/05/17	Year 8	Options Evening	6pm - 8pm
Thurs 11/05/17	Year 8	Parents' Evening	4pm- 6pm
Thurs 13/07/17	Year 7	Parents' Evening	4pm- 6pm

Student Information – Years 8 to 11

Your child has been issued with a Student Information Sheet. Please make sure the information given is correct and if not please make the necessary amendments. When completed please return to main reception by Friday 4 November 2016.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Currently there is a vacancy for a parent governor on the school governing body. An application pack will be available from Monday 31 October 2016.

Fireworks

I wish to remind all families that students must not bring to school any materials or objects which may cause harm to themselves or others. In accordance with Government guidance students can be searched if it is suspected they are carrying any such items. This includes fireworks which are strictly prohibited and must not be brought into school.

Boldon School's Open Night

Our Open Night took place on Wednesday 21 September 2016. Young people and their families were invited to the school to meet staff and students, experience the subjects we offer and explore our excellent facilities. The evening was a huge success and feedback received from visitors was very positive. Parents commented that they had an enjoyable experience and were very impressed with the staff and Boldon students. They were also impressed with the range of facilities available and that the school had a very positive feel. Visitors said that they really enjoyed Boldon; they liked the teachers and enjoyed the whole evening.

If any families could not attend on Wednesday 21 September 2016 and still wish to do so, (or attended the evening but still have some questions) please contact the school and we will be happy to organise a suitable time for you to visit.

School Production - Oliver

Rehearsals are underway for Oliver to be performed 28 and 29 March 2017. We have had an amazing response this year with over 55 students involved on stage and back stage. Rehearsals are every Monday night and letters have gone home. If your child still wishes to be involved please see Miss Hawronskyj or Mr Leckie for details. It's never too late!



A Year 7 Cross Curricular Cultural Project

Our exciting Year 7 project investigating Japanese culture is planned for Wednesday 2 until Friday 4 November. Students will rotate round a variety of activities over the 3 days working towards their Discovery Arts Award. On Friday afternoon at 1.30pm there will be a showcase of the work and Year 7 parents are most welcome to attend school to see the amazing work completed by our students.

Boldon's Got Talent

'Boldon's Got Talent' will be held on Thursday 17 November 2016 from 6.30pm - 8.00pm. This is a school event night showcasing all the amazing talent Boldon School has to offer.

Rockschool meets on Thursdays in the music department where students can learn a variety of instruments and perform together.



Roald Dahl Day

The Learning Support Department has taken part in Roald Dahl Day. All Year 7 and 8 were involved in promoting the enjoyment of reading. The

day was cross-curricular with all faculties having some aspect of their lesson that was Roald Dahl themed. The Year 7's also took part in activities in the Library such as completing acrostics, word searches and decorating cakes. Then Year 7 and 8 all watched a live webcast of Matilda, performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company.



2016 Darker Nights Campaign

I would like to make you aware of the forthcoming **FREE** open-access additional activities that children and young people can join as part of this year's campaign which Services for Young People is co-ordinating in conjunction with colleagues and partners:

Climb and BBQ - Friday 21 October, 5:30pm - 9:30pm

This will take place at Simonside Climbing Wall, South Shields, NE34 9SD, (www.simonsideoutdooradventure.com/centres).

A total of 171 unique climbing routes are available, in addition to a 'free-climb' bouldering area and the UK's first digital / sensory trailblazer traverse wall.

Children from the age of 5 and families are welcome.

Should you have any queries please contact Martin Simpson at: martin.simpson@southtyneside.gov.uk or by telephoning: 0191 424 0118.

5-a-side Football Tournament - Friday 29 October, 7.00pm - 9.00pm

This will take place on the outdoor 3G pitch at Clegwell Community Association, Mountbatten Avenue, Hebburn, NE31 2QT, (www.southtyneside.info/article/19969/Clegwell-Community-Association).

To enter a team, (11-14 and 15-19 age groups) please contact Chris Thompson at: chris.thompson@southtyneside.gov.uk or by telephoning: 0191 424 7845.

5-a-side Football Tournament - Friday 4 November, 7.00pm-9.00pm

This will take place on the outdoor 3G pitch at Temple Park Leisure Centre, John Reid Road, South Shields, NE34 8QN, (www.southtyneside.info/article/11155/Temple-Park-Centre).

To enter a team, (11-14 and 15-19 age groups) please contact Chris Thompson at: chris.thompson@southtyneside.gov.uk or by telephoning: 0191 424 7845.

Learning Mentor Department

Exciting future events

See Val or Mal for further information.



Laser Quest Sunderland
Thursday 20 October 2016
3.00pm-5.00pm
Cost: £40.00



Powburn Residential
11-13 November 2016
Year 7 Students Only
Cost: £40.00



Powburn Residential
10-12 March 2017
Year 7, 8 & 9 Students Only
Cost: £40.00



Powburn Residential
5-7 May 2017
Year 7, 8 & 9 Students Only
Cost: £40.00

PE Kit

PE KIT SALES
NOW £1.00 EACH

The weather is now becoming colder and students might need an extra layer to keep warm during PE. We have limited sizes of fleece tops available from the PE Faculty for £1.00 each. Please see any member of the PE staff.

Behaviour

We strive to create a positive ethos, establishing/encouraging good student/teacher, student/student relationships, and developing a school spirit and identity. We encourage high standards of behaviour and reward achievements positively and implement, where necessary, appropriate sanctions.

Attendance and Punctuality

Every Boldon student is expected to attend on every occasion the school is open. The only acceptable exception is when illness or injury is so serious that it prevents the student from attending school. Every absence at Boldon is followed up and checked.

Medical Appointments

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning—30 September 2016

Boldon School held a cake sale/coffee morning on Friday 30 September 2016 to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We had a brilliant morning. Both students and staff were involved in the event and raised a fantastic £344.58! We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that supported us in our efforts.



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