Head Teacher Newsletter





July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a demanding but rewarding start to my role as Head Teacher at Boldon School. I have used my time to identify priorities as we move towards the new academic year in September. You will recall previous communications about uniform standards and expectations regarding the use of mobile devices in school. I have also shared changes we have made to the school day for September. We are still dealing with our final applications for places at the school and expect to be full, in Year 7, in September.

There has been a lot going on this half term. Most notable was activities week which involved a huge number of sporting and cultural activities and opportunities for visits. During activities week we also had Year 10 out on work experience which offered the students an invaluable insight to the world of employment. A number of curriculum visits also took place with Year 8 history students visiting Beamish Museum and geography fieldwork taking place in various locations throughout the region.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme continues to grow within school and the half term has involved many expeditions. A number of our older students have successfully completed their bronze award and others continue to work towards this standard.

The design technology and performing arts faculty continues to be as busy as ever with several external visits. We also hosted the annual art exhibition which displays the exceptional artwork produced by our students as part of their Key Stage 4 studies. Most recently, there has also been a showcase event which celebrated talents such as singing, dancing and musical theatre. This was well attended by both staff and parents, despite the need to reschedule as a result of industrial action.

We also hosted two days of transition activities for current Year 6 students who will be joining us in September. Those who attended these transition days received a taste of life at Boldon School. The conduct of the students on these days was exceptional and we look forward to welcoming them when they join us full-time. I am also incredibly grateful to the peer helpers who assisted during these days and were an absolute credit to the school.

Please note, the school closes for the summer holidays on **Friday 21 July at 12.10pm**. There will be a break service available as normal but there will be no lunchtime service. The scholar's bus will be in service for students and will depart at approximately 12.15pm. Students will follow their normal timetable lessons period 1 and 2 and will then spend period 3 in their tutor groups before being dismissed for the summer break.

We have some staffing changes ahead of the new academic year. Mrs Ayre, Mrs Winn, Mr Healer and Miss Tarn are leaving us and we would like to thank all of them for their excellent work whilst at Boldon School. We have a number of new staff starting a Boldon School. Most will be joining us in September but some have already assumed their duties:

Mr T Cockton Geography Teacher
Mr P Black Technology Teacher
Miss C Earle English Teacher
Mr N Watson History Teacher
Miss C McGrath RE Teacher
Miss E Parker MFL Teacher
Mr J Gordon English Teacher

Miss B Hellens Learning Support Assistant

Mr J Cuningham Librarian

We do not have a Summer School or sports camp at school this year, as we catch up on all essential maintenance work. Finally, I hope you all have an excellent summer holiday.

Mr J Peel Head Teacher

School Day

Registration	8.45am – 9:00am				
Period 1	9.00am –10.00am				
Period 2	10.00am – 11.00am				
Period 3	11.00am – 12.15pm				
(1 hour lesson and 15 minutes break)					
<u>Break</u>					
Break 1 (Years 9 and 11)	11.00am – 11.15am				
Break 2 (Year 7)	11.15am – 11.30am				
Break 3 (Years 8 and 10)	11.30am – 11.45am				
Period 4	12.15pm – 1.45pm				
(1 hour lesson and 30 minutes lunch)					
<u>Lunch</u>					
Lunch 1 (Years 9 and 11)	12.15pm – 12.45pm				
Lunch 2 (Year 7)	12.45pm – 1.15pm				
Lunch 3 (Years 8 and 10)	1.15pm – 1.45pm				
Tutorial	1.45pm – 2.15pm				
Period 5	2.15pm – 3.15pm				

Monday 4 September 2023

Designated staff training day – no students in school.

Tuesday 5 September 2023

New Year 7 students will begin school at 8.45am. All students will meet in the outside yard. Our Year 11 students will begin school at 10.00am on the same day.

Wednesday 6 September 2023

Years 8, 9 and 10 students will return to school at 8.45am.

National School Breakfast Programme

We continue to be part of the National School Breakfast Programme by offering free breakfast to all students at 8.15am every school day morning. There is a choice of bagels, porridge and various cereals.





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542 Scholars Bus Service September 2023 to July 2024

AM SERVICES

- 07:35 Departs Low Simonside, Falmouth Drive, Taunton Avenue, Lynton Avenue, Auckland Terrace, John Reid Road.
- 07:41 Crematorium, Chesterton Road.
- 07:43 Biddick Hall, Sheridan Road, Galsworthy Road, B1298, Nevison Avenue, King George Road Roundabout.
- 07:50 Nevison Avenue, Whiteleas Way.
- 07:55 Whiteleas Shops, Galsworthy Road, Benton Road.
- 08:07 New Road, Hubert Street.

STUDENTS TERMINATE AT BUS STOP ON NORTH ROAD

08:10 Arrives Boldon Colliery Asda.



PM SERVICES

- 15:30 Departs Boldon School, New Road, Hubert Street, Henley Way, Abingdon Way, Hedworth Way, A19 Slip Road, A19, Lindisfarne Roundabout.
- 15:43 Leam Lane A194, John Reid Road.
- 15:46 Crematorium, John Reid Road, Chesterton Road, Sheridan Road.
- 15:53 Biddick Hall Estate, Galsworthy Road.
- 15:57 Nevison Avenue.

SERVICE TERMINATES

Expectations and Standards from September

This week's assemblies have been delivered to all students about standards from September. There have been some tweaks made to our behaviour policy in order to support students and ensure that they remain in lessons to maximise academic achievement. Standards with regard to attendance and punctuality have also been shared.

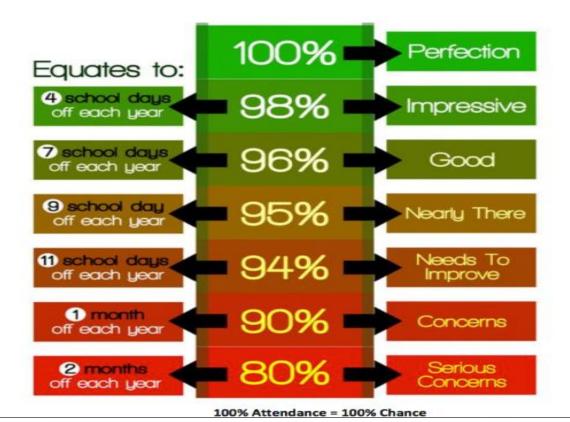
Students have been made aware of the changes within the school day and how to safely move around school. They are encouraged to get fresh air at break and lunchtime.

School uniform standards have been reiterated as to what is and is not acceptable. This includes information on piercings and make-up. PE kit for new starters is available. Those students who are still wearing blue PE kit can continue to do so, however if they do require a new kit, please buy the new maroon kit as a pack.

Attendance and Punctuality

Every missed day from school is a missed opportunity for learning and students who regularly fail to attend school tend to achieve less well in GCSE's and further education. This academic year 50% of students achieved 95%+ attendance which is encouraging but we are determined to improve upon this next year. These students have been rewarded during the last week of term. Additionally, two of our Year 11 students recently received an award at the town hall for having a magnificent 100% attendance throughout their entire school career from reception to Year 11.

All students need to be in school as much as possible and missed days can soon add up and seriously affect performance and outcomes. As you can see from the graphic below, students with 90% attendance miss approximately one full month of education per year which equates to almost two full terms over the course of their time at Boldon School.



It is vital that you encourage your child to attend and stay in school wherever possible in order to support their progress and ultimately opportunities in life. At Boldon School we strive to ensure students achieve a 96% attendance rate to support them academically and pastorally.

In addition to attendance, punctuality is also critically important to achievement. In order to support students with their punctuality and preparedness for learning the school has altered the school day and introduced a morning tutor period from 8.45am-9.00am. This shall allow form tutors to support and challenge attendance and punctuality issues at the earliest opportunity.

As a last resort the school and the Local Authority can issue fines for parents for both attendance and punctuality issues. Please inform the school of any issues which may affect your child's attendance or punctuality to allow us to support where possible.

Year 8 Beamish Trip

Students experienced the exhibits that the museum has to offer about the 1800s and 1900s, as well as going down the Mahogany Drift Mine that the entire museum is built around. Students ended the day by engaging in a workshop named 'Just One Spark' which tells the story into the investigation of explosions down the mines and the race to find a solution to ensure the safety of miners. The workshop demonstrated some controlled explosions to show how easy these mining disasters could happen. Both Year 8 trips to Beamish were a massive success, with students showing impeccable behaviour on both days out.







Year 9 Design and Technology Trip

Our students recently enjoyed a trip ring making at The Glamorous Owl in Newcastle. Students had the amazing opportunity to work alongside an industry specialist to manufacture a ring and later explored a range of modern designs at the Farrell Centre of Architecture.





Art Exhibition

From 12-14 July we had our art, textiles & photography exhibition on display in the main hall. The event was used as an opportunity to celebrate all of the fantastic art work our students produce at Boldon, and showcased a range of work from all year groups. The work on display looked fantastic and really impressed those who attended.







Year 10 GCSE Geography Fieldwork Visit

On Wednesday 14 June 2023, the Year 10 Geography students completed a day of fieldwork along the North East coast to prepare them for their paper 3 Geography exam next year. In the morning, they completed a physical enquiry on the very sunny Blyth Beach where they measured sand drop by the groynes and the direction of longshore drift by throwing tangerines in the sea! In the afternoon, they visited Whitley Bay for the human enquiry where they completed an environmental quality survey and questionnaire by asking the general public about their opinions on the regeneration of Spanish City. It was fantastic to get out into the field again so the students could apply their learning to real world situations, along with having a few ice creams and bags of chips!







Year 7 and 8 Geography

Our Year 7 and 8 geography students have completed their first geography enquiry by investigating the quality of the environment around Boldon School. This was an extremely impressive first attempt at fieldwork – a great introduction to the requirements of GCSE Geography.





Duke of Edinburgh

We have had great success in Duke of Edinburgh this year, with 14 of our Year 10 and 11 students completing their Bronze Award. This was a huge achievement, as they were impacted by COVID. This is the largest number of students who have completed their award in a number of years, well done to all! This year we have also had another group of 19 Year 10 students complete their practice walk at Hadrian's Wall and complete their Bronze Expedition in Alston, Cumbria.







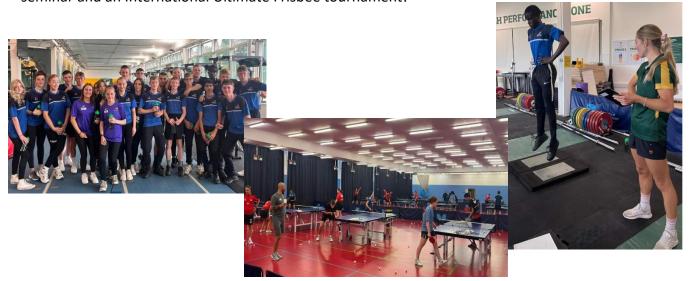


Activities Week

We organised our first Activities Week post Covid and many students and staff had a fantastic time. There were lots of activities both inside and outside of school for all to enjoy every day. Students were along the coast paddle boarding, some formed a band- rehearsed all week and performed, cooked cuisine from all over the world, private golf lessons, new experiences in sport- MMA/ Archery as well as visiting a range of local sights. Well done to all and especially the staff who organised all of the events.

Nottingham University Trip

Our Year 10 students had an amazing opportunity to visit Nottingham University and what a day it was! The initiative was aimed to "Raise Aspirations Through Sport" and it was a superb experience for all. Our students had access to the high-performance zone, playing against the England Table Tennis team as they train for the European Championships, freezing cold plunge pools, finance seminar and an International Ultimate Frisbee tournament!



South Tyneside School Sport Performance and Participation Tables

South Tyneside School Sport Network monitors performance and participation of schools in events throughout the academic year. Our faculty have worked incredibly hard to provide every student with an opportunity to represent the school in a fantastic range of extracurricular sports and activities. The tables below are a great reflection of our engagement and success over the academic year.

PARTICIPATION TABLE 22/23							
	School	Total					
1	St Joseph's	111					
2	Boldon	100					
3	Mortimer	99					

PERFORMANCE TABLE 22/23						
	School	Total				
1	St Joseph's	121				
2	Boldon	87.5				
3	St Wilfrid's	86				

Boldon School Sport and PE Annual Awards Assembly

Every year we invite students to the theatre where we celebrate every student who has represented our school for any sport or activity. It is always a fantastic opportunity to reflect on what has been a hugely successful year for our students and faculty and a chance to recognise some of our outstanding performers.

The awards include our most prestigious award which is the Eamonn Morgan Memorial Shield.

Eamonn worked at our school as a PE teacher in 2014. He was a well-respected, outstanding person and teacher who sadly lost his life in an accident in Doha, where Eamonn and his partner were teaching. His partner also lost her life. This award goes to a student who shows outstanding commitment to extracurricular sport and PE and who is a genuine role model for their peers. The students who we select, epitomise what Eamonn stood for, and that is participating in sport with an exceptional attitude and smile on their face.



Here are the awards for this year's assembly:

Manager's Trampolining Performance of the Year Award - Reuben Dunbar

Year 7 Boys Football Manager's Player award - Oliver Hart

Year 8 Boys Football Manager's Player award - Tyler Pascoe

Year 9 Boys Football Manager's Player award - Lewis Matthews

Year 10 Boys Football Manager's Player award - Kyle Nesworthy

Year 7 Girls Football Manager's Player of the Year - Grace Gowland

Year 8 Girls Football Manager's Player of the Year - Erin Turner

Year 9 Girls Football Manager's Player of the Year - Neve Dean

U13 Girls Cricket Manager's Player of the Year- Cheryl Spence

U15 Girls Cricket Manager's Player of the Year - Amber Warren

U13 Girls Handball Manager's Player of the Year -Grace Thompson

U13 Boys Handball Manager's Player of the Year - Tyler Pascoe

U15 Girls Handball Manager's Player of the Year -Cerys Russell

U15 Boys Handball Manager's Player of the Year -Marc Forster

KS3 Boys Badminton Manager's Player of the Year - Scott Cardill-Ackroyd

KS3 Girls Badminton Manager's Player of the Year -Neve Dean

KS4 Girls Badminton Manager's Player of the Year - Beau Matson and Kacy Crawley

U14 Boys Basketball Manager's Player of the Year - Spencer Potts

U16 Boys Basketball Manager's Player of the Year -Ben Jessop

Boldon 'Memphis Grizzlies' Basketball Manager's Player of the Year - Daniel Lawson

U12 Netball Manager's Player of the Year award. - Bobbi Cuthbertson

U13 Netball Manager's Player of the Year award - Issabella Mihaita

U12 Rounders Manager's Player of the Year award - Grace Hughes-McDougall

U13 Rounders Manager's Player of the Year award - Daisy Legg

U13 Boys Ultimate Frisbee Manager's Player of the Year - Rajveer Singh

U15 Girls Ultimate Frisbee Manager's Player of the Year - Megan Muir

U15 Boys Ultimate Frisbee Manager's Player of the Year - Daniel Moyse

Y7 Rugby Manager's Player of the Year -Olly Thomas

Y8 Rugby -Manager's Player of the Year - Wayne Bell

Girls Indoor Rowing Performance of the Year Award -Abbie Orr

Boys Indoor Rowing Performance of the Year Award - Max Fraser

Year 8 Young Sports Leader of the Year award - George Gowans

Year 9 Young Sports Leader of the Year award - Leah Carson





Year 10 Young Sports Leader of the Year award - Kyle Nesworthy
KS3 Sports Leader of the Year - Jude Nixon
KS4 Sports Leader of the Year - Owen Gray
Team of the Year 2022/23 - Boldon Year 10 Boys Football
Y9/10 Girls Athletics Manager's Performer of the Year Award - Skye Marshall
Y9/10 Boys Athletics Manager's Performer of the Year Award - Amaro Da Silva
KS3 Boys Athletics Manager's Performer of the Year Award - Josh Bryden

KS3 Sports Personality of the Year - Spencer Potts
KS4 Sports Personality of the Year - Isaac Reid
Individual Performance of the Year - Jude Nixon - Boxing
Year 7 Sportsperson of the Year - Olly Thomas
Year 8 Sportsperson of the Year - Josh Bryden
Year 9 Sportsperson of the Year - Skye Marshall
Year 10 Sportsperson of the Year - Kacy Crawley



Eamonn Morgan Memorial Shield Award Amber Warren



* For young people (5-16 years) in receipt of benefit related free school meals

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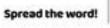
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