

# NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

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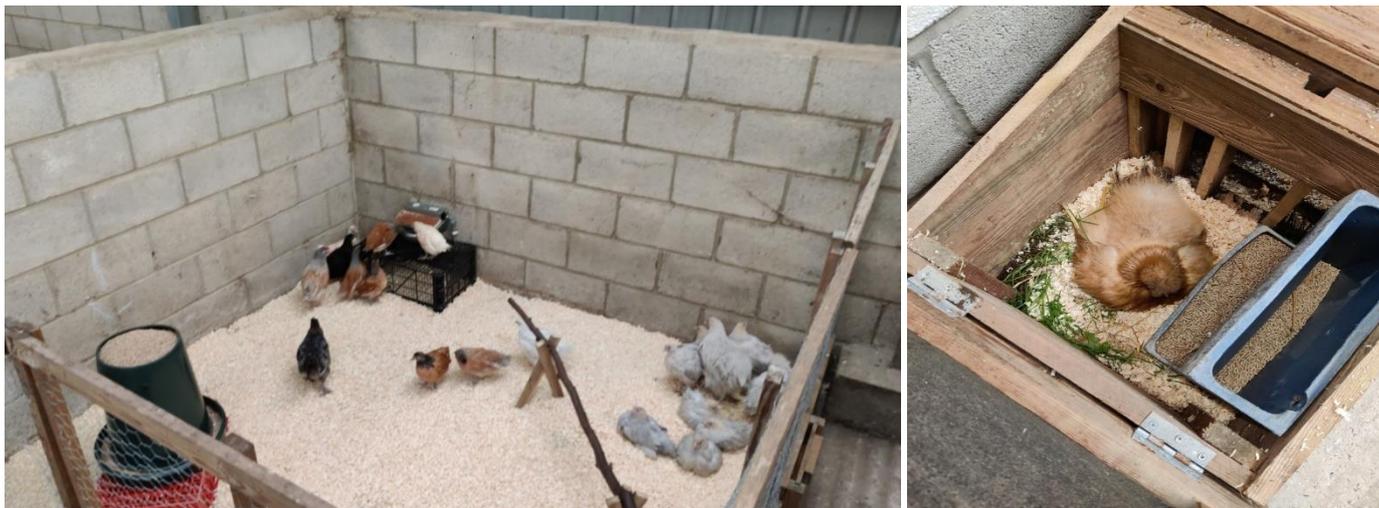
Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well.

## **School Farm**

In recent letters I have provided updates on the renovation and refurbishment of our school farm facility. Our first poultry flock joined us on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and, earlier today, the Chair of Trustees, Mrs Donaldson Hodges, formally opened the farm alongside our eight Student Farm Ambassadors, Mr Stones and myself. This is enormously exciting, and we intend to allow all students to visit the farm during Mentor Time over the next few weeks.





This would not have been possible without the dedication of our staff and our Farm Ambassadors as well as support from a range of organisations including Forestry England, Castle Farm Vets, Flamingo Land and Yorkshire Agricultural Society.

### **Year 11 Study Schedule**

The first GCSE exam takes place on Monday 16th May and additional GCSE examinations then take place during the remainder of that week as well as the W/C 23rd May. Throughout this two-week period, prior to the May half-term break, all Year 11 students are required to attend school all day, every day, regardless of which examinations they are required to take or whether there are any examinations on that date.

This means that all Year 11 students must attend school fully until Friday 27th May. Throughout this period of two weeks, we will run an adapted timetable which aligns a selection of taught lessons with the order of examinations. This means that all students will be able to attend a one-hour lesson which takes place directly before the examination for that subject.

We will share timetables with students through assemblies and in mentor time to communicate these adaptations to the timetable for W/C 16th and 23rd May. The college will then close at 15:15 on Friday 27th May for the half-term break and will remain closed until Monday 6th June. No public examinations are scheduled to take place during this time.

We recently wrote to all parents of students in Year 11 to confirm the schedule for Year 11 students for the final half-term of the academic year which commences on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. This communication included a link to a survey. This survey should be completed by all parents of students in Year 11.

### **Medication for Students**

Please could we offer a polite reminder of our statutory procedure regarding the administering of medication, including over the counter products. Please could you ensure that your child does not carry any medicines either in their bag or on their person. The rationale for this rule is regarding the safeguarding implications of any medications falling into the wrong hands if a child misplaces their bag or loses the products from their pockets. If your child does need medication during the school day, e.g. antibiotics, painkillers etc, a parental agreement form must be requested, completed and returned to the office with the medication. Medication cannot be administered without this signed parental permission. Please note, we are not authorised to administer any medication unless it has been provided by the child's parent/carer.

### **Year 7 Football Success**

The Year 7 football team played in the final of the District Cup on Thursday afternoon at Eskdale school against Lady Lumley's school. In a very tight game that finished 1-1 after normal and then extra time, the game went to a penalty shootout.

Ben Stroud was again outstanding in goal with multiple saves in the game and 2 penalty saves to help see the boys bring the trophy home. Ewan Masterman scored our goal in normal time and also put in a "Man of the Match" performance.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I hope that you enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr T Johnson

Headteacher

