



NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are well. We have now reached the start of 'examination season' for students in Year 11 and Year 13. This is the first time that external examinations have been operational since 2019 and we wish students the very best of luck as they enter this crucial period. Further information is listed within the letter below.

School Farm

The school farm is now in full flow and we have had several mentor groups visit the building since our re-opening last week. We will continue with this rota until all mentor groups in Years 7 to 10 as well as Year 12 and 13 have had an opportunity to see the farm in action. In addition, the farm will become part of our extracurricular programme from Monday 16th May. The Gazette and Herald and the York Press have written about our re-opening and you can access that article [here](#).

Norton College Community Litter Picking Team

To increase our students' commitment to supporting the local community we are looking to set up a Norton College Community Litter Picking Team. Mr Fryirs is keen to get a group of KS3 volunteers together to target areas in and around the school site. He is exploring the idea of combining this group with members of the Tuesday night running club, to possibly start up an activity known as 'Plogging'. More information can be found here. [Plogging - Lonely Goat - Litter picking while running - What is plogging?](#) If any students are interested, they should speak to their mentor at this stage.

Exam Invigilators

As you will know, students in Year 11 and Year 13 will shortly begin their examinations with the first exam scheduled to take place on Monday 16th May. We are looking to appoint exam invigilators to support the administration and supervision of a range of examinations running throughout this time. Additional duties include reading, scribing, prompting in exams for those candidates with access arrangements and ensuring that examinations are operated in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Joint Council for Qualifications. Full training will be provided, and successful candidates will be offered the opportunity to work with us in future years. Further information can be found [here](#).

Year 11 Study Schedule

The first GCSE exam takes place this Monday 16th May and additional GCSE examinations then take place throughout the remainder of that week as well as throughout 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 6th June. This communication included a link to a survey. This survey should be completed by all parents of students in Year 11.

Sailing Success

Congratulations to Thomas Whitehead 7CWA who took part in the Youth British Sailing Regatta at Rutland Sailing Club and competed with 400 other children. He finished in 1st place overall in the RS Tera fleet, only just beating his brother Daniel who finished 3rd overall.

Their next major sailing event will be the National Championships at the beginning of June and we wish Thomas every success at this.



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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Johnson'.

Mr T Johnson

Headteacher