



# NORTON COLLEGE

## Beyond Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of a very successful week of external examinations during which Year 11 and Year 13 students have conducted themselves very well. Further information for parents of Year 11 students is listed below.

Our school farm continues to thrive, and we now have 53 chickens of varying age, size and personality! Several of these have hatched in situ and we are now collecting eggs on a daily basis.

Most students have visited the farm area during Mentor time and this will continue over the next week. Our Student Farm Ambassadors have supported this process superbly and it was a delight to be able to recognise their contribution during today's Hot Chocolate with the Head which took place on the farm itself!



We are looking to grow and develop the school farm further over the coming weeks. We have already benefitted from the support of local businesses, such as Castle Farm Vets, who have provided us with services at a reduced rate or even free of charge. If there are any further businesses which feel that they could offer Norton College similar support, either email [schoolfarm@nortoncollege.net](mailto:schoolfarm@nortoncollege.net) or phone on 01653 693296.

### **Update for Parents of Students in Year 11**

The exam season is now underway and students have approached their first examinations with a clear sense of commitment and dedication. Thank you for your support at this crucial time. The examination season will continue through until the end of June and our subject staff will continue to work closely with students to offer support, advice and guidance.

As you will know, all students in Year 11 are currently on an adapted timetable which gives them access to an additional subject-specific lesson directly prior to that subject examination. This adapted timetable began on 16<sup>th</sup> May and runs until the end of next week, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. All students in Year 11 must attend school normally until the end of the day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May regardless of whether an examination is taking place.

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, all students in Year 11 had one of two options to consider on those days when a formal examination is taking place. Mr Stones has recently written to all parents to confirm receipt of this

response and the information that we hold for your child. It is crucial that this information is correct and up-to-date. Please contact us should you need to update your preference as failure to do so will automatically trigger truancy reporting procedures if your child is not on-site but was expected to be.

### **Staff Vacancies**

We are currently recruiting to Team Norton for the roles of:

- Lunchtime Supervisor
- General Teaching Assistant
- Part-time Pastoral, Careers and Enrichment Leader - Sixth Form

You can read further details about these posts and opportunities [here](#).

### **Home Learning Review**

We are starting the process of reviewing the current home learning system to ensure we have a system that is suitable and supports student learning as effectively as possible. We will be conducting student, staff and parent voice over the next half term and would welcome your feedback. We would be interested to know, as a parent, what currently works well for your child with our existing home learning system and what you think would make it even more effective? Please email your comments to [jwa@nortoncollege.net](mailto:jwa@nortoncollege.net).

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

Yours faithfully



Mr T Johnson

Headteacher