



NORTON COLLEGE

Beyond Expectations

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Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we welcomed the 168 students who will be joining Norton College in Year 7 in September for two days of transition activities. It was tremendous to see how quickly these very excited students began to feel at home within the school. It was also fabulous to observe the very kind and welcoming way in which our older students in current Year 7-11 behaved towards our younger visitors.

This was also the week where Year 11 and Year 13 students finished their examinations. These are the first external examinations since 2019 and we would like to congratulate students on the exemplary way in which they have conducted themselves throughout the process.

Update for Parents of Students in Year 11

Earlier this week, all parents of Year 11 students received a letter to outline arrangements for the end of term. This includes plans for results day, end of Year 11 assembly, Year 11 prom and the collection of examination certificates. The letter is also available via the school website [here](#).

Year 10 Examinations

Year 10 internal exams begin week commencing 27th June and will run throughout this week as well as week commencing 4th July. Students recently attended an assembly led by Mr Stones and Mr Triffitt. This assembly was used to support students to prepare for these assessments as well as to reinforce examination expectations. Please take the opportunity to reinforce the importance of these examinations as they play a crucial role in supporting teachers to address students' areas for development.

Alternative Curriculum Day

On Friday 1st July students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will take part in our Alternative Curriculum Day. This event is an important and exciting part of our wider curriculum and extra-curricular offer, giving students an opportunity to learn through curriculum-linked activities and events offered outside of the normal classroom environment. As a reminder, the activities taking place on the day are as follows:

- Multi-faith trip to Leeds (organised by Mr Raettig for students in Year 7 and GCSE RE students)
- Cyber security, stock market and employability challenges (organised by the Maths faculty for students in Year 8)
- Careers and pathways (½ day) and wellbeing (½ day) (organised by Miss Pettitt and Mrs Medley for students in Year 9)
- Sporting events or a science-based trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (organised by the sport and science faculties for students in Year 10)
- UCAS and careers planning (organised by Mrs McDonald for students in Year 12)

Fundraising for the School Farm

As mentioned in last week's letter, our school farm team is fundraising to support the growth of our on-site farm. Money is being raised to support the design and creation of an enrichment paddock for our goats as well as the sourcing and installation of a chicken shed for one of our paddocks. Please consider supporting these ambitious projects if you are able to. You can read more and/or donate [here](#). We are already almost halfway towards our target of £750. Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the cause.

Fundraising Event to be held on Sunday, 31st July at Heslerton Sports Field

Further to the information above, as an extension of this fundraising effort, we have been invited to host a fundraising stall at a fun day event held at Heslerton sports field on Sunday 31st July. **If your child would like to support this event by leading a stall or game then please contact us at schoolfarm@nortoncollege.net no later than Wednesday 29th June.** Those involved will have the autonomy to design and run their own fundraising game, event or activity with the support of Norton College staff.

Country Schools v Town Schools Athletics Tournament Success

Finally, congratulations to the following students who were placed in the regional Country Schools v Town Schools athletics competition at York University earlier this week.

Elsa Lees (1500m) 3rd

Oscar Troop (100m) 3rd

Jake Allardice (200m) 1st

Amelia Little (200m) 3rd

Molly Skelton (200m) 1st

Oscar Troop (200m) 2nd

Morgan Leech (800m) 3rd

Jess Sansom, Sophia Drew, Emily McArthur and Emily Walker (relay) 3rd

Elsa Lees, Amelia Little, Sarah Dicks and Julia Stadnik (relay) 3rd

Molly Skelton, Holly Carter, Pippa Wedge and Morgan Snowden (relay) 1st

Particular mention should go to Molly Skelton (7MK) who beat the district record for 200m with a time of 28 seconds.

Have a good weekend,

Yours faithfully



Mr T Johnson

Headteacher