



Malton School

A Specialist Science School

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SUPPORT INSPIRE THRIVE SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

Happy new year to parents/carers!

NEW VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES!

In the sixth form a number of exciting developments continue to gain momentum. All students are being encouraged to volunteer, for at least one term during their time with us, whether it be within school or in the local community. A recent audit undertaken by the pastoral team highlights the generosity of spirit amongst our young people, with many already engaging with their community and supporting those in need. Examples range from paired reading with year 7s to working in primary schools. We hope more take up this rewarding opportunity.

PREFECTS IN POST!

Linked to serving the community, we now have a fully functioning sixth form prefect system, with events being planned, including inter-form competitions and other celebrations to mark important milestones. As president, Barney Plews and senior students lead the way, and are planning inter-house quizzes, public speaking, fund raising and a 'dragons den' style competition. Working in conjunction with the new school council should help to strengthen bonds and promote mutual respect throughout the school, bringing the different year groups together and helping move the school forward as we grow in size and ambition! The contribution made at recent taster days highlights the significant impact our senior students and prefects are having, and they will continue this role until the summer term when examinations begin. During February those in year 12 will be encouraged to apply to become a senior prefect. The deadline for applying is the first week back after the half term, the 23rd February. Once a student has applied they will undergo a formal process of interview, with our current prefects and staff interviewing individuals. Those successful will then undergo a period of training in conjunction with the outgoing prefects, ready to take over in the summer term.

CAREERS – MOOCS / 'UNIFROG' / ONE-TO-ONE CAREERS ADVICE...

Also, since September 2017 we have promoted the undertaking of MOOCs (mass online open access courses). These are designed to engender a delight in learning and develop a greater understanding of course content. This helps tackle the new style of A Levels which are more content heavy than in the past. University applications are enhanced and educational research suggests those engaged in wider reading over and above the homework set by teachers do far better in their final examinations. We aim to have every sixth former undertaking at least one per academic year. They are free and can be found online at <https://www.futurelearn.com>. In addition, the sixth form now enjoy 'Unifrog' software designed to help students with their applications to university or the world of work. As well as structuring personal statements and the UCAS (university applications) process, students can access other support such as CV building and other skills based apps. Parents are able to see progress made with a particular application or skill being undertaken. We have also enhanced our careers package with externally supported one-one interviews for those unsure about their next steps after sixth form. Laura Tomaino works at 'Prospects' and has been undertaking one-to-one sessions with those in our sixth form unsure of their 'next steps'. She is soon to be working with the rest of Malton School as part of our ongoing commitment to providing excellence in careers support.

COACHING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE...

From January all our students will experience one-one coaching, using a sixth form based growth mind-set programme to raise awareness and improve our student's understanding of the importance of soft skills, including; having a vision, making the right amount of effort, having the necessary systems and practice, as well as promoting a 'growth mind-set' attitude to fulfil their potential. This approach is systematic, with activities designed to 'drill down' and explore individual's barriers to improving attainment and possible solutions. In the future we hope such an approach gives our young people an even greater range of tools to succeed!

MOCKS!

Finally, mocks take place for year 13 in the first week of March, so you should be expecting to see sons and daughters beginning their revision. They should all have revision programmes and be making sure they are undertaking 'effective' revision. Heads of department are running revision masterclasses starting on the 31st of January to help prepare year 13. This will be repeated for year 12 as their end of year internal exams come into view. We always welcome input from parents, so please do feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss a particular issue in more detail.

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