



## Sixth Form Spring Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

The Sixth Form team hope you all had a great festive period. It is wonderful to see all our amazing students back and ready for an exciting Spring Term.

Our theme this term is MYTHS AND LEGENDS.



Inspire students will be exploring and learning about The Greeks. During our Cultural and Creative sessions we will be using clay to create Greek artefacts. We will also be making mosaics and painting Greek Gods and even take part in our own archaeological dig!

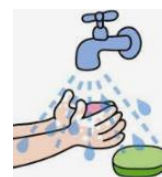
Challenge students will be studying the Vikings. In our Functional Skills English sessions, we will investigate Viking Gods and plan a trip to visit and discover the Viking parts of York, including a museum.

Vocational learning is an essential element of our PFA [preparation for adulthood] Curriculum, and our students will continue to engage with a range of opportunities. We will be working at Monk Park Farm, baking scones and serving customers at our Pop Up Scone Shop in The Family Life Church in Thirsk. Of course, we would love to see you at our Happy Café on a Wednesday afternoon here in school.



Our students continue to develop Independence and Life Skills. They are given household tasks to complete, choosing which of these they would like to improve on. So get them involved at home to: Hoover/vacuum, make beds, wash up, clean the windows etc.

We are also focussing on personal hygiene and how/why it is important to maintain this. Our Challenge students are going to investigate online safety, including cyber-bullying.





All our students are working towards an ASDAN accreditation.



Challenge will be investigating local community groups, and working to help them. Ultimately organising a fund raiser for the community group.

Inspire students will be engaging with and trying out a number of new creative activities to develop and expand their interests in arts based leisure skills.

We love to be active. Our Physical curriculum this term covers opportunities for hockey, yoga, biking and walking. Some of our students will also be swimming.

On Monday we are introducing 'Morning natter and news', this is to support and encourage positive 2 way conversations and social engagement. It would be very useful to have notes about the weekend in the home/school books to support this activity. Students will also consider their own MAPP learning intentions and reflect on what they need to focus on and work towards that week with the support of their team.

Our students are settling into the new routines brilliantly. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

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