

Sixth Form Autumn Newsletter

It has been wonderful to see old and new faces arriving into Sixth Form this week. There have been so many smiles and laughs already, and we are getting to know our new students. We are delighted at how everyone has settled in and we are excited about our busy Autumn Term.

For the first three weeks of term, our focus is **Construction – Building a Brilliant Sixth Form**. We are focusing on getting to know each other; learning new routines and exploring our new environments. We are creating designs and decorating our new Sixth Form Common Room area, playing social games and finding out about our friends.



Our theme for the rest of term is **Festivals**.



Inspire students are working in two groups and will be exploring and learning about a variety of Autumn and early Winter festivals. We will be using our senses to investigate foods from different cultures, creating celebratory music and decorating our bases to host our own festival. Throughout the term we will continue to develop functional skills by examining shapes and patterns in our environment.

Challenge students will also be studying Festivals, and preparing a range of cultural dishes. Our Functional Skills English sessions will focus on completing forms and creating a basic CV. Our Functional Skills Maths will develop an understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, alongside basic number. We will be working towards our NCFE awards.

We are hoping to all go out to watch a Christmas Musical Performance.

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 that meet their learning needs. 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, where all students will be involved in preparing delicious scones, brownies and artisan breads.



We are committed to supporting students develop their independence skills. They are responsible for washing up after baking, hoovering the classroom and learn to use the washing machine. So no excuses at home! Encourage your young person to lay the table, sort the washing or load the dishwasher!



All our students are working towards an ASDAN accreditation

Inspire- Personal Progress students will be engaging with and planning to host an event, preparing food and decorating a party space.

Challenge- Personal, Social Development students will be looking at their skills and qualities to develop a simple CV. They will be investigating what employers might be looking for and how to answer questions in an interview.

We love to be active. Our Physical curriculum this term covers opportunities for everyone, including for hockey, yoga, biking, walking and stretching. Postural management and physio programmes continue to be an essential aspect of some students' day and some of our students will also be swimming.

STUDENT ESSENTIALS TO BRING:

- Pads and changes of clothes [if needed]
- Water bottle or drink, and a snack (if wanted)
- Planners
- A warm, waterproof coat/covering (we spend a lot of time outside even when the weather turns!)

Challenge Students – it would be useful for your young person to have a bus pass, for when we start going out into the Community.

Our students are settling into the new routines brilliantly. **Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.**

Best wishes

Katy and Emily [teacher leads], Myra [HLTA lead], Amanda, Sharon, Rohan, Christina, Amy and Chris.

The Sixth Form Team

