



Sixth Form Summer Newsletter

Welcome back!

It is lovely to see all our young people so happy to be back in school. We hope you all had a great Easter. We would like to welcome Emily, our new teacher, into our Sixth Form Team.

Our theme this term is **OCEANS AND SEAS**.



We will be learning the names of the oceans and finding out about the animals that live in them. We will also be investigating the environmental impact of pollution in the seas and oceans. By completing litter picks and recycling, we will explore small ways in which we can help to protect our environment.

Inspire students will be studying the fictional book – *The Snail and the Whale*. They will use this story as a starting point for investigating rhyme, writing postcards and interesting sentences.

The students in Challenge will be reading and responding to a range of texts. They will be answering questions about Earth Day and the Coronation, as well as learning to complete forms and invitations.

Our Functional Skills maths learning will be focused on time, seasons and positional language.

Our students will continue to develop their skills through our Vocational Learning sessions. This term, as well as working at Monk Park Farm, baking scones and serving customers at our Pop Up Scone Shop in The Family Life Church in Thirsk; some students will be visiting a care home, supporting younger students in school and washing cars.



Our Happy Café is open to everyone on a Wednesday afternoon – serving delicious freshly baked scones, brownies and other treats. Do come and visit between 1.30 and 2.30pm on a Wednesday afternoon to be served by our Year 12 students.

Transition and preparing for change will be a focus of this term. Some of our Year 12 students will be visiting a range of settings. Year 14 students will be taking part in a number of events with their future provision settings.

In Life Skills and Independence [PSHE], we will be learning about the importance of healthy living. Students will find out about a balanced diet, and prepare smoothies and sandwiches for a picnic. They will also try a range of exercise to promote an active lifestyle.



All our students are working towards an ASDAN accreditation.

Inspire students will be getting out and about in the community. They will be working in small groups, catching the public bus and getting a drink.

Challenge students will be further developing the healthy living theme – keeping food and exercise diaries, and ensuring they focus on keeping themselves well and healthy.

We have some visitors to deliver cricket lessons on a Monday morning, which should be fun. Some of our students will also be swimming.

This term, the Year 14s will complete their bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. They will have an overnight camp at school and undertake an expedition with their peers.

Challenge students are also going to be working on a Community Gardening Project with Incredible Edibles in Northallerton. They will be helping to maintain and develop a Secret Garden for the town. Keep an eye out too for our home grown produce that Sixth Form are hoping to grow and sell in our honesty box.



This term is always super busy, and there is such a lot going on for our fantastic students. Please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

Katy Fowler, Emily Watson, Myra Woods, Amanda Guest, Sharon Crampton,
Christina Downes and Sarah Williamson

The Sixth Form Team

