



Sherburn High School

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Dear Parents, Carers and students,

Safeguarding our Students:

Towards the end of last week, you may have seen on the news a deeply saddening new TikTok trend that has impacted multiple schools across the country. Young people are being encouraged on TikTok to stage protests about rules that they are dissatisfied with. Whilst it is clear some of the issues raised may have merit, it has also become very apparent it has become more about the act of protesting and posting these videos online rather than the issue itself.

The media have picked up on this trend and a quick Google search for “School Protests Tiktok” will yield some deeply worrying videos of what has happened in some schools. Across the country it has resulted in school closures, damage, injury and the police being called. This poses a significant safeguarding risk to our community and is something we are keen not to happen here. As a school we have worked hard to create a calm, warm, safe and purposeful learning environment and this is what visitors frequently comment on when they tour around our site.

As a school we fully respect the right for our students' voices to be heard and indeed the right to protest, however we would like to remind our community that a protest should be a last resort after the normal channels of communication have been used. A riot certainly has no place in any school.

We take the voices of our young people seriously and we need their feedback in order to continue to develop the school and move it forwards. This is why we seek their voice on a regular basis and this has led to many changes already. Without student voice there would be no lockers, PE uniform changes, improved selection of foods at lunchtimes, an Equalities and Diversity Club – to name just a few changes led by students in recent years. In fact, we take student voice so seriously that every teacher recruitment panel, includes students!

We would appreciate your support in reminding our student community that if they wish to give feedback or ideas on any aspect of school life, they are more than welcome to do so through any of the existing channels below.

- Speaking to their form tutor
- Speaking to their subject teachers
- Speaking to their Head of Year
- Raising any ideas or feedback with the Student Leadership Team
- Speaking to a member of the Senior Leadership Team

If we do have a situation where any students decide to protest at school, any inappropriate behaviour, filming/sharing of the event or damage will be dealt with very seriously and result in a high level of sanction. This is something we clearly wish to avoid and most importantly we want to ensure the safety of all our students and staff whilst on site.

We pride ourselves at Sherburn High School as being “Team Sherburn”, and we want to continue working together to provide the best provision that we can for our students both now and in the future.

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March was national World Book Day – but all week in assembly students have been listening to a wide variety of texts from “Spare” “A Man Called Ove” to “Revolting Rhymes” the written word has been celebrated by all!

“Grease is the word”

If you’ve been lucky enough to be able to buy a ticket for the sold-out production for “Grease” you won’t be disappointed! It really is a fantastic production which, in the words of one local resident “restores your faith in the younger generation.”

A huge thank you to all involved, I know that they have spent hours, including their weekends and holidays, rehearsing so that we could sit back and “enjoy the show.”



A Plea about Parking

Please can I remind parents/carers not to park on the double yellow lines on Garden Lane. When cars park there, it becomes really congested and makes it almost impossible for some of our disabled students to gain access to their dedicated parking spaces.

And finally...

Wednesday 1st March was national offer day – the day when Year 6 students found out which secondary school they will be joining in September 2023. I am delighted to share with you, that yet again we were over-subscribed and will be welcoming a record breaking 186 students to join Team Sherburn.

As always thank you for your on-going support,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher