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Dear parents, carers and students,

I wanted to write to you with a couple of updates before we break up for Easter.

STAR MAT Parent survey –

Thank you to the parents/carers who completed the survey; it was fantastic to read so many positive comments and to reflect upon areas to improve. As a direct result of your feedback we will:

- Improve our communication about what your child is learning at school and how we assess students. This will be through specific year curriculum updates which we will launch from September
- Review Parents' Evenings; by running a survey in the summer term to reassess your views on virtual or face to face Parents' Evenings
- Share with you our support for students' wellbeing and review ways we can improve this further. More information on this will follow in the summer term and again in September.

Student Opportunities

Worried about being bored this holiday? Want to try a new hobby or join a team? See below for a couple of opportunities that we have been asked to share.

“Use It, Sketch It, Share It” The North Yorkshire County Council Sustainable Travel Team would like to invite everybody to create a piece of bespoke artwork to encourage and inspire others to use Active Travel modes. You may use any material (new or recycled) and any process, for example; drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, collage or montage

We will select two winners who will each receive a £50.00 shopping voucher. The two winning entries will be enlarged and used in marketing campaigns across the county.

Artists have until Saturday 30th April to submit their artwork. Please see attached [Use it Sketch it Share it poster](#)

Sherburn White Rose: Does your child love football but have additional needs, that perhaps act as a barrier to them getting involved in our traditional sessions? We are keen to be a club for the community and an inclusive club for all. We are therefore keen to hear from any parents, who may like to see their child get involved in a specific tailored session catering for individual needs.

If we can generate enough interest, sessions would be run by experienced coaches, from a strong educational background and be well supported by our Welfare Team.

If you would like to express an interest, please email: swrwelfareofficer@gmail.com

Celebrating Success

An update on our House Championship has been shared with students during period one this week, congratulations to Lotherton House who are currently in the lead! Remember – the next House competition is a PE based one, and participation means points for your House. You can also contribute to House points by earning Super Six slips. Who will be this year's winning House and enjoy a special reward?!

We must also celebrate the success of all our PE teams, who after months of being unable to compete, have returned to fixtures with a winning streak! Congratulations go to all our students who participate in our extra-curricular programme, training regardless of the weather and making us all feel very proud. A very special mention must go to the Year 7 Netball and Football teams, who seem unstoppable, as seen by last night's victory for our boys in the league cup.

And I feel that after the last two years of very disrupted education it's also important we celebrate the "normal" – the return to school trips, including last night's theatre visit to "Blood Brothers" where staff were stopped by audience members who congratulated them on the conduct of our students, face to face assemblies and even examinations. Huge congratulations go to our students for the way they have coped, their commitment to their studies and resilience continues to amaze and impress us all.

And finally...

The end of term is often tinged with some sadness as we say goodbye to some members of staff – and this term is no exception. Leaving us for a promotion to Senior Leadership in another school is Mr Shanks, Curriculum Leader for History. We are very proud of his promotion and wish him well.

We also have two members of staff who are retiring. Mr Johnson, our DT technician has worked at Sherburn High School for ten years, making sure that students had the correct resources to be able to create, build and make. We all want to thank Mr Johnson for the support he has given to the department, school and students.

And, after 35 years of dedication to our students I think we all understand why the legendary, "Mrs G" has decided it's time to say goodbye. I know many families will want to join us in thanking Mrs Geldard for the care and compassion she has shown, she will be greatly missed.

As always, I would like to thank you for your on-going support and I hope you all have a fun-filled, chocolate-filled Easter break,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher