

Sherburn High School

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Dear parents, carers and students,

I hope that you're enjoying the lovely weather – we've certainly made the most of the sunshine in what's been another busy few weeks at Sherburn High School.

Year 10 have finally seen the end of their first set of Pre-Public Examinations and earlier this week they enjoyed a day as sixth formers. Our Year 12 students have also finished their Pre-Public Examinations, geography field trips and work experience (thank you to those on site – you look so smart and have been so brilliant!) Year 11 celebrated the end of their examinations in style with ice-creams, a special Sherbies and Prom. And the whole school showed we cared about others in last week's charity day. And of course, this week we welcomed our new Year 7 students who spent two days learning about Team Sherburn, in readiness for September.

Congratulations to all our Bronze and Silver DofE students who have successfully completed their expeditions this season! Our Silver DofE students completed their two nights away over the weekend and even managed to race each other to the finish line!



Congratulations also goes to our athletics teams who had a fantastic all-round performance at the York district semi-finals. We are extremely proud that ten of our students qualified for the final on July 14th and three of our students won their events during the semi-finals; congratulations to Aaron, Beatrice and Isaac.

But the focus on Personal Development and enrichment doesn't stop there! It's such a lovely feeling to be able to share with you our plans for the end of this academic year, it's been a while...

Monday 11 th July	Year 8 Trip to Lille returns
Thursday 14 th July	Year 11, 12 and 13 trip to Alton Towers
	"Sherbies" – Celebration Evening, invite only
Monday 18 th July	Year 12 DofE Gold Practice
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 12 DofE Gold Practice
	Scout Jamboree Charity Day – non-uniform
	School Summer Concert
Wednesday 20 th July	Sports Day – All students to come to school in their PE kits

Thursday 21 st July	Rewards Day for Years 7 – 10 – Flamingo Land or Reward Activities in school
Friday 22 nd July	Non-uniform day for all students End of term – school finishes at 12:15 p.m. Non-uniform day for all students

Consultation on Parents' Evenings

Earlier in the year parents/carers completed the STAR MAT questionnaire which identified a need to review our current arrangements for "parents' evenings."

Please could you complete the short survey so that we are able to determine whether parents/carers want to sustain virtual appointments or if people want to return to face-to-face appointments. This will support our planning for next year. The deadline for completing the survey is 12 p.m. on Wednesday 13th July.

Please note that from September 2022, these will be called Progress Evenings, as we recognise that not every young person lives with their parent and to emphasise the true purpose of these meetings, which is to work together to ensure students make appropriate progress.

The survey can be found here.

Applying for Free School Meals – a message from NYCC

With many families facing financial hardship as the cost-of-living increases, NYCC are doing all that we can to ensure that every family that is eligible to claim Free School Meals (FSM) for their child is benefiting from this additional help.

With this in mind we have made it easier for parents/carers to apply for a free school meal. Our new application process means that all applications are now made electronically. In just a few simple steps and a matter of minutes you will receive an instant decision on whether your application has been successful.

The new application process is now live and can be accessed immediately here: <u>Synergy - Enquiry</u> (northyorks.gov.uk).

We've created the <u>attached step-by-step guide</u> for anyone who may wish to apply for free school meals.

Lost Property

A reminder that all lost property will be given to Charity at the end of the day on Friday 15th July. If you are missing any items, please ask your child to call at Student Reception.

And finally...

I hope to see many of you at the "Sherbies" and summer concert, but if I don't get the chance to see you face to face, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to you. It's been another challenging year – but we've (almost) got there! As always, our students have done us proud and I look forward to celebrating this with them in the run up to the end of term,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley

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