

Sherburn High School

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had all managed to have a lovely Easter and that everyone is ready for what will be a very busy half term, with formal examinations for students in Key Stage 4 and 5 beginning before May half term, Bushcraft for Year 7, our Key Stage 4 Charity Day (see below for details) and of course lots, lots more!

I thought I would begin this half term by letting you know about an opportunity to increase your awareness about ways to safeguard your child, planned changes for our PE uniform (which impact upon new Year 7) and our Key Stage 4 Charity Day.

Safeguarding Update:

We have been informed about a series of online webinars for parents/carers who want to increase their awareness of online safety and the risks of exploitation. The webinars are run by Pace.

Who is Pace?

Pare is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation.

Pace seeks to:

- Enable parents and carers to safeguard and stop their children being exploited.
- Provide evidence and specialist advice to demonstrate to partners those parents and carers have an essential safeguarding role.
- Work with parents and partners to disrupt and bring perpetrators to justice.
- Influence national and local policy and practice to reflect the active safeguarding role of parents and the impact on families of child exploitation.
- Sustain long term change by training partners in the active role of parents and carers safeguarding their children

These webinars will take place on **Tuesday evenings for three weeks between 18.00-19.00**. The next group available begins on Tuesday 10/05/2022 at 18.00. If you are interested and would like to be booked onto these webinars, please can you email Ruth Marsh (ruth.marsh@shs.starmat.uk) by week ending **Friday 29th April**.

PE Uniform update

After consultation with our Student Leaders and PE department we have made the decision to change the tops for our PE kit from September 2022. Please note, the only year group that MUST change their PE kit will be our new Year 7 students, who join us in September 2022. ALL other year groups may continue to wear the current PE kit.

I'm sharing this information with you now, as I know that some parents/carers/students may wish to start to purchase new kit this term and therefore, I thought it was important to let you know about the possible options you have.

New PE school uniform – Year 7 starting September 2022 (and optional for Years 8 -11)		
Round neck sports top	Black with red detailing branded round neck sports top. Available via	Compulsory
¼ zip top	APC clothing.	Optional

All other items remain the same – that is plain black shorts/leggings, tracksuit bottoms and white socks, when not playing football/hockey or rugby, red football socks for football/hockey and rugby. (See our <u>website</u> for full details)

Summer Uniform

As per our Uniform Policy, after May half term students may wear a Sherburn High School polo shirt in the appropriate House colour. The wearing of the SHS polo is entirely optional. Blazers are not required to be worn in school after May half term.

Students must return in September of each academic year in their full Sherburn High School uniform.

Key Stage 4 Charity Day

Each year group has researched, debated and voted on a charity to fund raise for this year. Friday 29th April sees a whole school non-uniform day to raise money for the following charities:

As chosen by Year 9: Yorkshire Children's Trust – a charity founded by two sets of parents after their daughters were diagnosed with Leukaemia. The charity has set out to help children and their families cope with the emotional and financial strain of many life-changing illnesses, something the founders of the charity understand after dealing with their own children going through the long and harsh treatments for cancer. <u>https://yctrust.uk/</u>

As chosen by Year 10: Teenage Cancer Trust is a cancer care and support charity in the UK that exists to improve the cancer experience of young people aged 13–24. <u>https://www.teenagecancertrust.org/help-and-support/our-cancer-units</u>

As chosen by Year 11: Limbo Foundation a charity that supports children with a limb difference and their families. <u>https://www.limbbofoundation.co.uk/</u>

Please support our students in their fund-raising efforts by donating at least £1 on ParentPay.

And finally...

As the cost of living increases it is more important than ever that families receive the support they are entitled to. If you think you could be eligible for Free School Meals or if you are worried about the costs of uniform please contact your child's Head of Year (for students in Year 10 please contact Mrs Smith or Ms Marsh) or email <u>admin@shs.starmat.uk</u> and we will do what we can to offer support and advice.

Thank you as always for your on-going support and here's to another successful half term for our students,

Yours sincerely,

Miriam Oakley Headteacher