



Congratulations Mrs Cawley-Johnson

Today marks the 20th year anniversary of Mrs Cawley-Johnson's service with North Yorkshire as a Teacher.

Mrs Cawley-Johnson was presented with flowers and a certificate in recognition.

Well done and thankyou!
Here's to the next 20 😊



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

We have welcomed students back to a super busy term. This is especially true for Year 11 who are now completing further assessments which will contribute towards their final GCSE and BTEC grades this summer. Staff continue to work incredibly hard to ensure that students are properly prepared for these assessments as well as managing the increased workload of the detailed marking and standardising involved in submitting grades. Our students are showing great resilience, determination and commitment to achieving success in difficult circumstances.

As the weather improves and restrictions on wider society relax, inevitably all members of our school community will be increasing their social contacts. It remains vitally important that all members of our school community follow the school's risk assessment and control measures to keep everyone safe. This includes wearing face coverings as required, regular hand washing / sanitising and maintaining social distance wherever possible. Please also remember the importance of regular LFD testing. Your child should be self-testing twice each week and reporting results to school and the NHS. There are further details on the next page about access to testing for other family members.

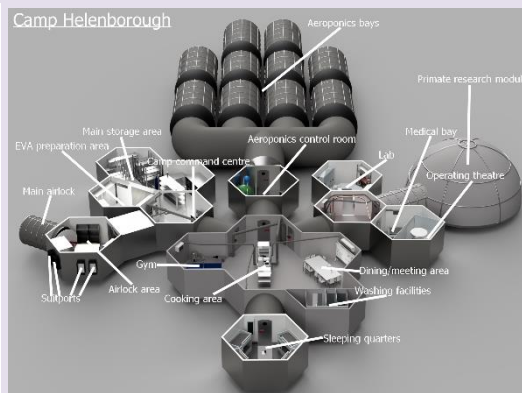
Thank you for your continued support.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Key Stage 3 Competition

Huge congratulations to 7JW for beating the eight other forms in Key Stage 3 to the Autumn Term Pizza Party. Students enjoyed an afternoon off timetable to enjoy a movie and pizzas with Mr Wolfram.

Who will prevail this Summer?
Good luck Key Stage 3! Mrs Wright



Competition Entry

Ethan May and Joe O'Connell from years 9 and 10, have been designing a "Moon Camp" for a European Space Agency (ESA) competition. Ethan and Joe have created a 3-D model of a habitat that astronauts could use to colonise the Moon and submitted it in the 'Pioneer' category of the competition. This is a project that these students have initiated and conducted themselves and have been working on since early October. Entrants that get first prize will win a 3-D printer. Good luck boys!

Diary dates

- Ongoing until 28.5.2021 Year 11 GCSE and BTEC assessments
- w/c 17.5.2021 Year 9 class-based assessments
- 28.5.2021 final day of normal attendance for Year 11 students

Term Time Information

- 3 May – school closed – May Day
- 31 May – 4 June – Half term break
- 23 July - 2.15 p.m. School closes - Summer break

Uniform reminders

We appreciate that during the lockdown period and before 'non-essential' shops opened, some families may have experienced some difficulties in getting hold of all uniform items. This term it is important that all students wear full uniform and show pride in being a member of our school community.

Please note these important points:

- The only skirts permitted are those with a Nidderdale logo
- Trousers should be black school trousers, not jeans or leggings
- A plain black jumper can be worn WITH the school blazer NOT in place of it
- Black school shoes should be worn, not trainers or canvas pumps
- Now that the weather has improved, students should not wear sweatshirts, hoodies or body warmers in school
- If students are wearing additional items of PE kit like a hoodie or leggings, these items should be plain black.

Part of being 'Ready for Learning' is to attend in full uniform every day and we would appreciate parental support in ensuring that this is the case. If you are experiencing any difficulties in purchasing items of uniform, do please contact the school and we will offer whatever support we can. The Pastoral Team do have a supply of uniform items and many of these are brand new.

We have been asked to share this information with families:

Inclusive Harrogate Game Zone sessions in partnership with Time Together have recently received funding to offer virtual sessions for free.

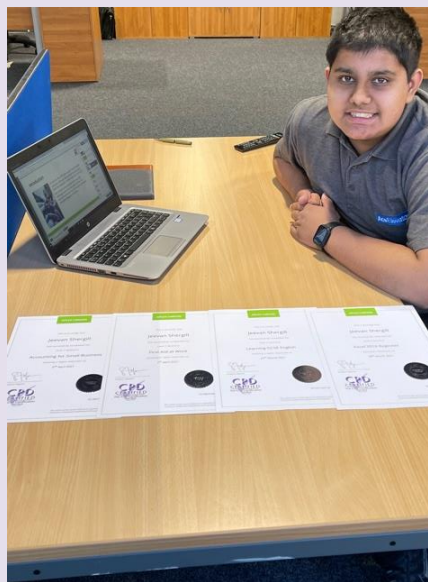
We are now in a position to accept new members to join us weekly on zoom, for some fun and interactive games that promote social interaction and emotional wellbeing in a safe and welcoming environment.

Sessions currently run **Fridays 6.30 - 7pm via Zoom for ages 11+**

Although we are currently offering the sessions online via zoom (and we recognise this isn't ideal for everybody) we are looking to move session faces to face as and when Government guidance allows and it's safer to do so.

Currently, we are working towards starting this in June 2021 from an outdoor location in Starbeck and we are welcoming people to register an interest in this also.

If you have questions or would like to make enquiries to **join the session**, please contact time together office@time-together.org / 01423 883992



Congratulations to Jeevan Shergill who spent the Easter break gaining valuable work experience with a local company and gained a number of new qualifications including Accounting for Small Businesses and First Aid at Work both with Higher Distinction. Great work Jeevan!

Rapid Testing

The government has announced twice weekly rapid testing to be available to everyone from 9 April. Rapid testing has so far been available to those most at risk and people who need to leave home for work, including frontline NHS workers, care home staff and residents, and schoolchildren and their families. Now rapid testing will be offered to everyone, with people encouraged to take regular tests to help prevent outbreaks and reclaim a more normal way of life. Current information on testing and how to get your home testing kits in North Yorkshire is available on the government's website ([click here](#)).