

Headteacher Newsletter Friday 24th March

Highlights of the week

Last Friday the cast of Annie Jr were able to showcase their talent on the Friday evening. It was a great show enjoyed by all who came and some real talent on show. Great learning taking place across the school this week and many students showing pride in their work and real application in lessons.

Free revision breakfast began this week for our Year 11s. Read more below in the support available to them as we approach exams.

Ramadan Mubarak to our many students and their families at the beginning of this month of fasting. May the celebrations of this fasting month spread happiness for all.

Upcoming Events

27th March

Local School Committee Information event for any parent who would like to find out more about what we do and what's involved. 5pm -6pm.

29th March

Parent Forum 5pm – agenda will follow but focus will be on our school improvement strategy.

Friday 31st March*

Partial school closure day for additional staff training.

Years 11 and Y13 will attend all lessons as normal.

School will be closed to Years 7,8,9,10,12 who will have access to remote learning materials for the day.

Friday March 31st

Break up for Easter – return to school April 17th

**This is a change to the calendar originally published at the start of the year.*

Attendance for the week

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	87.2	87.1	85.3	88.4	83.3
Year 8	90.1	87.4	86.7	89.1	87.8
Year 9	85.2	83.9	84.1	86.2	82.8
Year 10	83.1	84.1	83.3	80.5	81.7
Year 11	79.9	83	81	79.7	73.8
Year 12	92.5	93.8	91.5	94.3	93.8
Year 13	88.7	91.6	87	92.3	88.4

Key

94+% (National Average 2019)	
92-93.9%	
<92%	

*National YTD attendance at 1023.23 was 90.9% (DfE).

1007 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

735 of our students had 100% attendance and 100% punctuality this week – WELL DONE!

117 students have had 100% attendance for the year to date.

68 students have had 100% attendance and been on time every day this year.

The attendance challenge rewards are next week – all 100% attendance and punctuality students from 27.2.23 will get their treats on their last day. Congratulations to the 450 students who managed it!

Golden Tickets

Positive achievements

Last week	
Year 8	167
Year 10	143
Year 7	139
Year 9	136
Year 11	91

Last week		Year to date	
Year 8	2687	Year 8	45092
Year 9	1502	Year 7	41196
Year 10	1401	Year 10	32645
Year 7	1350	Year 9	30946
Year 11	704	Year 11	27483

Headteacher meetings

Each week we celebrate students across school who are enjoying learning and succeeding, doing themselves proud and being great role models to others.

This week's thanks and congratulations go to: Keir W. Year

Well done Keira.

Mrs Hart met with all the cast and crew of Annie the Musical for a thank you breakfast this week. We are so very proud of what they achieved. All received platinum rewards tickets on behalf of our Local School Committee.



Successes

Well done this week to...

Cheerleading team – Who were placed 4th out of 17 places in this week's dance competition Brilliant. You were amazing girls. Video and Pictures to follow soon :)

10 k Runners – Saffron Hunt, Matilda W, Jessica O, Jessica H, Isabella E, Lucy Mac, Caleb CH, Tanner S, Tasha B, Ellie-Jae K, Maisie R, Jamie R who raised an incredible £1236.50 for Manorlands Hospice. Amazing.



Assembly and Tutor lessons (Personal Development)

This week's assembly has had students rivetted, as it focussed on World Autism Acceptance Week and celebrating our differences. Students heard from Maddi in Y11 about being neurodiverse in our school. All students heard how important it is that we continue to be a school where everyone belongs.

This week's Tutor lesson have been varied all student undertook the Votes for Schools on artificial intelligence studying the power and threat from machines that can learn. Years 9 to 11 have explored the controversial 'sharenting' trend where one on five-year old had had 1,500 images of them shared on social media by their parents.

Five years old, with 1,500 images online

Should **sharenting** be banned?
Experts worry that parents who
share pictures and stories of their
children on social media may be
storing up trouble for them in the future.



Online generation: Today, 80% of children have an online presence by the age of ten.

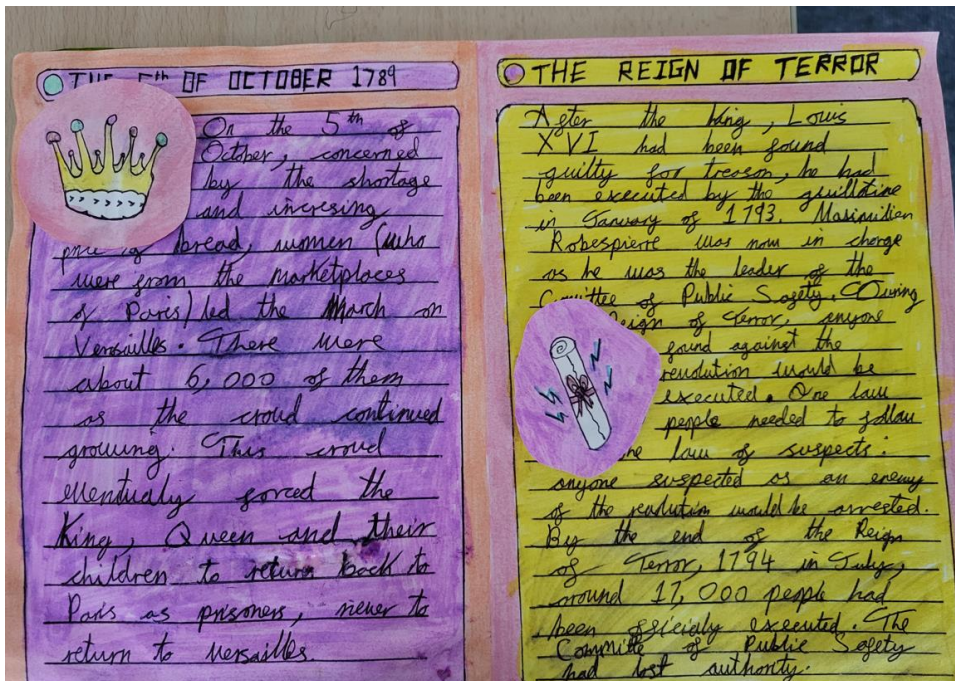
Plans are in place now to welcome several speakers over the coming months including Jess Roper a kickboxing champion to talk about motivation, health and diet. The Knife Angel team and KS4 sessions on consent and contraception in the Summer term. In July we will welcome a visitor coming to talk to students about the hidden dangers of gangs and drugs.

Y7 News



Mr Ellis was very impressed with the standard of homework from his Year 7 History group this week. They were set a challenges about the History of Robin Hood and the standard of work was fantastic.

Y8 News



Miss Ransom was really impressed with Felicity T's homework. The students in Miss Ransom's class have been studying the French Revolution and Felicity has shown flair and creativity whilst demonstrating her excellent knowledge of the topic.

Miss Kelly in Drama wanted to highlight some of the maturity, and excellent attitudes to learning from some of the year 8 boys that she has taught this week. In drama they are studying physical theatre; which can be quite intense for students to do. On Thursday they focused on a technique called 'chair duets' where students create a sequence of movements where they sit next to each other and have to move their hands around on each other's shoulders/knees etc

The following boys not only showed an excellent level of maturity at being in such close contact with each other, but also put a lot of hard work and effort in to create an excellent piece, for a technique that can be quite hard to master. They all worked very hard in lesson, and Miss Kelly wanted them to be recognised:

Leo B-S

Isaac E
Riley B
Lucas F
Harris B
Callum A
Josh G

All of these boys have been phenomenal throughout the entire physical theatre module, taking everything very seriously and making sure they are always being safe. Miss Kelly said that they have made teaching the module a pleasure

Y9 News

Well done to 9NKO for winning the attendance prize this week, we hope you enjoyed your reward breakfast. Another fantastic week of learning for Year 9 – to celebrate National Science Week Y9 students have been carrying out practical investigations all week, carrying out chemical tests on water and investigating how planes fly!



An update on Alana, Year 9 who recently went to National Dance Finals – Alana was placed – coming first in one of her events. Brilliant news Alana, send us a picture:)

Y10 News

Well done to the Year 10s involved in the Manorlands 10k - Jessica H, Isabella E and Lucy M: a wonderful example of the selfless attitudes we have come to expect from our year group.

Apart from the wonderful Maddie (Y11) talking to us for Autism Awareness week in assembly on Thursday, we also had Mr Bowles advertising Duke of Edinburgh. We had a record-breaking number of Year 10s last year, who carried out a fantastic range of contributions to the wider community, and got the chance to hike and camp on the hottest

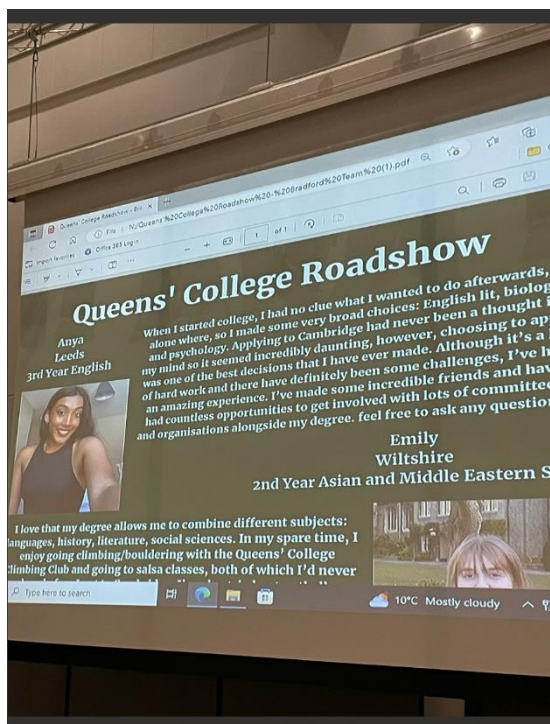
day (and night) of the year! We are hoping for slightly more 'normal' temperatures this year, but even higher numbers, so get involved Year 10!

Y11 News

Massive congratulations to Tom Driver who has been inducted to the North Yorkshire police cadets and has the 'certificate to prove it'. Tom is currently completing a leadership module with the cadets, well done Tom and good luck.



Post 16 news



This week saw over 40 year 13 students attend intensive Psychology and Sociology revision sessions at White Rose, In Leeds. The event was an opportunity for students to get up-to-date exam revision technique sessions from a range of professionals, as well as useful revision materials.

We have been lucky enough to have had Queen's College, Cambridge with us this week – they delivered a brilliant presentation to potential Post 16 students from year 11 – check twitter for pictures and comments from our students.

Staying safe and supporting your children

Linking to our tutor programme around protecting our information online, this week's guide looks at how to keep our data secure with our passwords.

According to a Google survey, more than half of us (52%, to be exact) routinely re-use the same passwords, with around one in ten employing a single password across all of their online accounts. What that means, of course, is that any hacker successfully cracking our password would find themselves with access to not simply one of our online accounts, but several (at least).

That, along with the fact that many people's favoured passwords aren't exactly impenetrable, makes it easier to see why some sources put the number of online accounts being broken into at around 100 per second. Yes, you read that right: 100 per second. To help give you some extra peace of mind about your digital data, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some tips on setting more secure passwords.

In the guide you'll find a number of top tips on setting stronger passwords such as how to get creative, what to avoid, and the value of multi-factor authentication.

CEIAG – Careers Education, information, Advice and Guidance.

Take a minute to have a look at the Future Ready section – up-to-date Career information and Guidance for both students, parents and carers

[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Future Ready](#)

[Beckfoot Oakbank School - Careers - Job of the Week](#)



Job Of The Week
20th March

ARMY OFFICER

Salary
The salary of an Audiologist can range from £27,273 to £42,009

Typical Hours
Variable working hours. You could work evenings, weekends & bank holidays

Entry Requirements

You can get into this job through:

- University Course - You can do a degree course before you apply for officer training although it is not essential. For entry requirements, you'll usually need 2-3 A-Levels, or equivalent for a degree.
- College course - You could work towards this role by doing a relevant subject like Level 2 or Diploma in Public Services. This would teach you some of the skills and knowledge you need in this career. For entry requirements, you'll usually need 2 or more GCSEs at grades 9 to 3 (A* to D), or equivalent, for a level 2 course and 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent for a level 3 course.
- An Apprenticeship - You can work towards this role by starting with an intermediate apprenticeship as a HM Forces Serviceperson. For entry requirements, you'll need some GCSEs usually including English and Maths, or equivalent for an intermediate apprenticeship.
- Applying directly - You could apply directly for Officer training. For this, you would need to be between 17 years 9 months and 28 years and 11 months and get a GP's medical report. You'll also usually need a minimum of GCSEs at grades 9 to 4, or equivalent, including English, Maths, Science or a Foreign Language, along with 2 A-levels or equivalent.
- You'll be invited to talk to someone at your local army careers centre about what you want to do. You'll then attend an assessment, which includes medical and fitness tests.

Please support us by encouraging your child to register with Career Pilot – a text message was sent this week with a link, but I have also included one in this message: [Careerpilot : Adviser Zone](#) - it's easy for your child to register – just follow the instructions and the registration video. Thanks for your support

Also, I have included a link to Future Goals – this website gives you up to date information about the Labour Market industries in West Yorkshire: <https://www.futuregoals.co.uk/learn/our-region/>

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