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## Headteacher's message



Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a restful and enjoyable half term break for you all. As we return to our normal routine I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.

First and foremost, I am pleased to share with you the fantastic news regarding our Year 11 students. During their first week of mock examinations, they have demonstrated exemplary behaviour, dedication, and focus. I have every confidence that they will continue to approach their studies with the same level of diligence and determination.

I am thrilled to announce that our school has been selected to participate in the ADHD Friendly Schools Award project led by the ADHD Foundation. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to further enhance our support for students, staff, and parents. Through this project, we will have the chance to collaborate with experts in the field, explore innovative strategies, and implement best practices to create a more inclusive and supportive learning environment.

At our core, we remain steadfast in our commitment to making our school a safe, nurturing, welcoming, and exciting place for all learners, including those with ADHD. We recognise the unique strengths and challenges that each individual brings to our community, and we are dedicated to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to achieve their academic potential.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence and ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Matt Smith

Headteacher

## YEAR 10 CAREERS DAY

Next Tuesday (27th) February is our first Y10 Careers Day of the year! The theme of this day is 'Preparing for the World of Work'.

This is very important day in your child's employability development; we will be helping them to develop a CV, discussing rights in the workplace and showing them how to find and use Labour Market Information (LMI).

They will also have a carousel of sessions on interviews, assessment centre, making a good impression and working life! These sessions will be delivered by local and national employers including the NHS, Caddick Construction and Tru East.

Students should attend school as normal next Tuesday in full school uniform, however they will not need their usual books or PE kit. They will need their planners and writing equipment however.

We strongly encourage you to discuss this event with your child when they get home on Tuesday and see how it went!

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch on [s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk](mailto:s.daniel@huntington-ed.org.uk)



## Y11 Apprenticeship Information

Please find below the presentation (and PDF) which I recently delivered to Year 11 students considering apprenticeships after Year 11. If your child is considering an apprenticeship, we would encourage you to review this video and information with them:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9CCvunbovk&t=3s>

<https://huntingtonschool.ovw7.devwebsite.co.uk/site/data/files/users/4/files/2380747DCC4297A769096DEFBA5AADEE.pdf>

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## SEND IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

As part of the City of York SEND Improvement work the City of York Council are currently refreshing their SEND Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for York and the Joint Commissioning Strategy which will set the priorities for joint commissioning across the local authority and health. A really important aspect of this work is to get the voice of key stakeholders.

This survey will inform the current Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Commissioning Strategy whilst helping to understand what is working well and what changes can be made in regards to the Special Educational Needs and/or Disability system. They are asking that parents complete the

survey honestly, and support them with practical examples of how you feel so they can make positive changes to their system.

They have asked that we share this with parents of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities, so they can understand from all roles and families, what their experiences have been and what could be done differently to minimise any barriers.

**The survey will end on Wednesday 6th March.**

**Survey link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYCStaffandParentSENDsurvey>

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Our quick reference guide on key dates is available to view on our Website via the link below:

[HUNTINGTON SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023.2024](#)

Dates to note over the next couple of months are:

### MARCH

- Friday 1st: Year 13 Mock examinations begin
- Monday 4th: National Careers Week
- Tuesday 5th: Year 11 trip to Madhyamaka Kadampa Meditation Centre
- Thursday 7th: Year 10 Geography Trip
- Friday 8th: Training Day
- Friday 22nd: School Closes at 12.15pm for Easter

## Y9 DTP Vaccinations

Any students we may have missed their DTP vaccination in school can attend one of the catch up clinics. The following dates are available at Regus House , Tower Court, YO304XL.

Please call **01904 237680** to book a timeslot.

Wednesday 20th March 3.30 - 5.00pm

**Monday 25th March 10.00 - 2.00 pm**

**Thursday 4th April 10.00 - 2.00 pm**

Thursday 11th April 3.30 - 5.00 pm

## NATIONAL MEASLES INCIDENT

**Title: UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) advice on National Measles Incident, shared on behalf of NYC Director of Public Health and Peter Roderick, York DPH.**

**Audience:** All schools

**Cascade:** Headteachers – please cascade to parents and all staff.

### **National Measles Incident**

The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine.

In response to this we would like to share with you the advice from UKHSA currently:

Measles is a highly infectious, serious illness that can be very unpleasant. Those most at risk are under 1's, the unvaccinated, immuno-compromised or pregnant woman. There is no specific treatment available, so it is important to get vaccinated to avoid serious illness.

If you and your child have been vaccinated, it's very unlikely you will catch Measles.

### **Symptoms of Measles**

- **Usually starts with cold-like symptoms**
- **High fever**
- **Sore red watery eyes**
- **Cough and/or runny nose**
- **Small red spots with bluish-white centres inside the mouth**
- **A red/brown blotchy rash which appears several days later, rough to the touch.**

**You should keep your child away from school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appeared and until they are completely recovered.**

**Keep your child away from babies, anyone who is pregnant and those with a weakened immune system.**

### **'THINK' Measles**

If you think your child has measles or has been in contact in the last 3 weeks with someone with a confirmed case of measles, then please stay at home and call your GP surgery.

- **DO NOT** bring your child to school or nursery.
- **DO NOT** visit the GP surgery/ out of hours, or Hospital.
- **CALL** ahead to the GP surgery so measures can be put in place for your arrival.

Children in school who are suspected of having measles will be isolated and parents will be asked to collect promptly.

## Vaccination

If you are unsure about whether your child is due a vaccine or has missed a vaccination you can check your vaccination status by calling your GP surgery or checking your 'red book'. If your child has missed one of their MMR's call your GP surgery and book an appointment.

The MMR schedule is usually 1 vaccine at 12 months old and a 2nd vaccine at pre-school, around 3 years and 4 months. For adults it's never too late to get vaccinated. Adults require 2 vaccines at 4 weeks apart.

You can request a version of the MMR vaccine that **does not contain pork products** from your GP surgery, making it suitable for all faiths. Please note that the GP practice may need to order this product in specially, so it will be helpful to tell the GP surgery before the appointment.

MMR vaccine is not advised during pregnancy, those women of childbearing age should avoid getting pregnant for at least 4 weeks following vaccination.

Pregnant women are advised to contact their midwife/GP surgery if they believe they have come into contact with Measles. Pregnant women who suspect they might have Measles should **not** go to antenatal clinic or any other maternity setting until they have been assessed.

The information provided by UKHSA, should provide clarity and reassurance. We ask that you remain vigilant over the half term holiday and if you are in any doubt about sending your child into school unwell, we would appreciate you considering keeping them at home.

Please follow the links below for further information and guidance:

- [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Think Measles! \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [MMR \(measles, mumps and rubella\) vaccine - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)
- [Pregnant? Immunisation helps to protect you and your baby from infectious diseases \(publishing.Services.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.Services.gov.uk)

## NEW EARSWICK SWIMMING CLUB

New Earswick Swimming Club are looking at expanding their squad.

Please see below for more information.





# COMPETITIVE SWIMMING

*New Earswick Swimming Club is a family friendly swimming club for young people. We have a successful competitive swimming squad that encourages all of our swimmers to achieve their best times and to regularly attend / compete in swimming galas and events across the region.*

*If your child is interested in finding out more about competitive swimming and joining NESC coaching squad, contact us today [new.earswicksc@swimclubmanager.co.uk](mailto:new.earswicksc@swimclubmanager.co.uk)*

*We are passionate about swimming and are extremely proud of their achievements*

**CLUB FEATURES:**

- ✓ Experienced coaches
- ✓ Regular progression
- ✓ Fun Social Events

**WE CURRENTLY SWIM AT NEW EARSWICK SWIMMING POOL, YORK COMMUNITY STADIUM, YEARSLEY SWIMMING POOL AND ENERGISE ACOMB**

[www.newearswicksc.co.uk](http://www.newearswicksc.co.uk)



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## Out of Hours Concerns

### **SAFEGUARDING AND OUT OF HOURS CONCERNS**

If you are concerned about a young person you must contact M.A.S.H (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub Team) which is the single point of contact for all concerns about children. If there are immediate concerns about the safety of a child, you should contact North Yorkshire Police on 999.

#### **Contact MASH Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm:**

- telephone - 01904 551900
- email - [mash@york.gov.uk](mailto:mash@york.gov.uk)

**Contact MASH Early Help Team to make an early help referral or access advice:**

**Outside office hours, at weekends and on public holidays, contact the emergency duty team**

- telephone - 01609 780780
- email - [edt@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:edt@northyorks.gov.uk)