



July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see Scarborough coming to life again over recent months as the weather has warmed up. As we go about our day to day lives it is easy to take for granted the beautiful part of the world that we live in. Hopefully, you and your families will get to enjoy some of the local area and possibly further afield if you have holidays booked during the summer break.

As this academic year draws to an end, I would like to pay tribute to both students and staff commitment in the face of much disruption this year due to COVID absence. I am proud of the fact that Scalby School has managed to provide a continuous education to all year groups during the year, as I know this has not been the case in many places up and down the country. The efforts of both support staff and teaching staff to ensure this has happened should not be underestimated. I feel lucky to work with such a committed and hard working groups of people. They are definitely ready for a well-deserved summer break.

End of Term Arrangements

The spring term ends on Friday 22nd July at the earlier time of 12:15. Students will be expected back in school at 08:20 on Tuesday 6th September. Just a reminder that Monday 5th September is a teacher training day and school will be closed to students.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday will be a non-uniform day and students are asked to donate a £1, with all proceeds going to the Candlelighters Charity. Students have been asked to ensure they arrive in school in suitable clothing.

Water Safety

Please could I ask that you talk to your sons / daughters about the dangers of swimming in Scarborough harbour, jumping from the piers and the sea wall near the Sealife centre. There has been a rise in this activity amongst young people in the local area over recent weeks. The water levels are very low at times and the tides change quickly. In the warm weather people should only be swimming between the red and yellow flags where the lifeguards patrol, this is the safest place. Please encourage your sons / daughters to act responsibly around the sea.

Respect

We have spoken a lot with students about respectful behaviour this year with a view to ensuring they are prepared for life in 21st century Britain. As we move forward, respect will be something we will be incorporating into our school values. In September, we will be writing to you as parents and further talking to students about what our expectations are around respectful behaviour. I am sure you will agree that setting high expectations for students in how they deal effectively with other members of the community, and how they treat the learning environment will have a positive influence on all outcomes.

Preloved Uniform Shop

As families around the country struggle more with the cost of living issues, we wanted to try and support families with the cost of uniform. We have established a pre-loved uniform shop in school. At the end of this letter there are further details of the scheme including contact details.

Golden Tickets

Our new Golden Ticket reward scheme was launched by Mr Philliskirk this half term with great success. The reward scheme is engrained in our school values and the Golden Tickets are awarded when a student shows exceptional Ambition, Leadership, Learning, Preparation and Respect both within the classroom and around the school. We want every student to be the best they can be, and we hope that this



reward scheme will help motivate them to achieve this. Students put their Golden Ticket with others from their year group, and each week a free meal and queue jump in the canteen can be won per year group.



This week, all of the year group collection boxes will be combined for one large raffle draw. The more Golden Tickets a student has received, the more chance they have of winning one of the prizes. Whilst devising the rewards, we were keen to try and include prizes in which families can celebrate the success of their children through experiences. We are also very keen to try and promote cultural opportunities in our local economy and community.

The prizes to be won this term are as follows:

£50 Amazon voucher, £50 voucher for Stephen Joseph Theatre, Family of 4 tickets for Olympia Bowling, Family of 4 tickets for Alpamare, Family of 4 tickets for Go Ape, Family of 4 tickets for Yorkshire Water Park, Family of 4 tickets for Flamingo Land, 2 tickets for a show at the Open Air Theatre, an iPad, a PlayStation 5.

We are very keen to build relationships within our local community, if you know of any establishment that can enhance our Golden Ticket scheme by offering further rewards, please let me know. We are keen for this reward scheme to grow in size and strength moving forward. If you have any questions about the rewards scheme, please feel free to contact j.philliskirk@sc.coastandvale.academy.

Geography Switzerland Trip

Y10 students enjoyed a Geography visit to Switzerland at the beginning of July. Students took in the wonders of the Grand Dixence Dam, the largest gravity dam in the world and the view from the Berneuse Mountain. Culturally, the students looked at the work of the International Red Cross and its relation with the UN in the internationally famous city of Geneva, whilst also enjoying a boat trip on Lake Geneva. The teacher highlight of the trip was a chilly trip inside the Mer de Glace to look at the impact of climate change, but the student highlight was a trip to the Nestle Chocolate Factory to look at globalisation and, of course, to sample some chocolate! Mrs Banks said the students were a credit to the school and made some really memorable experiences.

Parent Governor Appointment

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor. We will be starting the recruitment process in September. It provides an excellent opportunity for you to get involved in helping shape the future of the school. Please watch out for further information in the Autumn Term.



Lunch Accounts - ParentPay

Please could I ask that you check your ParentPay accounts to ensure that any balances are settled before the new academic year begins.

Attendance

Moving out of the pandemic the importance of student attendance is even more critical as we attempt to get all students caught up on missed learning. Please could I ask that you prioritise student attendance in 2022/23 and you contact us about any barriers there may be to your son/daughter attending school regularly. I will be sending a separate letter detailing some more information about the importance of good attendance and how it links to progress.

Also in the new academic year when your son/daughter is absent, you must inform school by texting 07860 022949 or by email absent@sc.coastandvale.academy. Where possible make medical appointments out of school hours, if this is not possible please send a note in your son / daughters' planner that they can show to a Head of Year and the Office staff.

Being the Best we can be Awards

This week I have presented certificates to the students who have excelled in Academic Achievement and Effort in their learning this term. If your son / daughter arrived home with an award, please take time to congratulate them and recognise their hard work. These students will also have received a golden ticket so will have a chance in our end of term draw on Thursday.

I would like to wish you a very happy summer break. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Robertson
Headteacher



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