

# Scalby School

## Newsletter – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see so many parents attend our Year 11 information event last Thursday. As we move back towards pre-pandemic grading and full specification content, it is important that we work in close partnership with parents to support students to achieve their potential. Year 11 students will undertake their first trial exams following October half-term and there will be more opportunities for parents across all year groups to support students learning as the year progresses.

Last night we welcomed Year 7 parents for a parents evening, it was lovely to see some familiar faces and some new faces attending. I enjoyed hearing lots of positive feedback about how students have settled in.

### **Attendance**

The link between success at school and high levels of attendance has never been as important as we continue to get students caught up with lost learning from the pandemic. After an excellent start to the term, over the past 10 days there has been a drop off in student attendance. Please ensure you work with your son/daughter and school to prioritise attendance at school.

The link between good attendance and high academic outcomes, that maximise student's future opportunities is clear when we analyse historical student performance at Scalby. We have fantastic teaching staff, but they cannot make a difference with your son / daughter if they are not sat in front of them.

If your son/daughter is absent, you must inform school by texting 07860 022949 or by email. Where possible please 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 their Mentor. We have some plans on how we can celebrate good attendance which we will be announcing to students and parents next half-term.

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

The Duke of Edinburgh Award was launched in September 2021 to both year 9 (Bronze) and 10 (Silver) students. Students choose a range of activities to develop in the physical, volunteering and skills sections. It was so rewarding to see our students giving back to their communities and working as a team. In the volunteering section, students focused on giving time to help people, the community, society, the environment or animals. Some of our students took part in local conservation, helping at Brownies, the local Library and an animal rescue centre. The physical section requires a sustained level of energy and physical activity. Here, our very own Mr Curran (a biking enthusiast) came into his own and took groups of students biking weekly to improve fitness. Others took up walking and enjoyed different walks every week over longer distances. In the skills section, students were required to show how they proved they had broadened their understanding and increased their expertise in their chosen skill. The range of skills evidenced was impressive from Jiu-jitsu, cooking, needlework, piano, speech and drama, to training a pony to carriage drive!



Next came the expedition section. Students and staff went to Peat Rigg in Cropton Forest for three days of intensive training as part of their pre-expedition practice to ensure students were confident in meeting the 20 conditions of the expedition. Students learnt about the aim of their expedition, became confident map readers, learnt emergency first aid, could plan, resource and cook a hot nutritional meal to sustain them on expedition. Students were taught the importance of packing their rucksacks with suitable footwear and clothing to meet frequently changing weather conditions.

Then it was the expedition time, where we saw our students show great leadership and teamwork. Our students showed resilience throughout the expedition encouraging each other and working together to stay motivated when their feet hurt, or their rucksack became too heavy. In the evening they played ball games at the campsite making new friends and celebrating the days achievements.

We are now in the process of taking applications from current year 9 and 10 students for the year ahead. If your child is interested it is not too late to apply, applications can be made via the link on the Duke of Edinburgh Award page on the school website, or by clicking on the link that has been emailed out to all students email accounts.

Achieving an Award will give students skills, confidence and an edge over others when they apply for college, university or a job. Beyond academic achievements, universities want to see evidence of so called 'soft skills' that have been developed through extra-curricular activities, such as communication, commitment, leadership and teamwork. DofE Award is a fantastic way to demonstrate and evidence these skills in practice.

*Mrs Leat-Smith*

## **Sporting Achievements**

### *Girls Sport*

So far, we have seen a fantastic start to the netball season, opening with a training session with Scarborough Netball Club in which there was a record turnout of students attending. This is something we hope to continue over the coming months. The Y9 Netball team then went on to compete in the District Netball Tournament at Scalby School on Thursday 22nd September. The girls faced some tough competition from Ryedale and Pickering schools and were placed 5th overall, beating Pindar and Malton. Year 8 and Year 10 Netball teams played Filey in the U13 and U15 Knock Out Cup match on Monday 3rd October. Year 8 won 16-0 and Year 10 won 21-3. Year 8 go on to play St Augustine's and Year 10 await their opponents in the next round.

The Y11 Netball team took part in the partnership tournament on Tuesday 20th September and came first. They also competed in the District Tournament on Thursday 27th September and finished 5th despite being a player short. The Year 11 Netball team have now competed in their final fixtures for Scalby School. It has been a pleasure to coach all of you and see you develop over the years. Thank you for your commitment and dedication. We hope you continue to play and look back on your time representing the school with fond memories.





*Cross Country*

On the 28<sup>th</sup> September, Scalby School hosted the first round of District Cross Country with the Richard Lucas Cross Country meet. A huge well done to all the athletes who competed in the event. Top ten finishers include F.Fletcher 2nd (Y8), O.Tomlin 8th (Y9), J.Chandler 10th (Y10), H. Coles 10th (Y10), M.Crane 6th (Y10), H. Brown 8th (Y10) and E.Gaskel 9th (Y10). We wish our competitors the best of luck in the second round on Tues 18th October at Malton.

KS3		
	BOYS	GIRLS
1	Ryedale	Ryedale
2	Scalby	WCC
3	WCC	Scalby + St Augs

KS4		
	BOYS	GIRLS
1	Ryedale	Malton
2	Eskdale	Ryedale
3	Malton	Scalby
4	Scalby	WCC

*Boys Sport*

The boys have also made a promising start to the season with some outstanding performance and well-deserved victories. Very well done to the Y10 football team who played Malton away on Thurs 27th September and won 7-2. Both Year 8 and Year 9 football teams played Ryedale in District Cup matches on Thursday 22nd September, showing fantastic effort against 2 very difficult teams. The Year 7 football teams had a fantastic debut on Thursday 29th September, with a 6-0 victory against historically strong Ryedale School in the U12 District Cup match. They go on to play St Augustine’s or Caedmon in the next round. They also beat Graham on Tuesday 27th September with a 4-1 victory followed by an 11-0 win against Filey on Tuesday 11th October.

*Individual Achievements*

**Bill Reeves**

Congratulations to Bill Reeves (Y10) who has competed in the U15 British Trials Biking Championships. Bill only started competing in 2019 and has shown an outstanding performance in his debut season placing 1st, 2nd and 4th in 5 out of 7 rounds. We wish Bill the best of luck in his final rounds over the coming weeks.

**George Barber**

George Barber (Y9) plays for U15 Pickering Town Football Club. A fantastic achievement. In August this year, George took part in trials for the northern representation team. George was successful and now plays for the whole northern area U14 squad for the Junior Premier League. Well done George and good luck for the season ahead.

*Mrs Peake – Head of PE*





### **Year 11 Parents Evening**

Please note there will be a Year 11 parents evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Further details will be sent to parents at the beginning of next half-term.

### **ATL Reports**

This week you will have received your son / daughters first Attitude to Learning Report. You receive 4 of these across the year and they will help you understand the current progress, engagement and behaviour being shown in each subject area. Please take time to discuss these as a family and celebrate the successes. Also take time to focus on any areas of improvement that may be required and how your son /daughter may respond positively to those over the next half-term.

### **Year 11 GCSE Trial Examination**

Following October half-term Year 11 students begin their first GCSE trial exams in English, Maths & Science. These exams are designed to start to prepare students for the external GCSE examinations in May 2023. Year 11 students should be preparing for these exams and engaging in exam preparation. Revision little and often now will create the right habits for students as they move quickly through Year 11.

### **Re-start a Heart Day**

Last Friday Mrs Beat oversaw the Restart a Heart Day. This allowed all Year 8 students a 45-minute slot within the day to learn the vital skill of CPR. This training was delivered by a range of medical professionals who joined us from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service.

### **Curriculum**

Over the past 18 months our departments have been working hard to ensure each department area has a curriculum that provides a clear progression pathway. If you would like to understand in more depth our school curriculum intent and explore each subject areas intent to see what your son / daughter studies in each discreet area. Please visit the curriculum area of our website. <https://www.scalby.coastandvale.academy/curriculum/>

I hope you manage to enjoy some time together as a family over the next week and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C. Robertson  
Headteacher

