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News from the Principal

The day that Year 11 have been longing for has finally arrived! With the bulk of exams now over today was the Class of 2017's last day here at DC. There have been some highs and lows over the course of the year, but generally my memories of them all are extremely fond ones. The level of commitment to their exam preparation and revision has exceeded any other Year 11 group that have been here since I joined Darton in 2014. Huge thanks to Mr Cairns and Mr Gregory who have worked so hard to support them and thank you for sharing some brilliant memories in today's Leavers' Assembly. I hope after next week, when the exams are over that all Year 11 have a fantastic summer

break with some well earned rest and relaxation. I look forward seeing learners at the Prom on 7th July and also on the 24th August for our GCSE Results Day.

Our summer term departmental reviews commenced this week and will continue over the next two weeks. The reviews supports us in ensuring that the quality of teaching, feedback and assessment is continuing to improve. Members of the Senior Team, Curriculum Team Leaders and I have the privilege of observing a range of lessons involving all year groups. This week the Performance and MFL Department have had their reviews - thanks goes to Miss Wilkinson and Miss Borges for organising these and leading them.

Miss Banks, Progress Leader for Year 7

and Mrs Ellis, Assistant Principal for Inclusion have continued their visits to primary schools this week, supporting our transition work. Many thanks to all of our feeder primaries and parents of Year 6 pupils who have supported us in collating all of the information that we require to make the transition process run as smoothly as possible.

The findings of this year's parental survey have now been collated and we will issue these in the coming weeks. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us in helping us to continuously improve our work here at Darton College.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms Davies
Principal



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A Wonderful Email Received - Battlefields Trip 2017

"I am a fifty something traveller who happened to come across a group from your lovely school in Ypres. With about an hour wait for anything to happen at the Menin Gate, my husband and I commented on how well behaved the children were opposite. After the very emotional last post, it always gets me, 3 lovely girls came over. Seeing me wiping tears away asked if I was ok - to be honest it nearly set me off again! We had a lovely chat, the girls saying how much they had all got out of the trip. I just thought I would drop you a line to say how proud of your pupils you should be for the way they represented your college. I did ask my husband to take this lovely picture of the girls."



Good Luck Adam and Jack!

We would like to wish good luck to Adam and Jack from Year 9 with the Maths in Motion Finals next week. Both boys have worked extremely hard in the run up to the championships and Darton College is the only school representing the Yorkshire Region. We are looking for new recruits for the next challenge. Please see Miss Wright or Mr Honeybone if you are interested in taking part.



WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 93.40%

Celebration of Learning Event

We are currently in the process of planning for our Celebration of Learning Evening which will be taking place on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 6.00pm. Staff are proudly nominating learners to display work that shows outstanding effort/achievement. We will update you further details next week.

DC Farm News

This week forms have been visiting our Darton College Farm. They enjoyed meeting the animals and learning about their welfare. We would like to remind everyone that farm access is only permitted with members of staff.

Bushcraft Visit

The Bushcraft Trip takes place next Saturday. Learners taking part should be at school for 6.30am-6.45am to set off at 7.00am.

Fundraiser

Well done to our learners in Nurture who raised a total of £150.34 for the Alzheimer's Society yesterday selling buns at breaktime.

Key Dates

Year 11 Examinations:

Ongoing - Wednesday 28th June

New to Year 7 Transition Welcome Evening:

Wednesday 28th June

Drop Down Day - Years 7, 8, 9

Monday 3rd July

Celebration of Learning Evening:

Wednesday 5th July

Year 11 Darton College Prom:

Friday 7th July

Performance Faculty Celebration Evening:

Wednesday 12th July

Sports Day - All Year Groups:

Wednesday 19th July

INSET Days:

Monday 24th / Tuesday 25th July