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## News from the Principal

It has been great to have so many learners visit my office this week for #ProudoofmySelfie awards! I have seen some excellent learning taking place across school as well as outstanding examples of home learning - please keep them coming!

On Tuesday we welcomed the family of our former colleague Gill Dobson, who sadly passed away last November. Gary, Natalie and Will joined us for our European Languages Day lunchtime celebration. Our food market raised £169.28 for Wakefield Hospice. Many thanks for supporting! Before the family left we spent time sharing with them a special memorial remembrance plaque for Gill in the school nurture garden. The plaque contains some of Gill's most

memorable quotes and phrases which gave both us and her family time to reflect and reminisce. A wonderful lady who will never be forgotten.

On Wednesday, Chris Edwards from 'Cutlers Made in Sheffield Project', visited school to speak to Year 9 in assembly. He was introducing a new project for us here at Darton called 'Better Barnsley'. A number of schools already engage with the initiative, which will hopefully see 12 of our Year 9 learners experience the world of work. They will have access to a work based mentor over the next year. A workshop will follow in a few weeks time and an application process will take place to identify the final group of learners to take part.

Yesterday, a group of learners took part in a Global Tech Challenge as part of our 'World of Work Engagement Scheme'. Working with 'The Ahead Partnership Team', learners were challenged to develop a logistical solution to a business challenge. Thank you to Mr Bond for making it happen. This week has also been the first week of our departmental reviews, demonstrating lots of opportunity for observing some great teaching! Many thanks to all staff and particularly CTLs who are all giving 110%. It has certainly been a busy start to a half term. I hope you all have a great weekend.

**Ms Kate Davies**  
Principal

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## YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 GCSE PE TOPS

A reminder that the deadline to return order forms and payments for the Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE PE tops is Monday 2nd October.

## MAKE YOUR MARK

Learners have been voting this week on what they would like to be discussed at this year's Youth Parliament. 'Make Your Mark' is an annual event where young people have the opportunity to have their say on what matters to them. The initiative is a great way for young people to learn about the political process and how democracy works. In a number of year group assemblies, our Barnsley Youth Councillors presented information on 10 issues that they felt were important to them. Topics of discussion were: a curriculum for life, transport, votes at 16, first aid education and mental health. The votes will be counted both locally and nationally to decide the 2 top issues for further action.

## CAREERS ADVICE AT DARTON COLLEGE

As a parent/carer you may wonder what kind of careers entitlement both you and your child can expect from Darton College. This information is shared in your child's learner planner. On page 143 you will find a 'Learner Entitlement Statement' and 'Parent/Carer Entitlement Statement' informing you of the opportunities that we offer. In addition, in the careers section under both the parent and learners section on our school website, advice on careers ideas college courses and how to write a CV can also be found. Rebecca and Karen, our careers advisors, are in school every Wednesday and every other Monday. The team are available to offer help and advice to all learners in all year groups.

## WOW WORD OF THE WEEK

**TEMPEST** - (noun) A violent and windy storm.  
storm, gale, whirlwind, squall...

The captain's mind had been too occupied to notice the raging tempest that was taking place up deck.



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - 95.30%**

## KEY DATES

**11TH OCTOBER 2017**  
Year 6 Open Evening

**27TH OCTOBER 2017**  
Break Up For Half Term

**6TH NOVEMBER 2017**  
INSET Day

**8TH NOVEMBER 2017**  
Year 11 Revision Evening

**10TH NOVEMBER 2017**  
Drop Down Day

**13TH - 24TH NOVEMBER 2017**  
Year 11 Mock Examinations

**15TH NOVEMBER 2017**  
Year 9 Parents' / Options Evening

**22ND NOVEMBER 2017**  
Year 11 Celebration Evening

**29TH NOVEMBER 2017**  
Year 8 Parents' Evening

**22ND DECEMBER 2017**  
Break Up For Christmas

**27TH JUNE 2018**  
Year 11 Prom



**No Parking  
No Waiting**

## POLITE NOTICE

In the interest of learner safety, we request that parents/carers/visitors refrain from parking on any double yellow lines or the pavement, when dropping off or picking up children during morning and afternoon periods.

**Thank you**

