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## News from the Principal

I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break. I am pleased to finally see the end of the snow!

Today parents and carers should have received a letter sent via email containing information that Delta Academies Trust has recently been selected by the Regional Schools Commissioner and the Headteachers' Board as Darton College's preferred sponsor. Over the next half term we will continue our work with Wales High School and after Spring Bank, Delta will take on a substantive role within the school. As with any change, this is likely to cause some anxiety but I strongly believe that staff, parents, carers and learners should feel positive about the future of Darton, moving forward with Delta. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet with the

trust to hear their vision for education and their commitment to support learners. The date for this meeting will be communicated as soon as we receive further information. It was a joy to deliver an assembly to Year 11 this morning. The forthcoming weeks will feel very pressured for many of them. I am delighted with the resilience and commitment they have shown over the last few months and I am also pleased to have seen so many of them attend the additional revision sessions over the Easter period. Should parents or carers require any support with revision planning and/or exam stress, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wright or Mrs Gregory. Year 11 learners will all receive their individual GCSE timetables next week. Keep up the great work Year 11! Despite more injuries than we would

have hoped for, the recent Ski Trip was a huge success. Learners and staff made fantastic progress on the slopes and they all thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. All learners who participated behaved in an exemplary fashion and were a real credit to the school. A huge well done goes to our Year 10 Boys Football Team this week who are South Yorkshire Finalists for the second time after a 4-0 win against Horizon Community College. Bring on the final next Wednesday! We are really looking forward to welcoming a number of children from our feeder primary schools on Monday to the 'Our Community's Got Talent Final'. Guest judges include: Mrs Powell, Duncan Bagshaw and X Factor star, Holly Tandy. Good luck to everyone taking part. There will be a Year 10 Parents' Evening running on Wednesday 18th April, 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Online booking is now open. Should anyone have any issues booking in with teachers due to the number of slots being full, please contact us to arrange a telephone call to discuss your child's progress.

Have a super weekend!  
**Ms Kate Davies - Principal**

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## GCSE ART EXAMINATIONS

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**GCSE ART EXAMS**  
**FRIDAY 20TH APRIL**  
**TUESDAY 24TH APRIL**

**COUNTDOWN! BE PREPARED!**  
**HARD WORK PAYS OFF!**

## YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING

We will be holding a Year 7 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 2nd May, 4.30pm - 7.30pm. Booking for teacher appointments will open online on Wednesday 18th April. A step by step guide on how to book will be emailed out to all Year 7 parents and carers next week. Should anyone require any assistance with the booking system, please do not hesitate to contact us via email: [mail@dartoncollege.co.uk](mailto:mail@dartoncollege.co.uk) or telephone our reception team on: **01226 382568**.

## BELGIUM BATTLEFIELDS TRIP

Outstanding final trip payments are due to be paid as soon as possible for the Belgium Battlefields trip. Mr Guy will be holding a trip information meeting on Tuesday 1st May at 5.00pm in the Lecture Theatre. Please remember to bring along passports and EHIC cards on the evening.

## KEXBOROUGH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our Darton Voice team would like to invite members of our local community to a meeting running at Darton College on Wednesday 25th April, 6.00pm - 7.00pm. The evening will be to discuss ways of how we can work in partnership with Darton Ward Alliance and Twiggs to improve a piece of disused land on the edge of Brook Hill Road. The group would love to share their ideas and hear suggestions of how this area can be developed. If anyone would like to attend the meeting, please email: [mail@dartoncollege.co.uk](mailto:mail@dartoncollege.co.uk).

**SAVE THE DATE: BANK HOLIDAY - MONDAY 7TH MAY 2018**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WK ENDING 23RD MARCH - 94.80%**

## KEY DATES

**16TH APRIL 2018**  
 Our Community's Got Talent

**18TH APRIL 2018**  
 Year 10 Parents' Evening

**2ND MAY 2018**  
 Year 7 Parents' Evening

**7TH MAY 2018**  
 Bank Holiday

**25TH MAY 2018**  
 Break up for Springbank

**4TH JUNE 2018**  
 Return to School

**27TH JUNE 2018**  
 Year 11 Prom

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**WEDNESDAY 18TH APRIL**  
**4.30PM - 7.30PM**

**Booking for teacher appointments**  
**is open online.**

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## NEW BUS INFORMATION

As from Monday 30th April there will a slight time change to the current Globe 483 Bus Service. The yellow bus will be replaced with a white bus which will run at:

- 8.15am - Higham Hemitt Inn
- 8.20am - Barugh Green
- 8.30am - Arrival at Darton College.



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