

York Campus Weekly Bulletin

5th January 2018

Welcome back

We hope that you have had a lovely break over the holidays and are ready for the busy Spring term ahead.

We have 3 new members of staff that have joined us this term. Sara Allott is teaching our year 3/4 class, Lindsey Bradbury is a new Business and Accounts teacher who will be teaching students at many schools across the country and Jennifer Robey joins us as Teaching Assistant. We welcome them to the staff of York Campus and look forward to working with them to further enhance our provision.



Mrs J Robey
Teaching Assistant



Mrs L Bradbury
Business and Accounts Teacher



Mrs S Allott
Primary Teacher

Key Dates

January 2018

9th—Year 11 Options Meetings (afternoon)
12th—19th—Year 11 and 13th - Mock exams
19th —Deadline for Year 11 Options choices
23rd—Year 8 Parent Consultations
26th & 29th —School Closed (Staff Training)

WELL DONE

AlbaFestum—Thank you

Following the extremely successful Winter Fair and Talent Show on the last day of the Autumn term we are pleased to confirm that the amazing amount of £4333.57 was raised. Thank you to all the parents and community members that supported the event and students that held stalls. Particularly well done to all the students that arranged the event and made it such an enjoyable and successful day.

Vertical Tutoring

Within York Campus we will be moving to a system of vertical tutoring from Monday next week. This will involve students from year 7 to Year 13 having a mixed registration period each day.

The rationale for this process is to:

- ⇒ Increase leadership opportunities for all students.
- ⇒ Improve levels of team work and communication between students
- ⇒ Create a support network for all students across year groups
- ⇒ Removal of potential barriers between students from different year groups and improved relationships across the school
- ⇒ Improved peer relationships as students have more opportunity to mix in a positive environment with students they may not usually engage with from other year groups
- ⇒ Increased opportunities for inter-house competitions to encourage more students to be actively involved in many different aspects of school life



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School 24

Students have expressed interest in reintroducing a hot meal service at the York Campus. Other campuses within Focus have engaged with School 24 as a model for this provision. This involves the introduction of a set menu for students to select from and would be run by community volunteers within the school. Initial plans would be to offer a hot meal service for up to 2 days a week. Full training and support will be provided for all volunteers when implementing this provision.

We would welcome offers of support from the community with a view to having this service up and running by the end of this term. Please contact Mrs Lawson by Friday 12th January 2018 if you would like to express an interest in volunteering to support this initiative. Further information will be provided when we ascertain whether we can staff the model as required and move forward with the offer.



Behaviour Policy

As a school we have recently reviewed and clarified our behaviour management procedures. Please find sent with this bulletin a copy of this updated policy for your information.

These procedures are being clarified with students and they are aware of the expectations in relation to all aspects of both positive and negative behaviour. This is the structure that all staff at York Campus will be working to to provide a fair and consistent approach in acknowledging exemplar behaviour and recording incidents of poor behaviour.

We would welcome comments regarding these matters as we wish to continue to work in partnership

Data Protection Consent Forms

Focus are introducing new curriculum software to support assessment this academic year and to allow us to set this up we need to gain consent from all students and/or parents (depending on the age of the student). Please look out for both email and paper documents coming home early next week.



Year 11 & 13 Mock Examinations

Mock examinations start on Friday 12th January for the year 11 and 13 students. Performance in these exams can be a good indication of how students might achieve in their forthcoming exams during the summer term. To perform well it is proven that good sleep patterns and hydration (in addition to effective revision techniques) supports improved outcomes within tests and exams and we would appreciate your support with this during the mock exams .

