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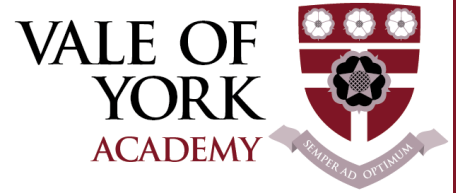
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Newsletter #3

17th November 2016



Christmas Fayre

You are warmly invited to the Christmas Fair from 6pm to 8pm on Wednesday 23rd November in the School Hall—please support this event as proceeds support a number of charities and initiatives—grab a few unique Christmas presents and kick off your Christmas spirit!

Message from the Principal

“ Well done Year 11, you’ve worked hard in the Mocks, now push yourselves to achieve your dreams”

Goodness this has been a busy few weeks and it is only going to get busier still. This edition is crammed full of important information, in particular an [update on uniform changes for January](#) as the school moves from Canon Lee to Vale of York. I am always delighted to share good news stories and as ever I’m so proud of the pupils who are representing the school locally and nationally, a number of these stories are available for you to read in this edition.

There’s also a new Literacy feature—Miss Doust has been working really hard to bring a consistent and high profile initiative to the fore-front of everyone’s planning and details for this can be seen overleaf.

Year 11 have just come to the end of two weeks of Mock exams. They have really been put through their paces and at this point I always remember the Abraham Lincoln quote “If I had 6 hours to cut down a tree I’d spend 5 hours sharpening my axe”; I’m hoping that Year 11 will begin to see that hard work and preparation are rewarded with pleasing outcomes. On November 30th each Year 11 student will receive their Mock exams in an envelope mimicking the actual event in August next year, throughout the day each student will all have a twenty minute interview with a member of SLT to map out the weeks ahead to ensure they make the most of every opportunity and reach their individual targets. The next newsletter will give details of the differing types of intervention and support that will be available.

This half-term sees a number of reports making their way home, the dates for these are shown inside, please keep an eye out for this and take some time to discuss it with your child, the information contained within these will give you a really strong idea of what has been achieved and what steps can be taken to improve further.

Successes this term so far

In the last newsletter I congratulated Harvey Fisher on being selected to Kick-box for England. Here he is celebrating with other team members—really well done Harvey.

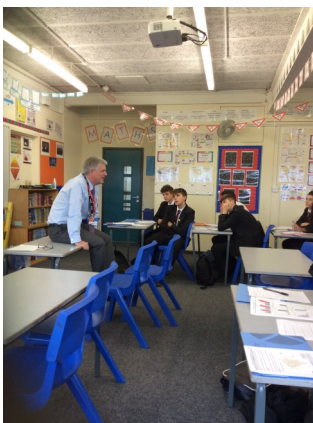


House Challenge

Each half-term we tot up all the house points achieved by the hard working pupils in the school. This joins points awarded for attendance and punctuality and forms the House challenge. The table across shows the results for last half term—I think you will agree that there is a lot of great work going on!

Business Studies students share their work with our Local Councillor

Thanks go out to Councillor Rawlings who gave up his time to meet and listen to our GCSE Business Studies students as they worked on their controlled assessment—it's really important to get hands on live examples of how theory works in practise and the students really valued the input they received.



Literacy Focus

All KS3 students have taken part in their first Literacy Assembly of the academic year: the focus was on transferable literacy skills across their curriculum. At primary school students spend many hours crafting their literacy: handwriting, reading a range of texts, learning to communicate clearly, spelling and sentence structure are just a few of the basics. As the students continue through secondary education, these skills will be essential to their success. In order to support all students across the curriculum we have introduced a 3 Weekly Focus, where staff and students have the opportunity to focus on one specific skill: we have kicked off with spelling. In addition to this there will be a House Competition where students can individually win a prize and also win House Points.



Dream Big
★ READ! ★

HOUSE	SCORE	POSITION
APOLLO	5954	1 ST
POSEIDON	5504	2 ND
ZEUS	5177	3 RD
APHRODITE	5128	4 TH

Key Stage focus

Key stage 3

This month students in both years 8 and 9 have taken part in theatre-based workshops, focusing on inspiration, careers and the future. As a school we are proud of our PSHCE program, and understand its importance in ensuring that our students develop the necessary life skills, but also in guiding students along whichever career pathway they choose to take. These sessions are the prelude to our enrichment day on December 9th, where all students in KS3 will spend the day focusing on areas of team building, staying safe, or leading a healthy lifestyle.

Key Stage 4

Now our year 11's have completed their mock examinations this term the focus is on making progress, learning from these experiences and improving performance in preparation for the Summer examinations. We are holding a Mock results day on 30th November which will give our students opportunity to experience both the emotional impact of receiving a set of results but also the chance to discuss targets, aspirations and support needed. Many of our year 11 students have been attending open evenings at the local 6th form colleges and post 16 colleges in the city and this term we are supporting them in preparation for those important decisions of life after Canon Lee.

Our year 10's have settled into their courses, many showing real progress and achievement at this early stage of GCSE's which is pleasing. One of the focus areas this term for our year 10's is planning for their work experience next year, all year 10's will have opportunity to spend a week with a local employer. Year 10's are looking at local providers and trying to match up both career aspirations with a valuable experience of the world of work.



Dates for the Diary

23rd November—6pm-8pm:
Christmas Fair

25th November—Year 5 Taster
Session in Science

1st December—Year 7 Reports
due home

8th December—Year 11 Reports
due home

9th—December—Blazer Collection

Partnerships Bringing the community together

As a School we are delighted to write that Bradley O'Brien and Mohammed Alitha in Year 10 have been successfully chosen to participate in the AQA Unlocking Potential programme, run by the Dame Kelly Holmes Trust. This is a real achievement, as they were selected from 100 applications and now will have the opportunity to experience this exciting programme that will help make a positive impact on their lives.

The Dame Kelly Holmes Trust have developed this innovative and unique mentoring programme for young people which will develop skills and knowledge, increase confidence, self-belief and motivation and raise the aspirations and expectations on future life goals. The programme will raise the profile of young people and the positive impact they can make within the school and of course will be lots of fun.



The students will have the opportunity to; run and deliver a community project that will make a positive impact locally, work as a team with other young people, work alongside an athlete mentor and work to achieve students own personal goals and targets.

The athlete mentor's consist of a range of Olympians,

Paralympian's and World Champions who have a wealth of skills and experience gained throughout their careers. They know what it takes to overcome adversity and still have the will to succeed, not only in sport, but in life too. These athletes will not only support the 2 students but also support the school. We plan to work with the programme to raise the profile of sport and instil the determination to unlock students potential within school.

SLT Drop in

Meet the Senior Leaders

Your chance to bring things to
our attention

Library 3.30-5.30 pm

24th November

Reminders— professional appearance creates professional working mindset

Hair colour: Please remember that hair should always be natural in colour. Any child who colours their hair to an unnatural colour will be asked to work in the Aspire centre until the hair is re-dyed.

Shoes: As January approaches, please remember that pumps or canvas shoes are no longer acceptable. Please ensure the next time you replace shoes they are leather/leather look shoes not trainers, thank you.

Boots: As Winter approaches boots may be worn in school, however they can only be worn with trousers please. They also should be tucked under the trouser at all times. Boots need to be plain, they should not be sparkly or studded, thank you.

Planners: These are ESSENTIAL in every lesson, they form the only day to day method for rewarding good behaviour and also for recording unsatisfactory behaviour. They are essential for recording homework. Since they are so critical, failure to bring the planner results in removal to Aspire until the planner is retrieved. Please support your child by checking they have their planner each day.

Share the successes of the school on a daily basis and keep up to date with the latest news:

@CanonLeeSchool



Contacting school:

The quickest way to contact school is through reception:

Call: 01904 560000

Or

Email:

reception@canonlee.york.sch.uk

New Uniform for January

The uniform consultation has come to an end, both parents and students were given the opportunity to vote on the changes. In the case of the tie and the slip-over there was a strong majority who wanted to change, as such on January 3rd we will move to Year 7 and 8 tie with grey slip-over and Year 9, 10 and 11 tie with black slip-over. These will be **supplied free of charge** to you on 3rd January provided you have returned the recent letter requesting your child's size by Friday 25th November.

The kilt was a much closer run thing, with a near "marmite" style response. We will however be introducing the kilt from January. **From January 3rd no black skirts will be permitted.** I was recently asked for the rationale behind this. The black skirts in school can be sourced from any standard shop, whilst parents see this as a bonus, it creates significant issues in school. The variety of length, style and quality creates social divides and confrontations. The kilt which can only be purchased from kealteamwear on Walmgate (or online kealteamwear.com) eliminates any variations and creates consistency

across the girls.

Please remember that girls do not have to wear the kilt, but may instead come to school in trousers, shirt, slip-over and tie.

Blazers: **All blazers will be collected on Friday 9th December by your child's form tutor.** At this point they will be labelled and sent away to be re-branded with a new school badge. They will be returned to your child on Monday 3rd January. **This means that for the week commencing 12th December all pupils may wear a jumper or sweatshirt of their choice over their school shirt and tie.**

Any pupil wearing a Christmas themed top will receive 5 house points for each day they wear it!

Blue blazers: These will no longer be permitted. To support families with this the school will loan the child a black blazer until it can be replaced with a black one—this will be until they finish their schooling at Canon Lee in Year 11 if necessary. Students with Blue Blazers will be supplied a Black blazer on loan from 3rd January.

Uniform details:

Girls (option 1):

From Keal Team-wear:

Black Blazer	£28.99-£33.99
Slip-over with crest (Grey Year 7, 8, Black Year 9-11)	£13.99-£17.99
Kilt	£17.99-£19.99

From any source

White open necked blouse
Black tights
Leather (leather look) Shoes (not canvas)

Girls (option 2) or Boys (only option):

From Keal Team-wear:

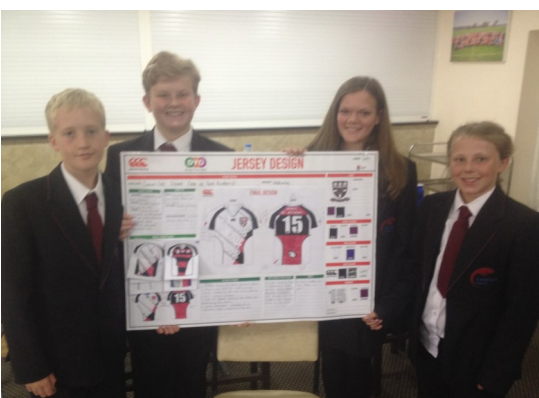
Black Blazer	£28.99-£33.99
Slip-over with crest (Grey Year 7, 8, Black Year 9-11)	£13.99-£17.99
Tie	£4.99

From any source:

White shirt
Black straight legged, plain trousers
Black/Grey/White socks
Leather Shoes (leather look)(not canvas)

The PE kit is changing from blue to black to bring this into line with school colours. However there is no need to purchase new kit at this point. When you buy new, it will be black - blue kit will simply be phased out over time.

Another "Well done!"



Last year as a school we were asked to join the RFU All schools programme. The programme is about raising the profile of rugby whilst increasing opportunity within the sport. The school has already benefitted from extra coaching but as part of the programme we were invited to Wetherby Rugby club to take part in a shirt design workshop.

The event was run in conjunction with Canterbury sportswear and after sessions outlining a brief history and the do's and don't of shirt design four of our students were let loose to design a rugby kit for our school. As you can see from the photos the students did a fantastic job with the design; similarly they were great when presenting to the designers and students from other schools. So the shirt design has been sent to Canterbury and they will make it as per the students instructions, hopefully with us in February.