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## Newsletter #2

21st October 2016



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### POST-16 OPEN EVENING DATES

ALL SAINTS	2nd November
ARCHBISHOP HOLGATE'S	7th November
ASKHAM BRYAN	19th November
FULFORD	3rd November
HUNTINGTON	8th November
JOSEPH ROWNTREE	1st November
YORK COLLEGE	9th November

### Message from the Principal

“A really important couple of weeks for Year 11; Parents' Evening, Mocks and Open Evenings”

The last three weeks have been incredibly successful for the school. The Open Evening on 3rd October saw over 500 people in attendance; the feedback sheets have been incredibly positive with a real sense of the community recognising the significant steps being made by the school to re-brand and re-new. It was very pleasing to get a sense of the support blossoming for the school. My thanks go especially to all the pupils who gave up their time to show all the parents around and who were a credit to the school.

The uniform consultation has had a marked response from pupils and parents. We are currently processing nearly a thousand response forms and we will announce after half-term the outcomes of this process.

As we conclude the first half term we begin to move into the most important phase for Year 11. It is essential that parents of Year 11 support their children to engage not only with homework, but also with wider working practises including intervention. Revision using notes, guides and websites will be key to the forthcoming mock examinations which start on Monday 7th November and last for a fortnight. In addition to this I launched the start of the next phase for Year 11 last Friday—Sixth Form Open Evening Season is upon us! My “Information, Advice and Guidance” assembly encourages Year 11 to look carefully now at their choices after leaving Year 11, they need to consider what A Levels, BTECs or Apprenticeships they are interested in and ensure they start to visit the institutions of their choice—the dates for these can be seen above. It is essential that those pupils wishing to go to University visit the [www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) website and investigate what qualifications are required for the degrees of their choice. A wrong selection now, may close future doors. Each child in Year 11 will get a one to one interview with a member of the Senior Leader team straight after half-term to help with this important process.

# Successes this term so far

## REPRESENTING GREAT BRITAIN

Congratulations to Harvey Fisher Year 7 who has been selected to represent Great Britain at Kick-boxing. We wish him the very best of luck as he competes as part of the National team straight after half-term.

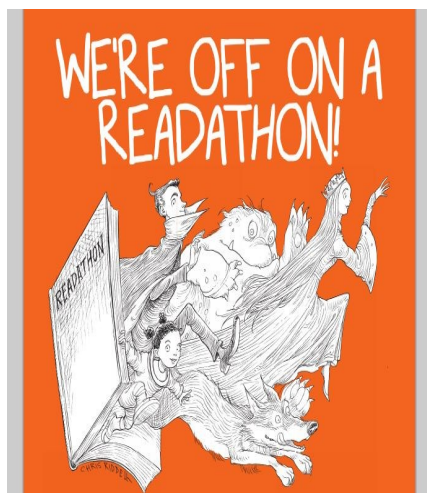


## READ-A-THON

Readathon will take place from 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> November. This is when every Y7 and Y8 student is encouraged to be sponsored by family and friends, to read as much as they can, in one week. The money is raised for charities supporting seriously ill children. The charities are CLIC Sargent, Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity and Together for Short Lives. You can read about their work, at [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org)

Students should only seek sponsorship from people they know well and all money and sponsor cards should be returned to school by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Please encourage your child to take part in this whole-school event. If every child raises at least £1, that would make a sizeable donation and help to make a real difference to the lives of children, who are battling serious illness.



## OPERATION ENCOMPASS

The City of York has teamed up with the local Police force to be a fully fledged member of the Operation Encompass scheme. At Canon Lee we are fully committed to being part of this programme as it is essential every child has the right to come to school each day from a position of safety and be able to thrive and flourish with the support they need. Parents wishing for further information can visit the website: [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

# Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults

Operation Encompass was created so that by 9.00am on the next school day, a 'Key Adult' will be informed that the child or young person has been involved in or witnessed a domestic incident. This knowledge, given to schools through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through 'overt' or 'silent support', depending upon the needs and wishes of the child. We believe that this kind of early intervention is every child's right

## Key Stage focus

### Key stage 3

"Planner? Check! Uniform? Check! Homework? Check!"

This month in key stage 3 we have been focusing on organisational skills, and readiness to learn. Tutors have been regularly checking that their students arrive at school in correct uniform, with equipment and planners in their bags, and checking planners for homework setting and deadlines. Thank you for playing your part in this too.

### Key Stage 4

This term has been quite an intensive time for all key stage 4 students, and I am pleased to say most students are rising to the many challenges and progressing well on their examination courses. Year 10 have now settled into their new GCSE timetables and teachers are assessing progress and achievement but also looking at best fit for learning in setted groups in the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science. We have already seen some movement for some students this term and this will continue next term to make sure every student is in the best learning environment for their needs.

Year 11 are preparing for mock exams, this half term holiday will be focused on revision and study for these examinations, please encourage your child to balance their time appropriately between study and relaxation this holiday.

## Sporting News

Within PE we are working closely with England Rugby Union on the 'All Schools' Rugby Programme and attending the festivals held in the City. Below are our year 7 & 8 students who won a couple of games against Manor, Archbishop and Holgate's and Joseph Rowntree's School. Next half term's lunchtime and afterschool sports timetable has come home this week for students to be sure, where and when clubs are.



## Partnerships Bringing the community together

### Student Leaders

It's been another busy few weeks for Student Leaders at the school. The Prefects in Year 11 were put through their paces with a team building and problem solving workshop run by the RAF, whilst the Year 10 Sports Leaders have been out and about in the community supporting the recent primary school football tournament at Clifton Green. Within school itself, CLIC the Student Council have been setting up this year's campaigns which include Mental Health Awareness and a Peer Mentoring Programme. The group have also been asked to speak at the Headteacher's Conference in December so exciting times all round!



## Dates for the Diary

**Half term**  
**24th—28th October**  
**School re-opens**  
**31st October**

**SLT Drop in**  
**Meet the Senior Leaders**  
**Your chance to bring things to our attention**

**Library 3.30-5.30 pm**  
**17th November**

## Reminders

Thank you to all parents who have worked really hard to ensure students are in correct uniform. **Trainers are NOT acceptable, please ensure your child is in shoes.**

We've reached a point where we have begun to gather a large amount of lost property. Please ensure that every personal item is labelled with the child's full name, thank you.



**As the dark nights draw in please ensure that if your child cycles to school that their bicycles have working lights and that they wear layers over their blazers that are light reflective.**

Cyclists should **ALWAYS** ride in single file, thanks.



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

## Year 11 Mock Examinations 7th to 16th November 2016—Key information

The following mock examination timetable shows the key dates for all subjects examined, please help your child get organised for these important exams by making sure they are prepared through home revision, correctly equipped each day of the exams and on time to school as exams will start promptly. Lessons will be as normal for those year 11's not in an exam at any time during this period.

Date	Start time	Subject	Paper	Venue	Number of Candidates
MONDAY 7 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45 to 11am	English Literature	Unit 2-Modern texts and Poetry	Sports Hall	104
7 <sup>th</sup> November	11.30 to 1.00pm	Mathematics	Paper 1-Non Calculator	Sports Hall	104
7 <sup>th</sup> November	1.40 to 2.40pm	PE Sports Science	Unit B451 Unit- RO41	Sports Hall	28 8
TUESDAY 8 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45 to 10.45am	Textiles Product Design	Unit 1 Unit 1	Sports Hall	10 17
8 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Food Tech Graphic Products	Unit 1 Unit 1	Sports Hall	17 19
8 <sup>th</sup> November	1.40 to 2.40	Science- Core	B1 paper	Sports Hall	104
WEDNESDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45 to 10.15	Media Drama	Unit 1 Unit 1	Sports Hall	22 17
	8.45 to 9.45	Business studies	Unit 1		26
9 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 to 12.30	Geography	Paper 1- Physical	Sports Hall	47
9 <sup>th</sup> November	1.40 to 2.40pm	Science- Additional	B2 paper	Sports Hall	104
THURSDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45 to 10.05	French	Listening and Reading papers	F42	11
10 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 to 12.45	History	11D Unit 1 11 B Unit 2 11 C Unit 2	Sports Hall	60
10 <sup>th</sup> November	1.40- 3.10	Computer Studies	Unit 1	Sports Hall	13
FRIDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45 to 10.15	German	Listening and Reading papers	F42	16
11 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 to 12.30	Spanish	Listening and Reading papers	F42	9
11 <sup>th</sup> November	1.40 to 2.40	Music	Unit 1	F42	5
MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45 to 10.15am	Mathematics	Paper 2- Calculator	Sports Hall	104
14 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 to 12.45pm	English Language	Paper 1- Creative reading and writing	Sports Hall	104
14 <sup>th</sup> November	1.40 to 3.10pm	ICT	Unit 1	Sports Hall	21
TUESDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45 to 10.45am	Geography	Paper 2- Human	Sports Hall	47
15 <sup>th</sup> November	11.00 am to 1.00 pm	Mathematics	Paper 3- Calculator	Sports Hall	104
15 <sup>th</sup> November	1.40pm to 2.55pm	Health & Social Care	Unit 1	Sports Hall	23
WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> November	ALL DAY	ART	Controlled Assessment	ART ROOM	13