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Who's who

Senior Leaders

- Mr Crosby—Executive Principal
- Mrs Dowds—Principal
- Mrs Johnston—Vice Principal—Student Welfare
- Mr Halifax—Vice Principal—Performance
- Mrs Hardy—Assistant Vice Principal—KS4
- Miss Scaum—Assistant Vice Principal—KS3
- Mr Stancliffe—Associate SLT—Administration & Events



Progress Leaders

- Year 7— Mrs Boulter
- Year 8—Mr Wilson
- Year 9—Mr Bailey
- Year 10—Mr Stancliffe
- Year 11—Mr Anderson



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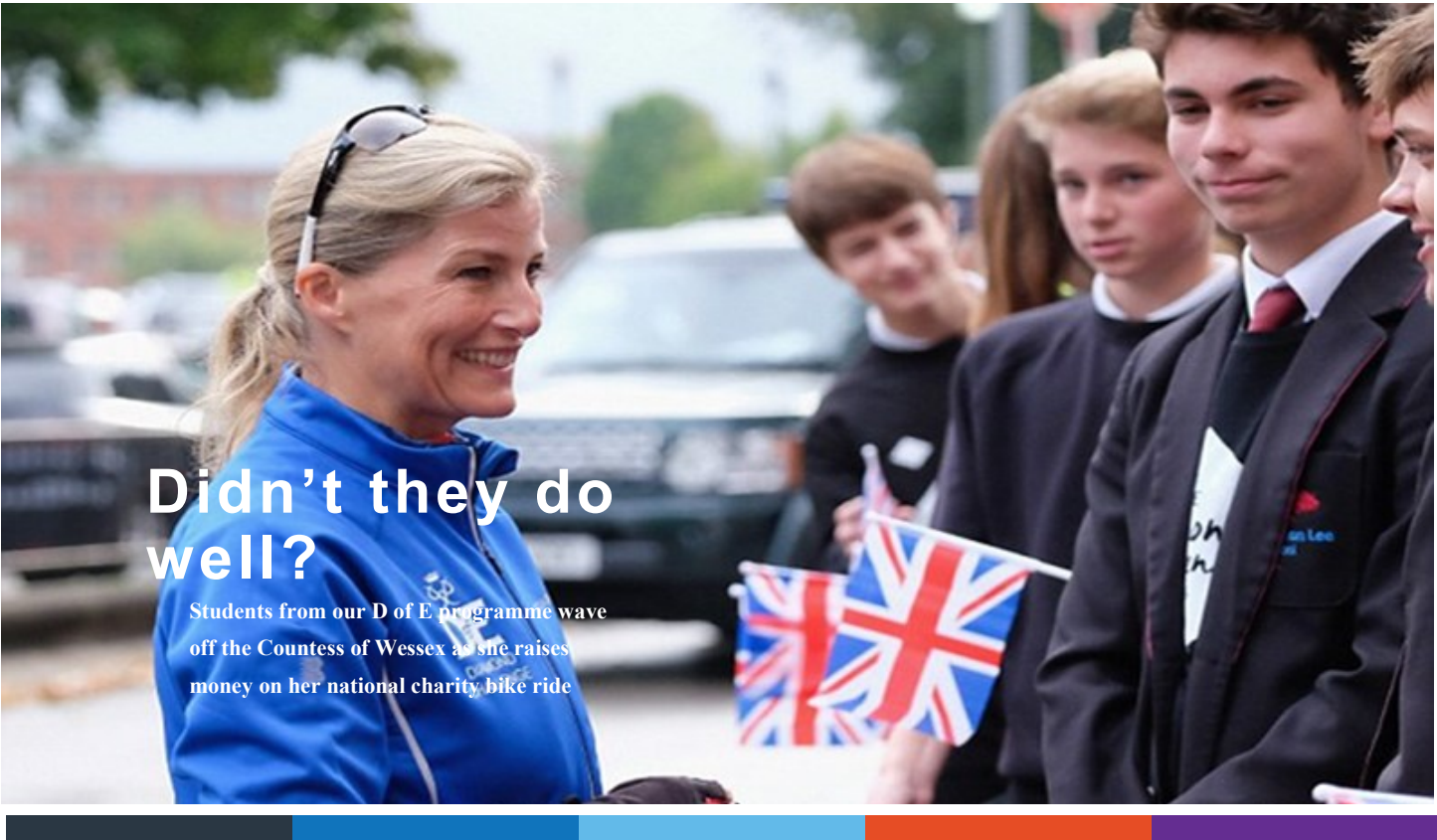
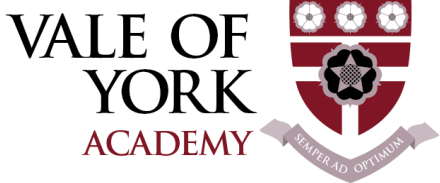


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Newsletter #1



Message from the Principal

“I am unbelievably proud of the number of successes seen over the last couple of week ”

Welcome to our new look newsletter! My aim is to ensure we bring parents up to date with important information and a celebration of our successes at least twice every half-term. This edition is crammed packed with great news; the students and staff have been working brilliantly hard to raise the profile of the school across the community and I was incredibly proud to see our name in the national and local press.

As you may have read in the paper, the Governors voted to change the name of the school to the Vale of York Academy from January 1st 2017. As Principal I was always clear that I felt this would be the right thing to do, but I strongly respect the views of others for whom this decision will be a cause of sadness. I assured Year 11 students when they came to see me that they would be able to have their end of year hoodies branded as Canon Lee, I understand completely that for them they are Canon Lee through and through. If you are a parent joining us at our **Open Evening on 3rd October** you will see that the school has already begun its' transformation to Vale of York, I am particularly thrilled to have had the School Hall fully redecorated, it looks a real treat.

Shortly we will begin a full consultation on uniform changes as we move to an Academy. Please be re-assured that this will be a consultation process and that if a change is to be made it will not result in financial costs to parents.

My message to all staff and students is “heads down and keep working hard”, the Autumn term plays a significant role in the development and steps forward your children can make.

Finally, any parent wishing to meet the Senior Leadership Team can attend the event listed on page 3 of this newsletter (this is a change from the previously published calendar).

Successes this term so far

CLIC DAY

At the end of the summer, the school welcomed 25 different organisations for CLIC Day. Canon Lee In Cohesion Day was a chance for our students to get a taster of all the opportunities available to them on their doorstep. With sports, technology, arts and crafts groups present, it was a very positive day!

GREEN PLAN IT CHALLENGE AND COLOURFUL CLIFTON

As a community school, we are thrilled to be part of the Colourful Clifton Project. Students have given up their time to improve their local environment. The project is essentially a re-development of the green belt space down Kingsway North and the students and staff will be getting their hands dirty to support in the coming months. Linked to this, four Year 8 students visited Harlow Carr Gardens to attend a course on horticultural design with a view to this being used in the next phase of the Colourful Clifton Project.

PRIMARY SPORTS

This month, we welcomed the primary schools for the York Tag Rugby qualifier tournament. With an excellent atmosphere and some superb rugby played, it was a great event that saw Clifton With Rawcliffe run out eventual winners and in turn, progress to the city wide finals! In the coming months, we will be hosting football, dodgeball and athletics competitions so these are exciting sporting times!



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STUDENTS MEET ROYALTY

On Thursday 22nd September, 12 students greeted the Countess of Wessex at Fulford Barracks. The Countess was completing her Diamond DofE challenge by riding 445 miles from Edinburgh Palace to Buckingham Palace over 7 days. Our students were a credit to the school and the Countess enjoyed speaking to them and asking them about their award.

York Press, Daily Mail, Daily Telegraph, the radio and TV were all present and our students featured on all media. Emelia Garnett (Head Girl) also recorded a live broadcast on radio during the morning about the challenges of her DofE award. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is in its 60th year this year and we continue to be the leader in the city with how we run and deliver the award. We are extremely proud of our students!

Key stage focus

Key stage 3

In key stage 3 we are focusing on attendance and punctuality. Did you know that a student with 90% attendance has missed 19 days of school, and 95 hours of learning? That being late by just 10 minutes a day equates to almost 30 hours of lost education? As a school we are aiming for a minimum of 96% attendance, and all of our students arriving in a timely manner. In key stage 3 we are working at building an awareness of the importance of regular attendance and excellent punctuality in tutor periods and assemblies.

Key Stage 4

The focus this half term for key stage 4 pupils is to raise their aspirations and goals. We expect all our GCSE students to work to their very best but we also expect them to have an eye on their next steps and how they are going to achieve them. Year 10's have had a great start to the year, and are rising to the increased challenge of their new GCSE courses, we have been impressed with their mature and hard working attitude to learning. Year 11's are preparing for mock examinations in November, using the lessons from the year 10 exam experience to improve upon, focus their studies and seek support where needed. We have a year 11 parents consultation meeting on the 18th October and we look forward to meeting with the parents of all year 11 students on that evening, to discuss progress and next steps for a successful year. Mrs E Hardy– Vice Assistant Principal for Key Stage 4.

Sporting News - we just keep winning!

Successful Football start Our Year 9 boys football team won their league game against Bootham 4-1. Our Year 7 boys football team won their cup game against Barlby 13-3! And our Year 11 boys football team drew their league game against Barlby 2- 2!

Matthew Dawes (Yr7), Harrison Booth (Yr 7), Harvey Stephenson (Yr9) and Joe Hodge (Yr. 9) all have been selected to play for York School Boys.



Primary Partnerships Bringing the community together

Year 6 Pic 'N' Mix

Tuesday 27th September saw us welcoming 170 year 6 students from our feeder primary schools in our first ever Pic 'N' Mix taster experience. These year 6 students were able to sample a range of activities from Trampolining and Mini Olympics, to Food Technology and Science. Our staff, supported by our fabulous year 11 prefect team, wowed and amazed these year 6 students, and they certainly left with a positive impression of our school. As they should. Throughout the year we have a number of activities on offer to all our feeder schools, targeting year 4 and 5 students. We are confident that this is just the start of a new collaboration within our cluster group, which can only help our students to succeed.

Sports Leaders

Towards the end of the Summer term, we were delighted to offer 20 of our current Year 10 students the opportunity to gain fully recognised coaching qualifications in Rugby and Cricket. This was the start of a broader project to develop Young Leaders at the school, with more opportunities booked in throughout the year. The impact has already begun with the Leaders having delivered some excellent sports sessions in the primaries.

Dates for the Diary

Open Evening for prospective parents

3rd October 2016

SLT Drop in

Meet the Senior Leaders

Your chance to bring things to our attention

**Library 3.30-5.30 pm
6th October**

Reminders

Thank you to all parents who have worked really hard to ensure students are in correct uniform. Please can you support your child by ensuring they are fully equipped for school every day, this includes:

- **School bag**
- **Planner**
- **Pen**
- **Pencil**
- **Ruler**
- **Rubber**
- **Calculator**
- **Compass**
- **Protractor**
- **PE Kit (on days when PE is taught)**

Other useful items include:

- **Coloured pens or pencils**
- **Glue stick**