



Filey School

3rd March 2025

Dear Families,

It's been a busy few weeks since I took up post as Interim Head at Filey School, and after a really positive start to this half term, it seems a good time to get in touch and fill you in on what's been happening and what's coming up.

Firstly, I'm aware that consultation regarding changes to the school day ended in October. I understand that you've not had any further information, so I can provide an update. We are still negotiating with North Yorkshire council and bus companies to enable transport at the required times. I can also assure you that we are in discussion about the quality of the bus provision, too. Although I'm unable to provide you with a firm date to begin our new day structure, I'm hopeful that this will be in place for September 2025. I will be in touch as soon as I have news.

Knowing how vital regular attendance is to ensure academic success and a feeling of belonging, we have been focusing on doing all we can to support our students being in school all day, every day. The Attendance team have put on a range of events to reward those who are in school regularly. These are organised by Miss Gordon and have included Gordon's Games and Macbeth's Feast (featuring a ghostly appearance from 'Banquo'). Coming up, we have The Big Quiz and plans are already afoot for a special summer term event. Please rest assured that we know some students are unable to attend every day because of significant medical reasons. This will not mean that they are unable to take part in reward events. We recognise the key part you play in ensuring that your child is in school every day, and thank you for that.

It's been a pleasure to see how students in school are engaging in their learning. They will tell you that I visit their lessons throughout the day and it is a privilege to see the quality of their work. Highlights from last week included a great discussion with a student about the artist Jonathan Yeo, watching a Year 10 Walking Talking Mock on 'Romeo and Juliet' and hearing a Drama student's scripted piece about the dangers of vaping. Thank you for sending children in fully equipped for learning and understanding the value of their lessons.

Trial Exams are underway for Year 11. This is the last opportunity for students to hone their exam technique before we begin for real in the summer. Staff will use the information provided by these exams to tailor their teaching expertly to meet the needs of the students in the final few weeks. We encourage students to approach these Trial Exams as they would 'the real thing' to ensure they are fully prepared.

In enriching the experience of students beyond the classroom, a First World War Battlefields tour leaves for Ypres on 27th March, many are engaged in numerous sporting fixtures and for World Book Day, staff 'Shelfies' and quizzes will encourage the joy and value of reading. Thank you to all colleagues involved in providing these opportunities for our young people.



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Building work continues to improve the school environment and I'd like to thank students and staff for their resilience and positivity as we negotiate one-way systems and classroom changes!

A reminder that **Tuesday 4th March is a Training Day and so school is closed to students** and finally, a thank you to families for supporting our expectations regarding uniform and behaviour to ensure that we are a cohesive, united community.

All best wishes,

Hayley Pegg

Interim Head