



DINNINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Achieving Excellence

Newsletter
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Welcome

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. I am so pleased with the support we've received from parents, students and the community in our exciting journey of improvement. Students look so much smarter in their new uniform, and have shown far more positive attitudes to learning as a result. The support from parents has been, and continues to be, invaluable in our improvement journey.



Ms R J Staples

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R J Staples', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Ms R J Staples
Principal



Achieving Excellence

Ofsted visited in November and we were delighted that our Sixth Form was graded 2, recognising the excellent results from the summer. We are also pleased that they have judged the main school as Grade 3. This is two steps higher than it would have been, had they visited in 2016. A remarkable achievement for our students, staff, parents, Academy Ambassadors and Trust.

Our summer Sixth Form 2017 results were a school record and the best in the local area; Year 11 Summer 2017 results were a good improvement on 2016 following just 15 weeks of focused intervention. Well done Year 11 and Year 13!

This year's Year 11 and Year 13 are already getting extra support. We have been doing work on improving teaching and learning across our

school, which means progress is improving for all year groups.

As ever, we are also hugely proud of all the extras that go on at Dinnington High School that give students a rounded experience. We have just had a special STEM day for Year 8s and Year 9s and Drop Down days for Year 11s and Year 10s, covering careers and personal education. Trips have gone out in all directions and sports teams have been doing us proud. We also raised over £1000 for Children in Need, and so much more.

We have put our pupil admissions number back up to its previous higher level so that we do not have to disappoint any parents wanting their children to join us in Year 7, or other years, as we continue on our journey to achieving excellence for all.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

There is a direct link between attendance and achievement. 73% of pupils who have over 95% attendance achieve five or more A*-C grades.*

The attendance target for all students at Dinnington High School is 96% or above.

We want the best for your child. If you need help getting them back to school, call the Attendance Team on 01909 550066.

*Taken from Improving Attendance at School, DfE report 2012.

Achieving Excellence starts with good attendance

100%



Students with 100% attendance in a half term are in with a chance of winning a voucher. But even more importantly, they will be rewarded with higher grades.

93-95%



Students here are close to our school target of 96%, but every day missed is hard to catch up.

90-92.9%



Missing 7% of school means missing 3 weeks of school in a year.

BELOW 90%



Missing 10% of school means missing 4 weeks of school in a year.



100% Attendance

Every student with 100% attendance is put into a draw to win a £25 Nando's voucher, sponsored by Vision for Education. Bailey Anderson was the lucky winner last half term. Well done Bailey and all of our students who have attended every single day.

Sixth Form Success

After a brilliant summer of success we were delighted that Ofsted judged our sixth form as Good when they visited in early November.

Students are making good progress with teaching that challenges students' ability. We will continue to work with students ensuring they reach their full potential and make the most of the opportunities they are given throughout their sixth form experience.

This is a crucial time of year for our students as they embark upon their examinations. Some have external exams in January, whilst others are facing formal mocks in February. The sixth form team is working hard to ensure students are well prepared and have the skills to revise and organise themselves effectively.

Our sixth form ambassadors have been elected and are working with their trust counterparts at Brinsworth Academy. Students

are keen to embark on their fundraising projects and will lead on various school events. Well done to all the team for their maturity and enthusiasm for the leadership selection day, the students made us very proud.

We are particularly pleased to announce that the prestigious roles of Senior Ambassadors went to Molly Sturgeon and Alix Poxon, with Danielle Smith and Charlotte Hopwood as Deputy Ambassadors.

First Honorary Fellow

We are delighted that following her decision to retire as Chair of the Governing Body, Monica Carroll, is to become our first ever Honorary Fellow of the School.

Monica has been a governor at Dinnington High School for over 30 years and Governing Body Chair for many of those years. Governance is about team work and Monica was able to get the best from those serving with her on the Governing Body.

As Honorary Fellow, Monica will continue her support for Dinnington High School and continue to promote the school in her community-based work.

We will continue to see Monica at high profile school events. We are sure that you will join with us in congratulating Monica on her new role, and in thanking her for her tremendous commitment to Dinnington High School over the last 30+ years.



Monica Carroll
Honorary Fellow of the School

News in Brief

Christmas Showcase

Our Christmas Showcase was devised to share some of the work students in our Create Faculty have been doing this year. There was a small art exhibition, performances from our after school Dance Club, performances by some of our music students, and a special signed performance of a Christmas favourite from a group of Year 7 students.

Mince pies were served by Ms Staples, Mr Raynor and Mrs McShane. What a fantastic way to start our Christmas festivities!

Dinnington Week, 10-14 July

The whole school took part in Dinnington Week from 10-14 July 2017. The aim of the week was to raise students' awareness of their local area, its history and how it has contributed to the lives of many people.

Every subject area planned special activities to find out more about Dinnington and the local area, ranging from studying the local myths and legends in English to making a Bailey bridge in Science.



Children in Need

Once again the sixth form were at the forefront of fundraising for this year's appeal.

Miss Perkin's form organised a 'Guess the teacher from their baby face' competition, which caused much hilarity when Mrs Jones was not recognised by her own daughter in Year 7!

Lots of buns and cakes were sold and Mr Devonport's form had the novel idea of learning how to iron and offering their services to family and friends! Over £1000 was raised for this great cause.



Year 7 Battle of Hastings Project

Year 7 students had to make a Norman shield as part of their homework for History this term.

They all wrote a paragraph on the back of the shield explaining why they thought William of Normandy won the Battle of Hastings. Many students ended up writing essays!

Thank you to the parents who supported the homework. Our students were very excited about the project and did a brilliant job.

Athletics Championships

On Saturday 10th June 2017, Grace Lowe took part in the South Yorkshire Schools Athletics Championships at Doncaster. She came third in the Discus, throwing an impressive 15.22 metres.

What a fantastic achievement - well done Grace!

Term Dates 2018/19

Please be aware that the Rotherham dates for the February and Easter 2018 holidays differ to those for Sheffield schools.

Please find term dates on the calendar on the reverse. For full term dates please visit our website, www.dinningtonhigh.co.uk/Term-Dates.

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