



Thursday 30th March 2023

Dear parent/carer,

**SUBJECT: Headteacher’s Letter - March 2023**

Thank you all for your ongoing support of your children whilst they are with us in school. The vast majority of young people, with the support of their parents/carers and school staff, always try their hardest to make sure they make a difference in their lives and achieve the very best that they can. Whilst we always endeavour to do our best with the young people and give them increasing opportunities to be successful, I am mindful of the influences many of them have within the community itself which can sometimes be challenging and stressful. Please remember that we have our own accredited School Counsellor, Lisa Smith, to help with individuals struggling with their mental health as well as a fantastic pastoral team who do their best at all times to work with your children. But please do let us know if there is anything more we can do to help in general or specifically with your child. Speaking of which, the main GCSE exams are only a few weeks away, and our Year 11 pupils will be finding this time of year very stressful; this is to be expected as it is every year. However please do remind them they are not alone and we do have extra revision classes and mentoring in place for those who choose to do it. I know the vast majority of our young people will rise to this annual challenge really well and do their very best. And I wish them the very best in their endeavours!



**Future events / Save the date**

3 - 14 April	Easter Holiday
Monday 17 April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 18 April	Start of Summer Term 1 (pupils return)
Wednesday 19 April	<a href="#">The Garrison ASSIST Project Event</a> 3pm
Wednesday 26 April	Y8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations ( <a href="#">LETTER</a> )
Wednesday 26 April	Y10 York St. John University Visit
Thursday 27 April	Careers Day
Monday 1 May	Early May Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 May	<a href="#">‘The Teen Brain’</a> FREE workshop for parents 6pm
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday for King’s Coronation
Tuesday 9 May	GCSE exams start
22 - 26 May	Y10 Work Experience week
29 May - 2 June	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 June	Start of Summer Term 2 (pupils return)



**The dates above are correct at time of publication but may sometimes have to change. Please visit our school website to keep up to date with information on important [Calendar and Term Dates](#) and [Exam Information](#).**





## Uniform Expectations

Next term we will be placing a greater focus on ALL pupils wearing the correct uniform. There have been a few changes to the guidelines, so please visit the [Uniform](#) website page to check.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that all pupils **must** wear a school blazer, white shirt/blouse, house tie, black trousers/skirt and footwear must be all black. Coats and hoodies must not be worn in lessons. Only a plain black jumper is to be worn under a blazer in cold weather.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties and are unable to replace items of school uniform, please contact the school as we may be able to help.

## Year 9 Options

- **Thursday 30th March:** Options Evening.
- **Friday 31st March:** Link to online Options Form sent to parents/carers via text message.
- **Easter Holiday:** Time to reflect and complete the form.
- **Wednesday 19th April:** Deadline for online Options Form submissions.
- **April/May:** Discussions with pupils about choices.

Information regarding the Options process, including a digital copy of the Options Booklet and the Options Videos, can be found on our dedicated website page > [Year 9 Options](#)



## Vaccination / Immunisation Reminder

On 17th January we sent a letter to parents/carers of pupils in Years 8 and 9 regarding HPV Vaccinations taking place on 26th April 2023. If you haven't already done so, please remember to give consent online. > [LETTER: Y8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations](#)

**THE KING'S  
CORONATION GAME  
DESIGN COMP**

Design & make either a board game or skills based game with the theme of the King's Coronation!  
The winner will be entered into a Garrison Competition as well as Epraise points for 1st, 2nd and 3rd!

Deadline - Friday 21st April 2023

Room 32 Workshop will be open every Wednesday after school with Mr Kirkbride to help with making!  
Any questions, ask Mr Kirkbride or Miss Vizor! All year groups welcome - Sign up sheet in DT!



## Year 11 GCSE Exam Revision Sessions

Our fantastic staff are offering lots of opportunities for extra study/revision sessions for our Year 11 pupils in the run-up to their GCSE exams. Please encourage your child to attend. More information can be found on our dedicated [Revision](#) webpage where you can also find many links to helpful revision websites.

All pupils were issued with revision guides at the beginning of their GCSE courses and more recently they have been given revision/stationery packs containing useful resources to kick-start their revision.

On Friday 31st March Year 11 will also be taking part in a study skills workshop delivered by the dynamic ELEVATE team and aptly titled 'The Finishing Line'.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming revision sessions or [exams](#) please contact the school - we are always happy to help.

YEAR 11 EASTER HOLIDAY REVISION SESSIONS	
Monday 3rd April	
Tuesday 4th April	Combined Science: Mr Allen (Lab 3) 11am - 1pm Triple Science: Mrs Hailwood ( Lab 1) 10am - 2pm
Wednesday 5th April	History: Mr Houlgate and Mr Hill ( Library and Library 2) 10am - 1pm
Thursday 6th April	Religious Studies: Mrs Laheney (Room 6) 10am - 1pm
Friday 7th April	
Monday 10th April	
Tuesday 11th April	D&T: Mr Kirkbride (Rooms 32/34) 10am - 1pm German: Mr Gückel (Room 10) 10am - 1pm
Wednesday 12th April	D&T / Engineering: Mr Kirkbride (Rooms 32/34) 10am - 1pm
Thursday 13th April	Music: Mrs Cox (Room 18) 10am - 2pm
Friday 14th April	Geography: Mr Ford and Mr Sherwood (Library 2) 10am - 1pm



YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS			
TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>LUNCHTIME</b>			
Quiet revision room (Ms Blatch) English (Ms Knight)	Quiet revision room (Ms Blatch) English (Miss Roberts) Geography (Mr Ford) Religious Studies (Mrs Laheney)	Quiet revision room (Ms Blatch) German (Mr Gückel) History (Mr Houlgate) Music (Mrs Cox)	Quiet revision room (Ms Blatch) History (Mr Houlgate)
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b>			
Art (Ms Westwood) English (Mrs Matthewman) Maths (Mr Gunnell) All Year 11 pupils welcome* Maths (Mr Yates) Religious Studies (Mrs Laheney) Science (Mr Allen) Science (Mr Higham) Science (Dr Shephard)	Art (Ms Westwood) D&T (Mr Kirkbride) Maths (Mr Carter) Geography (Mr Ford / Mr Sherwood) Religious Studies (Mrs Laheney)	Art (Ms Westwood) Engineering (Mr Kirkbride) English (Mr Watkinson) English (Mrs Matthewman) English (Miss Roberts) French (Mr Miller) German (Mr Gückel) Science (Ms Blatch) Triple Science (Mrs Hailwood)	Art (Ms Westwood)





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**The Garrison ASSIST Project Event (19th April)**

Service parents/carers of children with SEND  
are invited to an important event to find out more about

**The Garrison  
ASSIST Project**

ASSESSMENT, SUPPORT & SCHOOL INCLUSIVITY IN SEND TEACHING

Please join us on Wednesday 19th April at 3pm  
for coffee, cake and the opportunity to listen to and chat with  
Project Leader Matt Blyton (Independent Education Advisor)

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**The Garrison ASSIST Project Event: Wednesday 19th April, 3pm at Risedale School**

An event for all parents/carers of pupils in Years 7 and 8 with SEND and for Service parents/carers of pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 with SEND.

We would like to invite you to a special event to meet Matt Blyton, the lead of our new Garrison ASSIST Project. The project is an exciting development where we seek to extend our expertise and support of children with Special, Educational, Needs & Disabilities (SEND) from a military background.

Matt has many years of experience working across North Yorkshire and beyond and would like to share the vision and aims of the project. We are also sending this invitation to other parents of children with SEND. We feel this could be a powerful, collaborative and supportive community group in the making so please do come along for coffee, cake and a chat.

**BOOKING:** Please complete the following Google Form by 9am on Tuesday 18th April to reserve the number of seats you require for the event: <https://forms.gle/Ub9mPHqQHEwEqLDz5>

We look forward to seeing you there,

**Sarah Matthewman** (Deputy Headteacher) and **Stacey Burke** (SENCo)





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**The Teen Brain**

A FREE workshop for all Risedale parents/carers to learn more about 'The Teen Brain' and strategies to support your child to navigate this period of their life

Thursday 4th May 2023, 6pm - 7.15pm

**Charlie Waller**

**'The Teen Brain' - A FREE event for Risedale parents/carers (4th May)**

We would like to invite you to a special event for parents/carers to learn more about 'The Teen Brain' and strategies to help support your child to navigate this period of their life.

Our School Counsellor, Lisa Smith and Mental Health Trainer, Gemma Fieldsend, from the [Charlie Waller Trust](http://charliewallertrust.org.uk), are running a **FREE workshop at Risedale School on Thursday 4th May 2023, 6pm - 7.15pm** and would love it if you could attend. (This is a parent/carer only event, ie. not for pupils). Refreshments will be provided.

During this workshop, Gemma will share with you:

- What we know about the brain
- Hormonal changes that occur
- Teens and stress
- Support strategies

**BOOKING:** Please complete the following Google Form by Thursday 20th April to reserve the number of seats you require for the event: <https://forms.gle/Yp4x45qgc8J8JvPB8>

If you'd like more information about the workshop or have any questions please email Lisa Smith at [smith.l@risedale.org.uk](mailto:smith.l@risedale.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there.



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**‘Navigating Transitions’ - An online course for military parents:**

Whether the move is from one location to another, to a new school or setting, or to a new teacher or class. It can be an anxious time for parents. The way you approach the changes your children face can be the difference between a stressful or a manageable transition. Knowing how best to manage your own emotions, worries and actions are vital for supporting children in the best possible way.

The ‘Navigating Transitions’ course is supported and funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and runs over 4 sessions, beginning on the 25th April at 8pm.

Please email Elisha Hamilton at [elisha@bounceforward.com](mailto:elisha@bounceforward.com) for more information or you can [BOOK NOW HERE.](#)

**FREE Easter Activities for Families**

FEAST brings fun to the school holidays, offering loads of different activities for everyone to take part in - [North Yorkshire Together.](#)

All children and young people across North Yorkshire can get involved in a range of sessions, with free places and a free lunch for those on benefits-related Free School Meals, thanks to funding from the Department for Education.

To see all the fantastic activities on offer and learn more about how to claim a free place, visit the [FEAST website.](#) There is so much to choose from so take a look at what's on!

Wishing you and your family a pleasant Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Colin D Scott**  
Headteacher