



Dear parents/carers and students,

We have had a fantastic start to the school new year. We have welcomed 118 new Year 7 students as well as a number in other years. We have launched the house system and the students are looking great in their new ties. The house challenges have been a hit and competition between the houses is already well established! The school day is different for all of us but I am thrilled to be able to report that staff and students have confidently embraced the 'new normal' and lessons are going very well indeed. Can I take this opportunity to offer you our heartfelt thanks for your positivity and support in getting us back on track - we couldn't do it without you! The purpose of this letter is simply to provide a few reminders about expectations and to give you some information about what is happening in the next few weeks.

As mentioned in our previous KIT letters, any changes to our usual service, or specific information related to COVID-19, can be found on our website: [September 2020](#). Please check this page regularly and ensure you keep up to date with all general correspondence from school: [Letters to Parents](#)

Again, thank you so much for your continued support - stay safe!

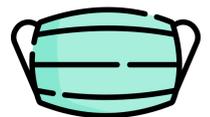
Mrs Matthewman - Acting Vice Principal

Uniform and Equipment Reminders

Please remember to equip your child with the following:

- A pencil case. We cannot lend equipment at the moment and it is an important skill to be organised for learning.
- A mask - in case it is needed. Please note that during normal operations, and unless there is a local lockdown, pupils and staff are free to decide if they want to wear a mask in communal areas. They should not be used in the classroom as this may hinder communication and in accordance with government guidance.
- A coat - as it is getting colder and is sometimes damp we do please ask that you provide a coat for your child. A lot of students are still arriving without coats.
- Hoodies are not allowed but plain, black jumpers under blazers are allowed.
- We have had some concerns regarding skirts and these have been addressed by Ms Benson and form tutors. However, if there continue to be issues with individual students they will be asked to wear trousers to school instead.

Welcome Back





Visiting School

A gentle reminder that **parents and carers must not come onto the school site without an appointment.** This is to ensure the safety of you, staff and students. Appointments are available from 9am until 2pm and again between 3pm and 4pm but only if/when it is confirmed that the member of staff you wish to see is available. Please ring reception on 01748 833501 or email enquiries@risedale.org.uk to arrange an appointment.



The Risedale Way



We are delighted that the majority of the students are following [The Risedale Way](#), completing homework and making fantastic progress with their learning. We do however need to maintain standards and expectations and for those students who are choosing not to follow these expectations a new rota of **detentions will begin in the week commencing 5th October.**

Year 11 Intervention

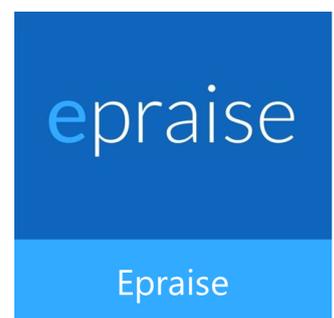
We have now started our after school intervention programme with our Y11 students. We are initially focussing on subjects that include an element of coursework and will then be building in the other subjects in the forthcoming weeks. If your child is required to attend an intervention session they will be informed by their teacher. Sessions are by invitation only, running from 3:15pm and completed by 4:15pm. Please encourage your child to attend all the sessions they are offered and to also complete their own independent revision at home.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Sherwood - Senior Teacher Humanities and Aspiration Lead:** sherwood.r@risedale.org.uk

Parent Epraise Registration

All parents should now have been sent an invitation via email to join Epraise - our new online rewards platform. Epraise is designed to motivate students to work harder, attend more and behave better. By registering as a parent, you will be able to log in, track your child's achievements and celebrate their success.

Please use your email invitation to create your own parent account; you can do this via either the Epraise app, or the [Epraise website](#). If you think you haven't received this email, firstly please check your spam folder, and then, if you cannot locate it, email enquiries@risedale.org.uk to update your email address on our school system. Once this has been processed, we will then send you a new Epraise invitation. If you have any questions or difficulties regarding Epraise, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Parent Governor Elections

Become a Parent Governor and help us be the best school we can. **We currently have 2 vacancies available for Parent Governors here at Risedale...** could you be the person we're looking for?

Risedale needs YOU!
Become a Parent Governor at Risedale and help us be the best school we can



Nominations Due:
Monday 12th
October 2020



Do YOU want to make a difference to your child's education? Can YOU support your child's school in its efforts to do the best for all of Catterick's children? Do YOU want to be part of an incredible journey helping to shape its course and future direction? Can YOU commit to after-school governor meetings (usually once a half term) AND support some occasional daytime visits? If so, why not apply for the parent governor election?

For all the information you need please read our [Parent Governor Elections letter and complete your Nomination Form](#) - **APPLY TODAY!**

Year 6 Virtual Open Evening

As you will be aware, we are currently restricted by the Government around large gatherings. As such, unfortunately, we are unable to run our usual Open Evening programme. We are however delighted to provide prospective pupils, parents and carers with a variety of resources to look at, listen to and watch in your own time by accessing our bespoke [Y6 Virtual Open Evening](#) website page.



Please share this information with your friends, family and our local community and encourage them to find out more about Risedale. If they have any questions about joining our fantastic school please ask them to get in touch with our Transition Manager Mr Pearson pearson.k@risedale.org.uk

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