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KIT Letter

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Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Well, we've made it. Another academic year draws to a close and I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to staff, pupils, parents, carers and the community for doing their absolute best at all times during a year that turned out to not be quite as 'back to normal' as we'd all hoped.

We also say goodbye and thank you to three staff moving on to pastures new. Mr Pearson is starting a whole new adventure at a school in Istanbul, Miss Walker is heading down to London for the next step in her teaching career and Mr Morley is embracing retirement with a detour via the duty free emporium at Teesside airport. We will miss them all but wish them every success in the future!

It's time to look forward. Last week we welcomed over 140 bright, enthusiastic, new Year 7 pupils for our transition week. A big thank you goes to Kieran Pearson for organising the event with the help of a whole range of brilliant office staff. In September we welcome nine brand new staff to our ever growing school.

We hope you have a fabulous summer, whatever you're doing. The KIT this time has lots of relevant and important information about the start of next term so please do have a good read and if there are any questions don't hesitate to get in touch with the office.

Many thanks once again,

Sarah Matthewman

Deputy Headteacher





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Important Notices



Future Events / Save the Date

Wednesday 20th July Sports Day
Monday 25th July Summer Holiday starts
Thursday 25th August GCSE Results Day
Monday 5th September Training Day for staff

Tuesday 6th September Start of Autumn Term 1 (pupils return)

>> For more information on important dates for Risedale School please visit our [Calendar and Term Dates](#) website page.

We Need Your Help - RSE parental consultation

Ms Dunphy Subject Lead for Social Studies

- As part of your child's education at Risedale School we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Social Studies curriculum. This subject area gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.
- The Department for Education announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE), which is part of our programme of study. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.
- This means that the RSE curriculum has been reviewed and updated so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their: Age; Physical and emotional maturity; Religious and cultural backgrounds; Special educational needs and disabilities
- Social studies is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. All teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.
- At Risedale, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and all stakeholders and therefore we need your feedback to help us do this.

We would like to invite you:

To take the opportunity to view our RSE policy and curriculum intentions

Complete a questionnaire in order for your feedback to be captured

This information can be accessed on our website through [this link](#):

To complete the survey click this link: <https://forms.gle/zYCBmXyK8AqFevaA>



GCSE Exam Information

GCSE Results Day is Thursday 25th August and we look forward to seeing all year 11 pupils in person to receive their results from 9am in the school hall. Senior staff will also be available in person on results day to help with any questions or concerns about results and next steps, and by telephone or email after that. Helen Porritt, our Careers Leader, will also be available on the day.



Pupils will be able to come in and receive their results all day; any results not collected will be posted out at the end of the day.

If you are aware that a pupil will not be able to attend or you will have moved before that date, or before certificates arrive in November, please do let the Exams Officer know.

We are also asking all year 11 pupils to provide us with a personal email address which can be used in the future for any further contact about exams or careers. This request was sent to their Risedale school email address. Please ask them to check their emails.

Further updates about results day and how a third party can collect results will also be sent to year 11 Risedale school email addresses so please do ask them to check these prior to 25th August as well.

For further information regarding the GCSE Exams in 2022, results and next steps please also visit our [Exam Information](#) website page. If you have any questions please contact our Examinations Officer Mrs Tonkin tonkin.j@risedale.org.uk.

Sports Day 2022 - Update

So far the weather has been against us! Risedale School's Sports Day will now take place on Wednesday 20th July at Catterick Athletics Stadium, Leyburn Road (next to Catterick Garrison Golf Club).

The event will start at 8.30am and finish at 3pm. Family spectators are welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!
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Help with Free School Meals

With many families facing financial hardship as the cost of living increases, North Yorkshire County Council are doing all that they can to ensure that every family that is eligible to claim Free School Meals (FSM) for their child is benefiting from this additional help.

With this in mind they have made it easier for parents to apply for a free school meal. Their new application process means that all applications are now made electronically. In just a few simple steps and a matter of minutes parents will receive an instant decision on whether their application has been successful.

Better for schools and better for parents:

- The new FSM application process is much faster, providing an instant decision to applicants
- Less hassle – the new system means that no paperwork or printers are required – all applications are now made electronically
- Accessibility for the entire school community - all applications can be translated into any language via Google translate

Should you wish to apply for free school meals please click on the following link: [step-by-step guide for parents/carers applying for FSM](#)

Getting Ready for Next Term - Resources, uniform and expectations

All pupils need the following for the start of the new term on September 6th

- Equipment. A pencil case containing black/blue/red pens, pencil, ruler and a rubber
- Uniform. Black trousers or skirt, white shirt, school blazer, house tie
- Attitude. A fresh start with a positive attitude to learning and to all members of our school community.





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It's time to say Thank You!

We've been having fun in the last few weeks saying thank you to pupils for their great learning, respect and attendance. So far we've given out 9 £20 voucher awards to the following pupils: Malachi O'Brien 7Sandell; Mollie Thirlwell 8Houlgate; Paisley Girvan 8Watkinson; Archie Bassett 9Southworth-Gedye; Demi Cunningham 10Ahmed; Jayden McGregor 7Vizor; Henley Nicholas 7Knight; Tyler Friend 8Hill; Finlay Addison 8Houlgate and Daniel Miles 9Brierley.



House Rewards Day

Congratulations to this year's House winner, Turing. They are worthy winners who have been excellent throughout the year. Well done to Mr Watkinson and the Turing team! To celebrate their achievement there was a range of inflatables in the sports hall for House Turing to access throughout the school day.





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Cinema Rewards Trip

At Risedale we value our pupils' efforts and commitment to learning. Last week 170 pupils were rewarded with a cinema trip for their positive behaviour throughout the school year. Their behaviour was absolutely exemplary and a great time was had by all!



Prize Draw

Pupils were able to exchange their ePraise points to enter a LightWater Valley ticket prize draw. Massive congratulations to Ryan Davies and Freya Carter. Have fun!





Risedale Pupils Put Their Best Feet Forward

On Friday 15th July 306 pupils set out on a challenge that we haven't been able to organise for three years due to COVID. There was a distinct atmosphere of excitement and togetherness as pupils and staff got themselves ready for a day of fresh air and fundraising. Mrs Hailwood and Mr Thomson were at the helm and as always revealed their complete commitment to the power of the great outdoors as well as their dedication and support of the young people in their care.

Although there was an early shower, during the walk the rain stayed off and the Risedale Ramblers had a great day out.

The day was an opportunity to walk with friends and think about others. Martin House Hospice provides family-led care free of charge for children and young people who are suffering from life-limiting illnesses. Every step that our young people took was about someone else - a truly inspiring thing. It perfectly echoed the assembly last Monday which was all about kindness - seeing and knowing a good thing for someone else. The Risedale family at its best. A huge thank you to all who took part.





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Berlin 2022

"At 8:40AM, Tuesday 5th July, British Airways flight BA982 departed from London Heathrow for Berlin Brandenburg - and with it, our long-awaited (and very long-delayed!) trip to Berlin had finally got off the ground. Unlike our flight, the trip was destined to experience a little turbulence after take off...

Arriving in Berlin, our coach took us to what we believed to be our hostel; sadly, although the address we were given was correct, it appeared our hostel was in a different location - completely different! Arriving at our final destination it was soon apparent that our hostel was a long way off the standards we would expect for our family of Risedale pupils.

Mr Scott pulled every string, called in every favour, scratched many chins and, as a result, we were transferred to the Berlin Hilton Hotel - quite an upgrade! Credit must go to our tour operator, Anglia, who managed to put things right for us after initially getting things very wrong, and in particular to our tour guide, Bob, who supported us in our need to change accommodation due to our concerns about health and safety. Despite a slightly delayed start, our school trip had been upgraded to 'city break' status at no extra cost. And with that, our exploration of the history of this remarkable city could begin!

Although there was a delay in getting unpacked, our new location in the centre of the city allowed us to instantly kick things off with an action-packed evening itinerary. While some pupils chose to take a much needed rest, many of our young historians joined us for an evening stroll around Potsdamer Platz. A visit to the legendary 'Checkpoint Charlie' was followed by a stroll to see the Brandenburg Gate, beautifully lit up - a suitably relaxing end to an eventful day.

On our second day, we were all up early to visit the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp on the outskirts of Berlin. Our pupils truly showed themselves at their best here, taking the opportunity to explore the camp independently and demonstrating great empathy for the plight of those imprisoned there. Many of our family recognised how, had they lived in Germany 80 years ago, their own lives would be at peril. This was a greatly humbling experience for all.

We followed this with a visit to the Olympic Stadium; the pupils had an opportunity to develop their independence and 'shop' for two hours without the ties of the adults chaperoning them. Remembering that Berlin is 1,000 miles from home and many had to explore unfamiliar surroundings and use a language not their own, they excelled and thrived! The young people loved this opportunity to grow more independent and build confidence. We then returned to base.

After an opportunity to refresh and regroup, we departed for a traditional German meal at a local restaurant, and then we all ended the day 203 metres above ground at the Berliner Fernsehturm - the tallest structure in Germany. After enjoying the outstanding views of the city, we returned to terra firma, and readied ourselves for our final day.



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Thursday was action-packed, including visits to the site of the Führer bunker, the Jewish memorial, the Reichstag building, and the exhibition 'topography of terror'. Although by necessity a whistle stop tour, it gave us an opportunity to see first hand the tragic history of Berlin in the twentieth century.

Our young people were particularly taken with the memorial to the Soviet troops who fell taking the Reichstag; a monumental structure that marks a monumental death toll, and one that helps us visualise the human cost of the Second World War.

With the coach loaded, it was finally time to return home, and we departed a city in which the wounds of history are everywhere, often visible, sometimes hidden, but very rarely truly concealed. Modern Berlin is a tolerant, free, vibrant society. It wasn't always so. And this is why our young people need to remember that the human rights they enjoy now could so very easily be taken from them...,and for them to work to keep those rights into the future.

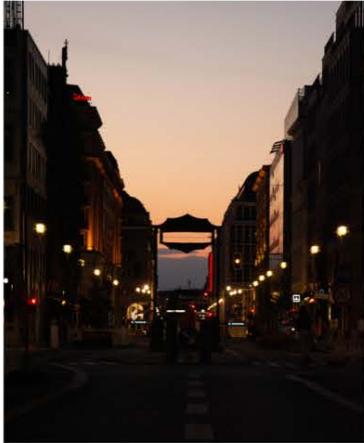
Our pupils have learned an important lesson from history in Berlin: if it can happen here, it can happen anywhere."





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Since January, Year 9 artists have been learning about the complex world of 'Conceptual Art', learning how conceptual artists communicate ideas about humanity with their audiences. They have examined how they themselves communicate via social media and messaging and have used some of their own messages to explore collage, photography, abstract painting and typography. During the final stage of this project, they looked at ancient ceramic art forms from the Ming Dynasty and used the same materials and techniques as these ancient masters to each create their own ceramic mobile phone tile with a message. Together, they have created a collaborative installation about how young people communicate with each other today.



Last year, our current year 8 art pupils made these fantastic ceramic tiles, which were about how they had found positive connections with nature during lockdown. Each tile contains an image from nature and a word, which sums up how nature had made them feel during such a difficult time. After a long wait, this amazing piece of work was finally displayed at the Station Gallery in Richmond during the Swaledale Festival in May. Now that we have it back in school we hope to permanently display it somewhere where it will serve as a permanent reminder of how we can all find positive experiences in the most challenging of times.



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Year 7 artists have been learning about a wide variety of artists this year and after being inspired by the butterflies of Damien Hirst, they created a display of their own butterflies which was exhibited at the Station Gallery in Richmond during the Swaledale Festival in May. Pupils made hundreds of butterflies using a wide variety of techniques, including monoprinting, duplicate printing, collage and colouring. The display was incredibly effective; staff and visitors at the Station were all very impressed with the work of our youngest pupils.



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In April, Year 10 GCSE Art pupils became professional photographers for the day, working with award winning artist-photographer Joanne Coates. The brief was to document the everyday lives of young people from rural, northern communities. They learned about traditional forms of 'northern community' based art, like colliery banners and talked about how they might capture their own sense of identity and place in more contemporary ways. They discussed what makes a successful photograph and how to plan and compose shots, then used DSLR and analogue cameras (along with some props from the local Greggs store!) to fulfil the brief in small groups. The group took hundreds of fantastic photographs which will form part of an exhibition in London later this year – we can't wait!



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Careers Education Information Advice Guidance

Careers Trips

Year 10 has got off to a fantastic start this half of summer term. To support pupils in making their informed choices and Post-16 applications in Year 11, there have been 4 visits to Further Education providers.

Year 10 pupils attended the Darlington College Taster Day on the 21st June 2022 and the Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form Taster Day on the 30th June 2022.

A small group of Year 9 and 10 pupils, who are interested in studying Animal Care, visited Askham Bryan College, based in York, on the 23rd June 2022.

Selected Year 10 pupils were also offered the opportunity to visit York St. John University campus, to experience what it would be like to study at a University (Higher Education).

Year 10 and 11 pupils have also been given access to the ASK Programme and Apprenticeship workshop, in school on the 5th May. Year 9 will also have this opportunity on 18th July 2022.

Work Experience week - a large number of Year 10 pupils have been out on employer placement from 4th to 8th July 2002. This is the first time (except for covid) in 8 years that Work Experience is back on timetable as part of the Careers curriculum. The feedback has been fantastic from pupils and employers alike. My sincere thanks to all the providers who have given our pupils an important and invaluable learning experience.



On behalf of all of the pupils who have taken part in work experience this year, we would like to give a special thank you to all of the local businesses and employers who have supported and welcomed our year 10 pupils.



BP Tyres & Exhausts, Homestart, Colburn Leisure Centre, Penley's Cafe, Burlington Care, Richmond Museum, Banana Moon Day Nursery, M.P.C.T, Manor Farm, Barnardos, Risedale School, DKL Transport Ltd, White Rabbit Playgroup, Army -Wathgill ranges, The Mens Room, Cross View Tea Room, Centre Barks, Georgian Theatre, 3RHA, The Station Cafe, Beauty by Erin, Wavell Community Schools' Federation, Foxglove Covert, Kail Newman contracts, PB Movement, Hipswell Primary School, Colburn CP School, Hillcrest Care Home, Le Cateau Primary School, Oxfam, Welcome Nurseries, Eyecatching Signs, The Cutting Room, Little Drummer Boy Cafe, The Barber Catterick, CETS Cleaning Solutions, The Station Cafe, WM Russell Decorators, Granny's Kitchen, White Rabbit Playgroup, Spennymoor Youth & Community Association, Catterick Cuts, IGNITE Group, Wavell Community PS, 1st Btn. Scots Guards, "Rooftops, Montessori Nursery", Penny Garth Cafe, Subway, Green Frog Garden Shop, Sunkist Tanning, Premier Inn, KTM Pet Care

Fuel Poverty Information Fact Sheet - Ham/Rich District

What is fuel poverty? Living in a property with an energy efficiency rating of band D or below and when spending the required amount to heat the home, residents are left with a residual income below the official poverty line.

There are 3 important elements in determining whether a household is fuel poor:

- Household income
- Household energy requirements
- Fuel prices

Predicted impact on people living in North Yorkshire: households across the region will face a record energy increase of 54% from April 2022. Warm and Well in North Yorkshire is warning that many more families will be pulled into fuel poverty and the worst is yet to come. This means that households who pay by direct debit will face an average of bill of £1,971 a year for their gas and electricity.

Living Well have put together this fact sheet to support workers to provide information to people to manage the impact of fuel poverty.

Fuel and Utility Advice and Support

Warm and Well in North Yorkshire Offers advice, guidance about how to save money on energy costs, switching suppliers, grants and priority service, making the home warmer and access to a Hardship Fund if eligible.
01609 767555

Home Heat Helpline Offers advice to people regarding paying their energy bills.
0800 336699 www.homeheathelpline.org.uk

Northern Gas Networks Offer a free connection service to those on low incomes.
0113 2372720 www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk

Individual Energy Provider websites
www.britishgasenergytrust.org.uk

The Npower Energy Fund www.npowerenergyfund.com

The EDF Energy Trust www.edfenergytrust.org.uk

Oil Club Oil search tool www.oil-club.co.uk

Broadacres Oil Purchase Scheme Oil club for Broadacres residents
0800 5875291 info@broadacres.org.uk
www.broadacres.org.uk

North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund (NYLAF)
To acquire your team log in or create a log in account please email them on nylaf@northyorks.gov.uk and ask them to check for your team's log in or create an account.
01904 550030

Budgeting Advice

Citizens Advice 'Work out your budget' calculator tool:
<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt-and-money/budgeting/budgeting/work-out-your-budget>

Benefits Calculator <https://benefits-calculator-2.turn2us.org.uk/>

Household/Financial Support

Olive and Norman Field Charity (may be able to offer small amounts of financial support dependent upon eligibility criteria)
www.oliveandnormanfieldcharity.co.uk

Turn2us (occupational charities for example hairdressers, butchers, retail workers) www.turn2us.org.uk

Friends of the Elderly small grants (up to £400) to older people, if they meet the criteria.
02077 308263

Food Parcels

Richmond Store House Influence Church
www.influencechurch.co.uk

Upper Dales Open Pantry St Oswalds Church Askrigg
www.upperwensleydalechurch.org

Easingwold District Community Care Association 01347 822875

Hambleton Food Share Northallerton
07514 244158
Bedale
07930 988360 info@hambletonfoodshare.org.uk

Employment Advice

Action Towards Inclusion – 01757 291111
Foundation Action Towards Inclusion Gina Rampono
gina.rampono@foundationuk.org

Autism Plus Action Towards Inclusion - Dawn Trigg
07966 575123

Job Centre Plus – 0800 169 0190

Other Support available

Living Well Smokefree 01609 797272

North Yorkshire Horizons 01723 330730

Gamblers Anonymous www.gamblersanonymous.org.uk



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