



KIT Letter Issue 22: Friday 18th February 2022

Dear parents/carers and pupils,



First of all, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to you all for the support you have shown and continue to show, to Risedale and our staff in our ongoing pursuit of 'normality' over recent months and years. The pandemic, whilst still with us, has caused lots of concerns and challenges for pupils, families and your school community. It appears that the government is convinced that we are about to enter the 'end game' where the pandemic becomes endemic and we learn to live with this new virus and get all of our lives back on track. So thank you.

As we transition back to whatever normality we can, it is vital for me that we work with parents to rebuild every pupil's resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and prepare them for their lives beyond school. I try to remind myself that schools are not just places to get good grades in examinations, although that is an important building block for future careers, but are also places to support parents and carers in getting our young people ready for life.

Attendance has been a challenge for many pupils and families, understandably, as we have tackled illness and infection during the pandemic. As we go forward I hope to see confidence and resilience rebound so that we can do our best, with your support, to get pupils ready for the world of work as they grow. Similarly, we will be doing our best as a school to "build back bigger and better" as we continue to add more to our curriculum, add more opportunities in and out of school and develop the children into strong and capable young adults. We will also start to be 'more normal' as our own guidelines allow us.

I'm excited about the future. I'm excited for the kids. And I'm excited for what I know, with your support, your children can become. Here's to the months and years ahead!

Colin D Scott Headteacher





Future Events / Save the Date

Monday 28th February	Start of Spring Term 2 (staff and pupils return)
Friday 4th March	Y9 MenACWY, Tetanus & Polio Immunisations and some Y10/11
Thursday 17th March	Y9 Options Evening
Monday 21st March	Start of Y11 Pre Public Examinations
Wednesday 23rd March	Y8 HPV Vaccinations
Monday 11th April	Easter Holiday starts (ends Friday 22nd April)

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



Uniform and Personal Property Reminders

- **Blazers/jumpers/coats:** Blazers must be worn at all times. Plain black jumpers are allowed under blazers but **hoodies are not allowed at all. Any hoodie that is brought into school will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.** Outdoor coats can be worn at break and lunchtime but must not be worn in place of blazers, and must be over the blazer.
- **Trousers:** Leggings are becoming an issue and are not allowed to be worn as part of the school uniform. Jeggings and skinny-leg trousers are also not allowed. Trousers must be smart, plain black and long. No denim material.
- **Shoes:** Footwear is becoming an issue and a high number of pupils do actually have their school shoes in their bags but are choosing not to wear them. Please remind your child of this focus.
- **Jewellery/piercings:** No jewellery except a watch. One small pair of sleepers/studs may be worn in ears but no other piercings of any kind are permitted.
- **Mobile phones:** The use of mobile phones in school is prohibited. This is to avoid them being used by pupils to inappropriately access social media or for some other distraction to learning. For safeguarding reasons pupils need to let staff know if there are issues so that we can contact parents directly with information about what is being done. As all pupils have been issued with a Chromebook for any online learning, mobile phones in school are unnecessary.
- **Headphones:** If pupils are seen wearing headphones around school they are likely to be listening to music which is a distraction from learning. Therefore, as with mobile phones, headphones are not needed or permitted in school **and will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.**
- **Vapes:** Risedale is a smoke-free workplace/school. Pupils MUST NOT bring Vapes into the school premises. Vapes will be confiscated and parents contacted, to pick up if required.
- **Chewing gum:** Pupils must NOT chew gum on the school site. An instant RS2 will be issued to any pupil caught chewing gum.

If you are concerned about any of the above, please contact your child's tutor in the first instance and for more information regarding uniform please visit our dedicated website page > > [Risedale Uniform](#) < <



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Important Notices



Job Vacancies at Risedale:

We are currently looking to recruit a **Receptionist** to join our Admin Team and a number of **Invigilators / Readers** for our Examinations Team. **APPLY TODAY!**

➔ Receptionist

Risedale School is looking for a highly motivated, confident individual to fulfil the important role of Receptionist/Administration Assistant. We need someone with a welcoming face and voice for our school. If this is you, and you would like to join our friendly office team, we would love to hear from you.

Salary: GBP £15,566.38 - £16,195.09 pro-rata (£18,198.00-£18,933.00 full time equivalent). Permanent / Full Time, 37 hours per week, term time only. Start date: As soon as possible.

Further details are available from Angelique Armstrong, Office Supervisor. E-mail: armstrong.a@risedale.org.uk

Closing date: 09:00am Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

APPLY ONLINE HERE > > > [Receptionist, Risedale School](#)

➔ Exam Invigilators / Readers

Risedale is looking for highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals to fulfil the important role of Exam Invigilator/Reader. The role requires supporting our pupils for examinations throughout the school year, but particularly in December, January, May and June, and also March this year. Duties include supervising pupils taking examinations, preparing exam rooms, distributing and collecting exam papers and facilitating access arrangements e.g. acting as a reader, if required. We are looking for people who are organised, vigilant and reliable, have good attention to detail and excellent communication skills. We are a friendly team and full training will be provided.

Work is on an ad hoc basis according to need and availability and takes place within the normal school day. As the work is part-time, we can usually be flexible and fit in with days/times to suit other commitments you may have.

Typically applicants could be working in the region of 90 hours per year paid monthly on an hourly claiming basis of £10.21 per hour, with scope for additional hours.

Further details are available from Julie Tonkin, Examinations Officer. E-mail: tonkin.j@risedale.org.uk

Closing date: 23:59 pm Sunday 27th February 2022

APPLY ONLINE HERE > > > [Exam Invigilator/Reader, Risedale School](#)





Reboot North Yorkshire – recycling your unwanted devices

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Reboot North Yorkshire provides recycled IT equipment and internet access to help people across the county stay connected. The scheme takes laptops, smartphones, tablets and iPads no longer needed by their owners and refurbishes them before they're distributed to those in need. These devices can support people to access vital services, help children do their school work and make sure people of all ages can stay in touch with friends and family. If you got a technology upgrade for Christmas and have a device that can be donated to Reboot North Yorkshire, you can find your nearest drop off point and more information about the scheme at www.rebootny.co.uk

COVID-19 at-home testing - REMINDER

We know how important it is for you to be able to send your child to school, so please keep encouraging them to test twice weekly, 3-4 days apart, and report each result to:

- NHS Test and Trace: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- Risedale School: [Home Test Result Form - PUPILS](#)
- Report all positive test results to school: As your child will be absent from school, you must report this in the normal way, contacting the school as soon as possible, making it very clear that this is because of a positive LFD test result.



Information for parents of pupils aged 5 to 17 years old on the vaccination programme from the Government

Vaccinations help to increase protection against COVID-19, which is particularly important for those with underlying health conditions. Being vaccinated minimises the need for children and young people to have time off from school or college, and helps them to continue to carry out their hobbies, attend social events and live their lives to the full.

The Government has published some [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQs) on the vaccination programme including information on eligibility, accessibility and advice for parents of children at high risk from COVID-19.

Guidance on how to [book appointments](#) for children aged 12 years and over is available on the NHS website. Further information on the vaccination of high-risk children aged 5 to 11 years old is available in the [guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 years](#) published by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)."



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Good News Stories



House Step Count Competition

Congratulations to **TURING HOUSE** 🏆 who were the overall winners of the Step Count Competition for the second year running!

Teacher of PE and House/Rewards Manager, Mr Hindhaugh, said:

"There were some really big entries over the final weekend. It was great seeing both staff and pupils getting those steps in and representing their Houses with pride. Thank you for the entries; there were a whopping 180 in total. All the Houses made a fantastic effort. Last year our school total was 2,167,590 steps and this year our total was 2,688,248. That's an increase of 520,658 steps - Amazing!"

Brilliant work [#TeamRisedale](#) ❤️💜💛💖

House	Step Count
1st Turing	933, 978
2nd Pankhurst	851, 241
3rd Seacole	600, 849
4th Attenborough	302, 180
Risedale Total	2,688,248

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County Cross Country Championships

On Saturday 15th January, Risedale School hosted the North Yorkshire Schools County Cross Country Championships at the Jaffa sports fields.

It was a fabulous day of Cross Country and in total approx. 300 athletes, across 8 age groups, took part from schools all over North Yorkshire.

Well done to Y10 Risedale pupils Riley Harrison and Nathan Naylor for representing Hambleton and Richmondshire on what was a very cold and icy day.

A huge thank you to Dan Campbell and Del Stevens who provided medical support for the day and to farmer Dave Peacock for allowing us to extend the course and use his fields.

A fantastic day for County Sports.



Year 7 House Football and Basketball Tournaments

Basketball: 1st Attenborough 40 points;
2nd Pankhurst 30 points; 3rd Seacole 20 points;
4th Turing 10 points

Football boys: 1st Attenborough 40 points;
2nd Seacole 30 points; 3rd Pankhurst 20 points;
4th Turing 10 points

Football girls: 1st Turing 40 points;
2nd Attenborough 30 points; 3rd Seacole 20 points;
Pankhurst (no team)

Thank you for supporting the House System and [#TeamRisedale](#).

Heads of Houses





Rugby News

A huge well done to all our Year 7 and 8 girls who have been learning rugby in their PE lessons this half term. They've all been so enthusiastic and have shown great resilience playing outside in the middle of winter. Thank you to Jason Grant from [Newcastle Thunder](#) and [Catterick Crusaders RLFC](#) for giving Risedale School this opportunity and coaching the girls; they are loving it.



Miss Brierley - Head of PE

Macbeth Theatre Trip

On Wednesday 9th February pupils in Y11 visited the Forum Theatre in Billingham to see a performance of Shakespeare's famous tragedy 'Macbeth' to support their GCSE English Literature studies.

Matilda Melody, Lead Senior Pupil Ambassador :

"I had a really good time seeing Macbeth, I thought the overall production was brilliant and the actors were amazing. It was a fantastic opportunity and I would definitely recommend this to other pupils if they get a chance to see it."

Kingsley Green, Deputy Lead Senior Pupil Ambassador :

"I found the Macbeth trip fun yet also educational. It allowed me to have a new perspective on the play and enhanced my vision of the characters spanning across the play. The play was very well-performed and the actors did brilliantly to bring to life such a wonderful piece of Shakespearian writing. I hope those of younger years have a chance to go in the future as I highly recommend such an opportunity!"





Educational Sessions with Veterans Woodcraft

Risedale School and The Army Welfare Service have recently embarked on an exciting new collaborative project, working in partnership with Veterans Woodcraft, renovating walkways and footbridges at Bramble Woods making a safe and accessible environment for the community to enjoy.

Fantastic work everyone!



Valentine's Day Charity Cake Sale

Thank you to all of the staff and pupils who baked and bought cakes for the Valentine's Day Charity Cake sale. We raised £68.26. We plan to have other charity events later in the year so we can further support [Martin House Children's Hospice](#).

Martin House is a family-led care facility for children with life-shortening conditions. It is a place where children, young people and their families can come to stay from time to time along their journey and find support, rest and practical help.





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Emotive



Photography Competition KS3 Winners

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
3 rd : Eva Langdale	3 rd : Mia Neville-Bloom	3 rd : Harley Williams
2 nd : Neve Barker	2 nd : Chloe-Paige Frew-McGill	2 nd : Lilly Hudson
1st: William Bell	1st: Paisley Girvan	1st: Thomas Gibbons



KS4 Winners

1st: Grace Hoe
2 nd : Matilda Melody
3 rd : Isabella Healey

