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DATES TO REMEMBER		
Mon 14 May	Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
Mon 14 May	Exams Begin	GCSE and A Level exam season begins. Good luck to all our Year 11, 12 and 13 students taking exams over the next few weeks.
Wed 16 May	Yr 7 & 8 French Trip Meeting	There is a parents meeting in Q2 on Wednesday 16 May at 6.00pm for 45 minutes. Parents and the students involved all welcome.
Thurs 17 – Fri 18 May	DofE Training Expedition	DofE Training Expedition
Wed 23 May	Headteacher’s Open Door Clinic 4.45 – 5.45pm	Every half term Mr Weston holds an Open Door Clinic for parents who would like to come and have a chat about any school-related issues concerning their children. This term’s clinic is on Wednesday 23 May between 4.45pm - 5.45pm If you would like to meet with Mr Weston there is no need to make an appointment; just sign in at Reception and you will be seen as soon as he is free. If demand is high, the Deputy Headteacher will also be available.
Fri 25 May	School Closes	School closes for Half Term.
Mon 04 June	School Re-opens Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’	School re-opens. School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
Wed 13 June	Parent Focus Group Meeting	New members are always welcome – please meet at school in the main reception at 6.45pm.
Wed 13 June	Yr 10 Italy Trip Meeting	The pre-departure evening for parents and students will take place on Wednesday 13th June 6.00-6.30pm. The meeting will be in the Drama Studio (G8) and should last no longer than 30 minutes. We will cover contact details, final itinerary, insurance, meeting arrangements, etc.
Mon 18 June	Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
Fri 22 June	Sixth Form Leavers Ball	Year 13 Leaver’s Ball at the Craiglands, Ilkley.
Tues 26 June	Summer Exams Finish	Summer exams finish.
Sat 30 June	Yr 7 & 8 French Trip	Yr 7 and 8 French Trip sets off, returning on Tuesday 03 July.
Mon 02 July	Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
Mon 02 July	Yr 12 Work Experience Week	Yr 12 Work Experience Week
Mon 02 July	Transition Evening (Milner & Oldfield)	We invite our new Yr 7s (Milner & Oldfield houses) into school with their parents.



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Tues 03 July	Transition Evening (Sunderland & Wooller)	We invite our new Yr 7s (Sunderland & Wooller) into school with their parents.
Wed 04 July	Yr 6 Transition Day	We welcome all our new Yr 7s into school to meet their new form groups, find their way around and start to settle in.
Thurs 05 – Fri 06 July	DofE Qualifier Expedition	DofE Qualifier Expedition
Thurs 05 July	Yr 11 Prom	Yr 11 Prom – please make your payments at the Finance office.
Tues 10 July	Artsmark Show	More information to follow.
Tues 10 – Wed 11 July	Yr 12 Progress Days	Talking about next steps after leaving school. More information to follow.
Thurs 12 July	KS3 & KS4 Celebration Eve	More information to follow.
Mon 16 July	Early Finish – ‘CPD Monday’	School closes at 2.00pm on CPD Mondays for continued staff training.
Tues 17 – Fri 20 July	Yr 8 Malham Geography Field Trip	This year the Malham trip has been split down into 4 separate day trips. Students will be going to Malham on one of the four days depending on their timetable. All students have received a letter telling them which day they will be going – please see the ‘messages from the Teachers’ section below for more information.
Fri 20 July	Sports Day	School Sports Day.
Tues 24 July	School Production	The Yr 8 Drama Club will be performing a sequel to Peter Pan called ‘Forgotten’.
Wed 25 July	School Closes and Early Finish	School closes for the summer break. School will finish early at 2.00pm
Wed 25 July	Yr 10 Italy Trip	The Yr 10 Geog Trip to Italy sets off on 25 th July returning on 27 th July.

Messages from Teachers

Year 8 Malham Geography Field Trip

The year group will be spread across 4 days with students going on the trip on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th July 2018. Year 8 students have now received their letters about the Malham 2018 trip. Students will be visiting for one day at the end of July and the letters explain which date each student will be on the trip as well as other essential information.

The consent form and a small charge of £8 (which covers the cost of coaches) needs to be handed in to the finance office near to the student reception. Pupil Premium students have this cost covered but will still need to hand in their consent form to the finance office

Students will experience a walk across the limestone pavement as well as take in sights like the Janet’s Foss waterfall and the mighty Gordale Scar. It is an exciting trip which brings together some of the ideas taught in Geography, Geology and Science. Previous years have always enjoyed visiting this fantastic part of the Yorkshire Dales.



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	If there are any questions, then please see Mr Conboy or any of the Geography department. Consent forms should be handed into the finance department no later than 9th June.
Science Revision Guides	Year 7 and 8 Science Revision guides are available to buy for £4.00 each. Years 9,10 and 11 Combined Sciences Revision guide available at £9.00 each. Years 9, 10, 11 Separate Sciences Revision guides £4.00 each for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Please pay at the Finance office and then collect the guides from the Science prep room.
Yr 9 & 10 Brilliant Club	Mrs Williams and Mrs Bradley are attending the Yr 9 & Yr 10 Brilliant Club graduation event with the students at the University of Leeds today. Well done to all our Brilliant Club students and we hope you are enjoying your day.
MFL Spelling Bee and Translation Bee News	Three Year 7 students (Daniel Bunting, Amna Tahsin and Madihah Rahma) who won the inter-class competition will be taking part in the Spelling Bee Regional Final at Beckfoot School on Monday 14 th May. Similarly, four of our Year 8 students (Tamjid Choudhury, Abigail Sheard, Madison Jacques and Samir Sidat) will be travelling to Sheffield Hallam University on 5th June to compete in the Translation Bee Regional Final. Our MFL teachers are extremely proud of them and would like to wish them all <i>“Good Luck! ¡Buena suerte! and Bonne chance!”</i>
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition Info	Training Expedition Thursday 17th - Friday 18th May Students will start at school at 8.30am and finish at School hopefully by 3pm on the Friday. The group will camp overnight at Ghyll House campsite near Addingham. Our staff will walk with the students for the majority of the first day to help with route finding and teaching map skills. The groups will be remotely supervised at checkpoints on the Friday and will be allowed to use their phones to call parents for a pick up if they are due to finish later than 3.00pm. Qualifying Expedition Thursday 5th - Friday 6th July Students will start at school and finish at Burley in Wharfedale. The overnight camp will be at Sconce Lane Scout campsite, Baildon. The groups will be remotely supervised at checkpoints for the whole weekend and will need collecting around 3.00pm on Friday afternoon from Burley. The exact finishing location in the village will be confirmed nearer the time, when students will be allowed their phones back to confirm finishing times. Good luck to everyone taking part – we’re sure you’ll have an amazing time.
Important Bus Information	We have been advised by Keighley Bus company that from Monday 21st May the K17 and K19 public buses (formerly the 727 and 729) will be a reduced size of only 20 seats per bus. Therefore we are advising all students that travel from this direction to apply for a school bus pass ASAP so that they are able to board the B46.

As the GCSE exams approach may I say how proud we are of our Year 11 students and how they have risen to the challenges this year with the new GCSE specifications.

On the next 3 pages following on from this newsletter, you will find a letter giving lots of information for parent/carers and students for the coming exam season including study arrangements, GCSE examination protocol, a Year 11 Celebration Event and a revision sessions timetable.

I would like to wish all our students a positive few weeks and please do not hesitate to contact the school if your son or daughter needs any support with their revision or any other particular concern over the next few weeks.

Luke Weston - Head teacher



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 11 Students

GCSE Study Arrangements, GCSE Exams Protocol and GCSE Results Day

As the GCSE exams approach may I say how proud we are of our Year 11 students and how they have risen to the challenges this year with the new GCSE specifications. As the start of the examination season approaches, I would like to clarify a few important areas.

GCSE Study Arrangements

The actual GCSE examinations start on Monday 14th May 2018, with many in this first week. During this week, students will be expected to be in school and to attend lessons when they are not in examinations. They should make sure that they have independent revision materials with them for lessons where examinations have already been completed. The second week (w/c Monday 21st May) is much more concentrated with a number of big exams. For this reason, we are changing the students' study arrangements from the end of next week to allow for students to have some individual time at home to prepare fully for their examinations from Monday 21st May.

During this time, a number of revision sessions have been arranged that are aimed at providing support for the students' final preparations. I would strongly urge your son/daughter to attend these sessions as they have proved to be extremely useful in previous years.

During this period, students will only be expected to be in school for their examinations and any revision sessions that have been organised. They will of course be welcome to come into school to seek support from individual subject staff at times agreed with their teachers.

Students need to wear school uniform at all times (school hoodies are acceptable) and will need to sign in and out of student reception using the electronic register outside the Attendance Office, so that we know who is on the school site at all times. **Students must wear their school lanyard at all times.**

GCSE Examination Protocol

Students must be in full, correct uniform (school hoodies are acceptable) and be fully equipped for all exams. Pencil cases, if used, must be clear plastic. The only permitted technology is a calculator if required. Phones/i-watches must not be taken in to exams or must be switched off and handed in using the individual wallets provided. They must not be left inside bags/jackets in the examination room, even if they are switched off. All wrist watches worn into exams must be taken off and placed on the desk or in the wallet provided. Students may bring water in a clear, unlabelled bottle. All information is available on our school website and is in accordance with the JCQ regulations for external exams.

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It is essential that students arrive promptly for the examination sessions. This means arriving by 8:50 am for a morning session and 1:20 pm for an afternoon session. Please be aware that some exams will finish after the end of the school day and the school buses will have departed so students will need to make alternative arrangements to get home if needed.

Year 11 celebration event

There will be a celebration event for Year 11 students after the examinations have finished enabling them to say farewell to staff and each other. This will be on the afternoon of Monday 2nd July and further details will follow about this.

GCSE Results Day

The GCSE results will be released to students on Thursday 23 August 2018. On this day students can collect their results from school between 9:00-11.00. More details will be available on the website nearer the time.

Students who have applied to Sixth Form will be able to enrol immediately after collecting their results.

If your son/daughter is not able to collect their GCSE results in person, please arrange for a Stamped Self-Addressed Envelope to be handed into the Exams Office before the end of term, or a letter of authority signed by your son/daughter for another person to collect their results. The school will not send examination results by email or by text message.

Due to changes in Data Protection, we will no longer release your son/daughter's aggregate examination results to the press unless they specifically consent to them being published. The school will continue to publish overall school and subject grade statistics.

GCSE Certificates

Please remind your son/daughter to collect their GCSE certificates, which will be available for collection from the school reception from 7th January 2019.

May I end by wishing all our students a positive few weeks and please do not hesitate to contact the school if your son or daughter needs any support with their revision or any other particular concern over the next few weeks.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

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