



Sherburn High School

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Dear parents, carers and students,

Re: End of Term Letter

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Term 1 Achievements

As we approach the end of an extremely successful term, I wanted to reflect upon the many individual and collective achievements of our students. Whilst our students continue to achieve magnificently well in the classroom, as you will see below, there have also been a range of achievements that have taken place outside of the classroom:

- Within our first Assessment Point cycle, over 97% of our students in Years 7 – 11 have Attitude to Learning only containing 3s and 4s!
- Over 60% of our students have attended a wider-curriculum activity (with Chess Club, rehearsals for “Matlida” and Football still proving to be the most popular!) this is a remarkable achievement from our students and evidences their commitment to pursuing their passions.
- More students than ever before have been recognised for a reward, through our Year 11 Reward Cards, Positive Postcards, Praise Breakfasts, Year 7 First 50 Days celebration tea and next week our Year 9 film reward! And it doesn’t stop there, next week each Head of Year will be running a Celebration Assembly, where we will take a moment to praise and celebrate more of our fantastic students!

Arrangements for Next Week

Monday 16th December	Year 13 PPEs begin
Tuesday 17 th December and Wednesday 18 th December	Lessons as normal
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School Christmas Dinner
Friday 20th December	Non-uniform day
	School closes at 12:25 p.m.

Bus services on Friday 20th December: Please note that the Arriva service to Byram have advised that they are not able to collect students early on this date.

All other buses will arrive at 12:25 pm on this date.

Lost Property!

Our student reception area is filled with lost property, including some lovely and very expensive looking coats! Any items not collected by the end of next week will be donated to charity!

Important Updates for January

1. Important Changes to Lunchtime Arrangements from January 2025

Thanks to the recent purchase of additional seating for students from January 6th, 2025, the following changes will be made to our lunchtime arrangements:

1. Students will no longer be able to take food out of the dining room
2. All students will be expected to sit down whilst eating their lunch

3. Year 7 students will have their lunch in the Year 7 area used at break time and Year 10 will use the main hall
4. Students in Years 8, 9 and 11 will continue to eat their lunch in their designated areas

The above action is being taken as part of our drive to improve our catering facilities for students.

2. Important changes to the way we communicate with parents and carers

Please look out for a letter next week about Class Charts which will be the new way we communicate with parents and carers. We are really excited about this new facility and the improved communication it will bring!

Wellbeing and Safeguarding over the Christmas Holidays

Whilst for many, the Christmas holidays is a time of joy and celebration we also know that it can be an extremely stressful time for young people and their families. If you feel in need of any support, please do reach out to one of the organisations below and remember that you can also communicate with us, via our Tell Us function on the school website (under the safeguarding tab).

Lifelines

- *The NSPCC* are here to help 24/7 and children can call their Childline number on 0800 1111
- *Help for adults* concerned about a child can call 0808 800 5000
- *Shout* is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text 85258

I have also enclosed this month's STAR MAT Safeguarding Bulletin.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents/carers for their support over the course of this academic year so far. I firmly believe that working as a community of staff, students and parents/carers, we have achieved amazing things over the course of the Autumn Term, and I look forward to seeing what we can achieve together in 2025.

I hope you have an enjoyable, restful and safe holiday and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Kind regards,

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher