

Message from Mrs Stamford

We are back into the swing of school life and students have settled well into the new term now and are back into their routines. Classrooms are calm and purposeful with students thinking all of the time in their lessons.

Last night we held our Year 8 progress evening. We hope you found the evening useful in discussing your child's progress, attainment and effort.

Tickets for our show stopper Beauty and the Beast Jr go on sale on 2 February for our show dates of:

- Wednesday 25 February

- Thursday 26 February
- Friday 27 February
- Saturday 28 February

All shows start at 7pm and are priced at £6.00 each. These are available via the Scopay app. Thank you in advance for your support, I'm sure like previous shows it will be an absolute spectacular performance!

Next week our second round of mock exams begin for Year 11 and Year 13. A reminder that where afternoon exams go past 2:45pm students will be expected to

remain in the exam for the duration of the exam.

Over the next few weeks Mrs Fox-Lawson will be recruiting Year 9 and 10 students for the next cohort wishing to undertake their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. The award comprises four components: volunteering, physical activities, showcase of skills and an overnight expedition. To become involved, please see Mrs Fox-Lawson in room 3 on Wednesday lunchtimes.

Mrs Stamford
Head of School

SPARX Reminders

As we return to School after the Christmas and New Year break now is a good time to remind all of our parents and carers of the expectations we hold of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 with regards to homework. Please support your child to complete their weekly Sparx homework and please let us know of any problems you encounter that we can assist with.

Students are set Sparx homework on Sparx Reader, Sparx Maths and Sparx Science every Wednesday. This homework is due the following Wednesday morning at 8:25am. Completion earns students up to 17 routine stamps every week.

If students do not make a reasonable attempt at each Sparx homework (30 minutes) you will receive a reminder about this on a Wednesday through Edulink. If, by Thursday morning students have still not made a reasonable attempt they will be placed into a Sparx support detention after School on a Friday.

We have a number of opportunities within the School day for students to access support with completing their Sparx and we encourage students to utilise this support.

Homework club in the LRC after School on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Sparx reader support on a Tuesday lunchtime (Room 2) and a Thursday lunchtime (Room 15)

Sparx maths support on a Thursday and Friday lunchtime in Room 61

Sparx science support on a Wednesday lunchtime in Room 47

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Oceane, Alfie and Lacey who represented the School at the Humberside Schools Cross Country in Scunthorpe. A star performance from Oceane, finishing 9th, which sees her qualify as first reserve for the Humberside team at the National Schools Cross Country competition in Liverpool in March.





A great turnout at Year 8 Parents Evening this week - thank you to all our parents / carers who turned up despite the pretty horrible weather! Feedback has been really positive - thank you for your continued support.

This week Mr Temple, Director of Science, completed some data analysis on Sparx Homework for Year 7 and the correlation between Sparx Homework completion and Science Assessment Outcomes. His findings are below -

Mrs Bone's Newsflash

- * Students that have done less than 10% of their homework have averaged half the marks of the average student (score) in their science assessments.
- * Students that have completed 50% or less of their science homework scored 30% less marks than the average student (score) in their science assessments.
- * Students who have completed 90% or more of their homework scored 11% more marks than the average student (score) in their science assessments.

This is by far the soundest data we have for our context that Sparx Homework is worth doing! Thank you for your support in ensuring your child(ren) completes their homework on a weekly basis as it is clearly paying off in terms of their academic progress.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs S Bone

Executive Headteacher



It's boring in Brid...
It's depressing in Driffield...
It's horrible in Hornsea...

If you're not getting the most out of the East Coast come and join Catnip, a Bridlington-based Dance and drama group, led by Red Kite Theatre.

We will be meeting weekly in Bridlington, in the Yoga Studio at Planetwise Vegan Cafe, and every session will be different. Join us for drama games and skills, improvisation, comedy, dance, musical theatre, clowning, and playful fun.

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- For girls aged 11-16
- No previous experience needed, and sessions are drop in, no commitment required
- Led by an experienced drama graduate, actor, workshop facilitator, and Mum of two who has an enhanced DBS check, and carries full public liability insurance
- There will be a small weekly fee, but free, and discounted places are available for low income families

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5.30pm to 6.30pm

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY
ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT
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THURSDAY 22 JANUARY
TASTER DAY-SECONDARY
The Ruth Gorse Academy
10.00am to 2.00pm

THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY
INFORMATION EVENING
Online | 5.30pm to 6.30pm

TUESDAY 24 MARCH
INFORMATION EVENING
City Centre Training Base
5.30pm to 6.30pm

THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY
ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT
Online | 10.00am to 3.00pm

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY
INFORMATION EVENING
City Centre Training Base
5.30pm to 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH
TASTER DAY-PRIMARY
Little London Academy
10.00am to 2.00pm

THURSDAY 19 MARCH
ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT
Online | 10.00am to 3.00pm

FRIDAY 27 MARCH
TASTER DAY-SECONDARY
The Ruth Gorse Academy
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