

A message from Mrs Rothenburg

We've had another great week here at Millthorpe. I continue to be impressed with our students' enthusiasm and how they are demonstrating our school values so beautifully. Currently 99% of all entries on Class Charts are green. This is something we should all be really proud of – it really does show the strength of our culture at Millthorpe.

Year 9 enjoyed a performance and workshop called 'Hooked' which explored the dangers of smoking and vaping. Our visitors commented on how respectful the students were throughout.

Our new Sports Leaders had a wonderful time at Poppleton Primary School this week, starting our transition work with Year 4 students. This is our second cohort of Sports Leaders and we are already proud of how well they planned and delivered their first session with our feeder primary schools.

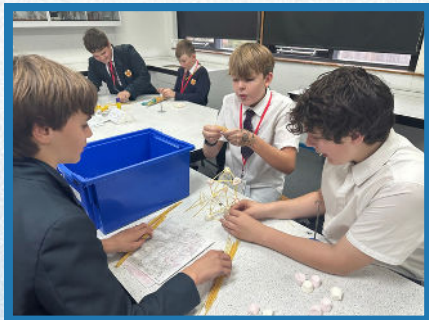
It has been a pleasure to show some of the Year 6 pupils and their families around Millthorpe this week. Anyone who was unable to attend the Open Evening is very welcome to visit us at another time – please [contact us](#) to make arrangements.



Kavina Rothenburg, Principal

ENRICHMENT

In week 5 students have experienced some amazing activities in their enrichment clubs. We have highlighted a few below: Book club, Science club, dance club and football club. It is amazing to see so many students attending enrichment every single day.



BOOK CLUB

A large part of Book Club is taking part in the York Book Award. The York Book Award is a children's literature prize celebrating books for Year 7 and 8 students run by local school librarians and voted for entirely by students across York. At all stages the books are nominated and rated by students.

This week the Longlist came out and we set about reading the first 300 words of ten unspecified books and everyone chose their favourite five and started to rate them. We will input our scores, and with other secondary schools doing so too, on 2nd November we will find out the final five shortlisted books. The award culminates in March with a star studded ceremony, which is always a delight, and a wonderful opportunity for students to meet authors and fellow book lovers.



DANCE CLUB

Dance Enrichment has started off with a bang this term! We had an amazing turn out from lots of new students and our returning students. We even had a visit from the PE team who joined in with our 'Joy' routine and quickly made a run for it when asked to perform what they had learnt. It was brilliant for our students to see that dance is inclusive and for everyone...Mr Randall in particular was a shining example of this!

Please note, there is no waiting list for Dance Club so if you are thinking about joining we would love to see you there!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12 October

French and German speaking exams start

Monday 19 October

Popcorn and Pictures reward event

Tuesday 20 October

Year 7 Transition Review Evening

Wednesday 21 October

School breaks up for Half Term

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY ARE UNWELL

We ask that parents/carers make arrangements to collect their child if they become unwell and need to go home during the school day. In the interests of their safety and wellbeing, if a child is too unwell to complete the day at school, it would not be appropriate for them to walk home alone. We therefore ask for your support in ensuring that your child is collected promptly when they are deemed too unwell to remain in school.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENINGS AND TASTER DAYS

York College Open Evenings/Mornings

Saturday 7th November - 10am - 12.30pm

Thursday 19th November - 5.30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 17th February - 5.30pm - 8pm

Thursday 29th April - 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Please note you do not have to book a place to attend, they just like to have an idea of what people are interested in studying so they can think about the number of classes they might need to put on.

York College Year 11 Taster Day bookings are now open. Students can choose which Taster Day they would like to book on: Tuesday 12th January or Thursday 14th January. Students should choose one of the days to attend, and we advise students to check with school before booking. Booking early is strongly recommended as some courses fill up quickly. The deadline for all bookings is Sunday 22 November.

Details and registration for all open events and taster days is via the [Events for School Leavers pages](#) – and information can also be found on their [Events pages](#).

All Saints Open Evening is Tuesday 10th November. The booking link is [here](#). Please note that you will need to book a timeslot to hear the Headteacher's speech. The spaces book up quickly. Their taster day is on Tuesday 12 January. Details and the booking link can be found [here](#).

Fulford's Open Evening is Wednesday 11th November. The link for bookings is not yet available. Details of their sixth form offer can be found [here](#).

Huntington's Open Evening is Thursday 19th November. No booking is required. There will be a brief talk in the evening. Details of their sixth form offer can be found [here](#).

Joseph Rowntree's Open Evening is not yet announced. Details of their sixth form offer can be found [here](#).

Archbishops Holgate's Open Evening is Tuesday 17th November 6pm - 8pm. You can find details [here](#).

ASSEMBLY SHOUT OUTS – COMPUTING

This week's [shout outs](#) come from the Computing Department.

ONLINE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Remember that you can access a range of information to support both students and their parents/carers via our [online support app called Padlet](#).

Padlet signposts the user to a range of websites and resources, providing support and advice relating to mental health, exam stress, online safety, self care, managing emotions, young carers, family support and more.

You can visit the Padlets by scanning the QR codes here.



[Guidance for Parents and Carers about “Online Harm Groups” \(or “Com Groups”\)](#)

Please see [this guide](#) for practical support and guidance to help your child to stay safe online. This has been produced by CEOP, the national Child Exploitation and Online Protection command.

JOIN EXCEL LEARNING TRUST IN GOVERNANCE

Excel Learning Trust is looking for passionate, community-minded volunteers to join our governance community as Members, Trustees, and Academy Committee Members. By giving your time, you will play a vital role in ensuring children and young people across our primary, secondary, and alternative provision schools experience educational excellence every day. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds, no prior governance experience is required, and full training and support will be provided. Whether you want to support a local school committee or help guide the Trust's strategic direction at board level, your unique skills can make a real difference.

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