

A message from Mrs Rothenburg

I can hardly believe that we are already at the end of the first half term. There are so many things to be proud of this term, and some of the highlights include:

- Our Year 7 students have quickly become part of our school community, and it feels as though they have always been here. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into life at Millthorpe.
- Our enrichment programme is truly unique, with more than 80 clubs and interventions taking place after school each week. Over 70% of our students take part in enrichment activities every week, and the programme is shaped by student voice.
- Our students have enjoyed performances and workshops from several visiting theatre companies, whose representatives consistently comment on how respectful and engaged our students are.
- Our Year 7 students took part in Restart a Heart Day, developing valuable lifesaving skills.
- Our Year 10 students have completed their applications to become our new Student Leaders, while our current Year 11 Student Leaders have continued to support Year 7 transition during form time and have delivered assemblies to students across the school.
- Our Open Evening was a tremendous success, with more families visiting us than ever before.
- We are extremely proud of the culture we have built at Millthorpe and the positive relationships across our school community. These ensure that our students feel safe, happy and ready to learn. Achieving 99% green points on Class Charts is something we can all be proud of.
- Mrs Pennington, Mrs Horsfall and members of the Senior Leadership Team have met individually with every Year 11 student to ensure they have everything they need to make this their best year possible. We look forward to holding similar one-to-one meetings with our Year 7 students next half term.

I hope everyone has a wonderful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 2 November for Week B.



Kavina Rothenburg, Principal

POETRY LIVE FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

A reminder that all Year 11 students have the opportunity to attend this incredibly useful event on 28 January, ahead of their GCSE English Literature exams next summer. It features authors of some of the poems in the GCSE anthology talking and answering questions about their work and a Chief Examiner giving top tips about how to do well in the exams. You can secure your child's place via ParentPay: families should have received an email with all the details - please contact the school if you need any further information.

IMMUNISATION

The York school immunisation team visited last week to administer annual flu vaccinations. Because some students could not be seen during the allocated time, an additional session has been scheduled for 9th December to vaccinate the remaining pupils.

MILLTHORPIANS EXCEL AT SCIENCE SHOWDOWN

Four students in Year 11 - Henry Williams, Rosie Fearn, Esther De La Pena, Sam Else - took part in a highly competitive science quiz against teams from the 13 different schools that are part of the York ISSP partnership. The Millthorpe students clinched a fantastic 3rd place overall, making them the highest scoring non-6th form team in the competition. Well done team!

ASSEMBLY SHOUT-OUTS

This week's shout-outs come from the [Maths Department](#)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SEND Central

A copy of the SEND Central newsletter can be found [here](#) including details of a Halloween Event on 29 October, and courses on supporting young people with mental wellbeing, autism, sleep, worry management, OCD and much more.

National Saturday Club

The National Saturday Club is an established UK-wide network that gives 13-to-16-year-olds the unique opportunity to study subjects they love for FREE, on a Saturday at their local university, college or cultural institution.

In York, applications are currently open to join:

- [York Art Gallery Art&Design Saturday Club](#)
- [York St John University Art&Design Saturday Club](#)

The Club at York Art Gallery is offering a free drop in taster session on Saturday 14th November, 10am-12 noon. You can find more information about that session [here](#).

Dyslexia Talk

Please see the flyer below for details of an event about dyslexia at St Peter's School.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/made-by-dyslexia-event-senior-tickets-2001162870014>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2 November
school re-opens after Half Term

Wednesday 11 November
Year 8 Progress Evening





Join us for a screening of the short film for Years 11-13
(plus parents & carers)

Q What is dyslexia?



With special guests, Kate Griggs, Founder of global charity, Made By Dyslexia (Exec Producer of film), Dame Maggie Aderin, space scientist, and guests from leading global workplaces and find out why dyslexic's have the world's most sought-after skills.

When 2 November 2026
5.00pm-6.00pm

Where St Peter's School, York

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.

To learn more about the roles available and to apply please visit [here](#). Applications close on 1st November 2026.



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