

Easter Holiday

We break up for the Easter holidays at 15:50 on Friday 21 March. School re-opens on Monday 07 April at 09:00. The Year 8 parents' evening is scheduled for Thursday, 10 April from 18.30. There will be an information meeting on options at 18+ for Y12 students and parents on Thursday, 17 April at 19.30.

HENRY

A final reminder that a few tickets are still available for "Henry". It is being performed at 19:30 on Monday 17, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 March in the West Wing Hall. Tickets have been priced at £2 and £1 so that the whole family can come along and enjoy what promises to be a most enjoyable evening. Tickets are on sale from West Wing Office before school and at break and from the West Wing Entrance throughout lunch-times.

Do not bring to school: glass, correcting fluid, aerosols.....

In the interests of safety the School does not allow certain articles to be brought to school. The list includes glass bottles, matches, lighters, tobacco, alcohol, knives, fireworks or any potentially dangerous item. Given the dangers of fire and misuse aerosols of all descriptions are no longer allowed in school. Please can parents ensure that alternative forms of toiletries are brought for use after showers. Parents will be aware from media reports that inhaling solvent vapours is very dangerous and has led to death on occasions. Information leaflets are available from school on request.

Financial planning for university/college

Although North Yorkshire County Council is still meeting tuition fees for students in higher education (university and colleges) the grant for board, lodging and study materials is in no way enough for a student to survive on. Whereas a few years ago students were able to manage on their grant, all students now have to rely on either additional money from home (over and above the means tested contribution to the official grant) or a bank loan or both. On Wednesday 23 April there will be a short presentation in West Wing Hall at 19:30 giving advice to parents on financial planning for their son's/daughter's time in higher education. Without a doubt the best time to start the planning is whilst children are still at primary school –this invitation is also going out to Primary schools – but even when children are at secondary level plans can be made. There will be absolutely no obligation to accept the advice offered and certainly no obligation at all to take out a financial plan with the company presenting the information. Do, though, come along and find out how you can prepare for the financial pressures of having a student in the family.

PTA Line Dance

Saturday 19 April

Tickets from Hopper's in the Market Place
The PTA is offering everyone the chance to catch up with line dancing. The evening is aimed at beginners but those skilled and drilled in the arts of line dancing will also be welcome. Do come along and bring your friends. Please do wear soft-soled shoes to protect our wooden floor.

The next Newsletter is due on 11 April.