



DINNINGTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE SIXTH FORM

1. Achievement

For the fourth year in a row, examination performance at 'A' level improved. In 2011 99% of all students gained a pass grade (A*-E) and 66% of all students gained an A*-C. All students who applied to university and wished to go achieved a place.

2. Opportunity

Students will gain access to a wide variety of AS and A2 courses as well as access to extra-curricular activities, e.g. Duke of Edinburgh, Common Room facilities.

All Sixth Form students have considerable support from the dedicated Sixth Form team in a wide range of areas, e.g. academic support, Higher Education advice and support, assistance with university applications.

All students have the opportunity to join one of the Sixth Form 'task groups' to develop their social and personal skills as well as to give something back to the school community. Examples include; student ambassadors, mentoring, fundraising and in-class support.

3. Enjoyment

Sixth Form students enjoy the more focused study in Y12 and Y13 in classes that are often significantly smaller than in years 7-11. Access to the Sixth Form Common and Study Room and a more collegiate atmosphere makes the Sixth Form a very different experience.

4. Equality

We operate an open access policy to our Sixth Form. If we have an appropriate course for you, and you have the correct entry qualifications and can demonstrate a desire to learn and achieve, then we will accept you. We will monitor you closely and involve you in discussions on your progress. We will always help you to achieve.

5. Respect

As a member of the Sixth Form you will be a 'role' model to other years. School staff will treat you as adult learners and will expect you to respond appropriately. You will be given greater freedoms not enjoyed by younger students, e.g. independent study periods.

Want to find out more?

Post 16 Open Evening – Tuesday 1st November at 6.00 p.m.

***Or speak to your Form Tutor/any teacher/
Mrs. H. Butler (Head of Post 16 Students)***

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Heads of House

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Segrave: Miss G. Pickles ext 432

Athorpe: Mrs H. Butler ext 444

Assistant Head of House

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Mrs Roberts 559558

Osborne: Mrs McFarlane 559532

Mrs Kirkham 559546

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Mrs Sell 559531

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NEW RECEPTION TIMES AFTER HALF TERM

Please note that from Monday 31st October 2011, reception hours will be extended on Monday-Thursday, as follows:

***Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
8.00 am to 4.30 pm***

***Friday
8.00 am to 3.30 pm***

REMINDER:

Parents "Drop In" on Wednesdays after school, 3.30 - 4.30 pm, where parents can call into school, without an appointment, to discuss any issues or have a chat with a member of the Senior Leadership Team on duty.



UNIFORM

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of parents who ensure that their sons and daughters are dressed in the correct uniform.

Obviously, from time to time, some students then 'adjust' their uniform on their way to school. We will be applying the uniform regulations more rigorously this year and will, if required, either send students home to change or isolate students who are not in the correct uniform.

In the first instance, however, we will contact home to discuss the issue.

The key issues at the moment are:

- Shoes – that are not black
- Skirts – that are too short

If at any time you are in any doubt as to whether an item of clothing or footwear you are about to purchase will be acceptable then please ring your child's Head of House to check.

HIGH ENERGY DRINKS



Students are allowed to drink water in school and in lessons where it is safe to do so.

However, high energy drinks lead to a lack of concentration and poor behaviour.

Students seen with these high energy drinks, especially those with high caffeine, will have the drink confiscated.

MOBILE PHONES/ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

REMINDER OF SCHOOL POLICY

- All phones/electronic equipment should be turned off and out of sight in lessons.
- If subsequently seen or used then the item will be confiscated and handed to Student Welfare Reception (*it will be returned at the end of the day unless this is the third occasion in which case parents will be contacted and asked to collect the item.*)
- If there is a legitimate reason to use the electronic item the teacher will clearly instruct the student that it is OK to use, e.g. the calculator.

School Meals - Sample menus

*Chilli Beef Tacos with Salsa
Or*

*Goan Vegetable Curry with Coconut & Lime
with Rice*

Wholemeal Loaf

*Cauliflower Florets, Carrots Batons
or a mixed Salad*

*Jam Roly Poly with Vanilla Custard or
a piece of fresh fruit*



*Breast of Turkey pot-roasted in Sweet Paprika served
with Cranberry Sauce and Gravy
Or*

Quorn and Vegetable Lasagne

Crispy Roast Potatoes

Floured Plait

Puree of Swede, Savoy Cabbage or a mixed side salad

*Sticky Toffee Pudding with Vanilla Custard or
a piece of fresh fruit*



These are just two examples of what is available at lunch time at a cost of only £2.00



Please have respect and care for your environment and throw your litter in a bin!

Both in and out of school!!!