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Dear Parents,

As we near the end of our Spring term I have lots of upcoming events and dates to share. We have had a great term, engaging in lots of purposeful fieldwork and responding to our expeditionary guiding questions. Teaching teams are currently updating data sets and we have celebrated Student Led Conferences, Passage presentations and Student Teacher led conferences for all of our year groups.

Please check out our blog for lots of updates from crews, subjects and expeditions.

3.15pm finish on last day of term

As we finish for Easter on a Thursday we would like students to remain in school until 3.15pm. As we have our Leading our own Learning sessions for Y10 and Y11 (C27 and C26), these 2 hours on the Thursday afternoon are vital to the GCSE and BTEC choice curriculum. Our KS3 students will also benefit by ending the school day at 3.15pm.

D6

We have had a great turn out at our D6 Saturday study sessions for our C26 (Y11) Students, this provision will open for taster sessions to C27 alongside C26 (Y10 students) on the 20th and 27th April 9.30am-12 pm to support with revision for the C27 mock exams.

Appreciation for support of same day reflection

We would like to appreciate parents for their support with our same day reflection protocol, this has rebooted for some individuals the cultural norms for students at XP and XP East. As such, our students are using their voices more in our community meetings to hold each other to account and verbalising apologies to put right any concerns around behaviour.

Instinct Training

During this term XP Outdoors has been slightly different, we had the privilege of collaborating with the exceptional Instincts Training Crew. It was an engaging and educational 4 week experience that took us on a journey, providing valuable insights into the principles of staying self online, the consequences of violence in 'One punch can kill' learning, misogyny, what that looks, sounds and feels like and self-defence and equipping us with the knowledge of how to protect ourselves in potentially threatening situations. We are incredibly proud of the engagement and participation from our students, their valuable input has also forged new ideas and content for Instinct Training to help support other young people.

Faster Reader in Y9 (C28)

We have trialled a new approach to reading with our C28 students this term, this approach has exposed our students to 2 high quality, high challenge anchor texts which have been taught concurrently and have been explored at pace. This has supported students to accelerate their reading progress. The average improvement across Y9 classes has been over a year's progress in reading ages within 6 weeks of the programme. We are so proud of the progress these students have made through these adaptations to the curriculum. This will be rolled out to further year groups as we move into the summer term expeditions.

Y9 Maths update

We are introducing some flexible grouping sessions into C28 (Y9) maths lessons to respond to the needs of the students in the year 9 cohort. We have understood that as year 9 has progressed, some students in the year have struggled to access the curriculum while others need increased challenge and this varies between topics and within an expedition. As such students will move between teachers and classes to ensure there is increased challenge and support for all students in the year group. In addition Y8 have built in some flexibility to their maths session which follows a skills based assessments task to ensure common misconceptions can be fully explored.

Clarity around English grades in KS3 Snapshots

In English at KS3 students have a combined predicted grade for English. Sometimes this grade will reflect a student's progress with their literature skills in English. This means their ability to comprehend and recall texts as well as analyse use of language, themes and character. Sometimes the grade will reflect a student's progress with their language skills in English. This means their ability to

write a length creatively and accurately adapting their time and style to meet the needs of the audience as well as understand novel fiction and non-fiction extracts. As a result this can mean there is a fluctuation in their grade and it reflects their skills in different areas. We are aware this can appear that students are a concern one term and performing well the next term or vice versa. We are working on resolving this in our academic performance work this term.

FXP tuck shop

We held our first FXP Tuck Shop on the 7th March, at this event we raised over £100 which will further support opportunities for our students. Thanks to those parents who have supported this.

FXP Easter Draw

From Monday 22nd March until Wednesday 24th March students will be able to purchase Easter draw tickets from the school office (50p a ticket), we have lots of prizes donated by parents and staff already for this event. More info is available on the blog and parent facebook pages. We are still accepting chocolate eggs and donations for the FXP Easter draw for prizes.

Upcoming dates for your diaries

Upcoming dates for Y11 are posted regularly on the school website by Miss Cocliff and Mrs Parker, please check in with the Y11 (C26) planner weekly to ensure you're not missing any learning opportunities or upcoming events.

Duke of Edinburgh events

DofE Bronze Practice C28

8.30am-8pm

XPE School	17th May 2024
XP School	10th May 2024

DofE Bronze Expedition C28:

2 day & 1 night expedition

XP School	27th & 28th June 2024
XPE School	20th & 21st June 2024

Presentations of Learning for Spring Term expeditions

X30 25th April

E30 23rd April

X29 provisionally week beginning 22nd April

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X28 8th May

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X27 Awaiting confirmation from venue (further details to follow will be after Easter break)

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The list below is some of the upcoming dates for your diaries, please keep your eyes out on the blog for further dates and invites to events.

- **26th March**- Big Talk for Year 7 and 8.
- **28th March** - Break up for Easter at 3.15pm (please note this change of time).
- **Easter holidays**- Year 11 will be invited into school during the second week for key revision sessions. Thank you to staff for giving up their holidays to improve student outcomes.
- **22nd April - 3rd May** C27 (Y10) Mock GCSEs
- **6th May** Bank Holiday - school closed
- **7th May** C26 (Y11) GCSEs start
- **May holiday** Year 11 attending sessions. Thank you to staff for giving up their holidays to improve student outcomes.
- **Week beginning 3rd and 10th June** C31 transition meetings
- **17th - 21st June** C27 Work Experience
- **21st and 24th June** - Staff days 9 and 10, school closed to students
- 27th June C27 New College Taster morning
- **28th June C26** final day at school. (Lots of information to follow about C26 from Miss Cocliff and Mrs Parker), Please also check in on the weekly WOOP shared via the website blog posts and emails.
- **5th July** Sports day
- **5th July** C26 Prom - £35 a ticket organised by parents (please contact Miss Cocliff and Mrs Parker for direct contact details for prom)
- **9th - 11th July** C31 transition days
- **10th July** C27 Doncaster College taster day
- **16th July** C27 John Leggott College taster day

Further events (dates to be confirmed)

- C27 Mock interviews-Starting in the Summer term and continuing into September
- C30, C29 and C28 will have their final SLC of the school year in June, further details will be communicated to you in due course.
- C27 will have their first Student Teacher Led conferences in June following their Mocks, further details will be communicated to you in due course.
- Monthly Tuck shop - NFoXP

As always, if you have any questions about your son or daughter please get in touch with your child's Crew Leader in the first instance or email general enquiries to office@xpschool.org or office@xpeast.org

Thanks

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