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CEO of XP Trust: Gwyn ap Harri

Dear Parent,

Welcome back to what promises to be another fantastic year for XP and XP East. Our first week back has been phenomenal with C31 (Y7) fully embracing their outward bounds experience at Ullswater, C30 engaging in purposeful service learning through their work at Sandall Beat Wood, C29 developing skills in readiness for their Duke of Edinburgh at Flamborough, C28 demonstrating 'random acts of kindness' across Doncaster City and C27 working with our Alumni students to fully understand how the year ahead will set them up to succeed, - the blog is bursting with photographs and stories from the week.

I am writing to you as we start the year with a few reminders and updates so we start the year smoothly.

Dress Code reminders

Our dress code can be found [here](#) on the school website, we ask that students are both modest and safe in their choice of clothing for school whilst also having the freedom to be themselves in what they choose to wear.

If a student is not in acceptable dress, their Crew Leader will give them a clear and specific reason why, and how to correct it. If necessary, students may be instructed to wear school-provided branded clothing for that day. If no acceptable clothing is available, the student may not be able to take part in activities.

Crew Leaders will challenge students who deliberately break the dress code, including regularly not coming with appropriate PE or outdoor expedition kit.

Attendance reminders

At the end of the year I highlighted the attendance changes in our monthly update. In accordance with the statutory DFE 'Working together to improve school attendance' guidance, we must issue educational penalty notices for holidays taken during term time. There has been additional guidance set out around persistent and concerning attendance. I know some parents have received a bespoke letter this week due to falling into one of those categories. We want to work with you to improve your child's attendance where this is a concern as we want to avoid the challenges we face around issuing fines where we know reasons for absence are unavoidable. Please support us with this as we want to work with you as always. Unfortunately, we are unable to authorise any holidays, further information about this can be found in this [letter](#).

Parents information sharing - google form

It is important to us when your child returns, that we are as prepared as we can be to settle your child back into school life. Please complete this form to let us know how the holiday was for your child and tell us anything you feel might help with this transition.

<https://forms.gle/VHD8CpVknRFCXVRL7>

Reading push

As ever we continue to raise the profile of reading around school, with our reading boxes in crew, crew shared reading books and the approaches we use to reading in school. If you are able to, please support us with buying your child additional reading materials at home, comics, newspapers, novels or factual reading can all support with reading. We are able to make recommendations where you are unsure. The average reading age for a student to access the GCSE papers is 15 years and 7 months. The average reading age of a student in Y8 ranges from 8 years to 16 years and therefore it is essential that all students are exposed to reading often.

In addition your child should be bringing home a leaflet about extended study with expectations around their engagement in extended study, this will also be shared with you via email over the next week.

Basic equipment check every morning

In crew, every morning we complete a basic equipment check, The equipment expectations can be found below;

All students should have a;

- Bag
- Water bottle
- Reading book
- Pencil case containing - Pen, Pencil, ruler, whiteboard pen (spares are available to purchase at 50p an item at the school office as needed)
- Charged iPad (this should be fully charged for the day ahead)
- PE Kit / outdoor kit when necessary

Mobile phones MUST NOT be used in school (in lines with national guidance), they should be turned off and in bags. Students found using their mobile phones in school will be asked to hand them to a staff member and left in the office to be collected at the end of the school day. Persistent misuse of mobile phones will result in appropriate consequences.

Communication with school

As always, if you'd like to reach out to school please contact your child's crew leader in the first instance. The contact details of phase leaders can be found below for any queries you'd like to escalate or if you have been waiting for a response from a crew leader longer than you expected.

X31 (Crew names yet to be decided) Year 7 at XP School				E31 (Crew names yet to be decided) Year 7 at XP East School			
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Phase Leader: Mrs Parker aparker@xpschool.org							

Year 11 GCSE Information Evening

We'd like to invite all parents and carers of students in Year 11 for our GCSE information evening which will take place on Wednesday 11th September from 17.00 until 18.00 in XP East. This will be an opportunity for parents to receive up to date information on the upcoming GCSE exams next Spring. Subject Leaders will talk you through the different exams, specifications and giving advice for students and how they can prepare over the months to come. We look forward to seeing you there.

Staff Days

A reminder our first staff days this academic year are Friday 20th and Monday 23rd September, on these dates school will not be open for students. The yearly calendar can be found on the website and is linked here for reference.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B2X8vASFk19ELosLmDUUnW_Wy61bcYDL/view

Same Day Reflection process

We have the highest expectations of students at XP Doncaster Schools in terms of both their behaviour and progress at school. This is underpinned by our Habits of Work and Learning as we expect all of our students to 'Work Hard, Get Smart and Be Kind' and demonstrate our character traits of 'Courage, Respect, Craftsmanship and Quality, Compassion and Integrity'. These shape and determine the culture at the school. It is with these high expectations in mind that its important where students fall short of these high expectations that they have an opportunity to restore the relationships with the other members of our community. We do this through our same day reflections, where these have been issued letters will be emailed to primary contacts before 2.15pm.

Key dates for the diary

Wednesday 11th September - Y11 (C27) GCSE Information Evening (Look out for further information)

Week Beginning 16th/23rd September - KS3 Student Led Conferences (details to follow)

Friday 20th and Monday 23rd September - Staff Days 1&2 (no students in school on these days)

Thursday 26th September - Open Evening for Y5 and Y6 students

Week beginning 30th September - Art Mock exams for C27

Thursday 10th October BTec Sport and Health / Social Care drop down day for C27

Friday 18th October Break up for half term - 2 weeks (School will finish at 3.15pm at October, February and May half terms, 1.30pm at Christmas, Easter and Summer)

Update Medical and parent contact information

As we continue to ensure that our records are accurate and up to date, we kindly request that you take a few moments to review and update your child's information on file. This includes any changes to personal details, medical information, and consent.

To facilitate this process, we have created a Google Form that will allow you to easily submit any updates or changes. Accurate and current information is vital to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, especially in case of emergencies.

Please follow the link below to access the form and complete it at your earliest convenience: [Update Student information by clicking here \(by 27.9.24\)](#)

Car Park Safety Protocol

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents about our system for using Car Park 3 to pick up and drop off students.

Please could parents observe the speed limits so that students aren't put at risk and can we be patient with one another as the car park does get congested, particularly at the end of the day.

If parents could use the proposed routes as suggested in the picture below then we should be able to ensure a steady flow through the car park.

In addition, please could we ask that you switch your engine off whilst you wait, in the interests of keeping the environment as healthy as possible for our students and the wider community.



Thanks as always for your continued support,

Mrs Clair Salter