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CEO of XP Trust: Gwyn ap Harri

Dear Parent,

I am writing to you as we move into our final couple of weeks of the term to share the key dates and celebrations of the term so far. We have been so busy this term, I hope you've managed to catch some of the celebratory work on the school website blogs and the stories shared by the trust each week.

Attendance

Thanks to all of those parents and students who have risen to the challenges of the attendance guidance published by the DfE in August. We are delighted to share that our attendance for XP School was in the top 25% of schools nationally last year. XP East was just above the national average.



Please also be reminded that parents are expected to inform school when their child is unable to attend due to illness. We are obliged to complete home visits where non attendance occurs and there is no communication.

Highlights of this term

There have been some amazing highlights this term, I've included just a few below.

On Friday 15 November Koen Timmers, the world renowned climate educator, visited XP East to present our students with a plaque entitled, 'Climate Action Heroes' in recognition of the work done by students across our Trust in pursuit of our curriculum seam of 'Protecting Our Planet.'

Thursday Night Live, our first Live music session, led entirely by the students who form our rock bands in school was phenomenal, we are excited to continue to develop these opportunities alongside our sports, dance and drama successes, continuing to widen opportunities for our students.

We have hosted visitors from Switzerland, Australia, Belgium, Aberdeen and Hong Kong since half term at XP East, all of whom left very positive feedback about Crew and Expeditions and the confidence of our students.

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We were recognised as a Bronze award school due to the engagement with 'rail safe' through our crew curriculum.

All of this is in addition to our Charity work in crew, development of Duke of Edinburgh skills and physical fitness, student and teacher led conferences, C26 celebration event, Outward bounds, fieldwork, expert sessions and rigorous curriculum work. We are so proud of our students for their developing character, beautiful work and academic successes.

PE has had a fantastic term. Some highlights were the Year 7½ girls football team winning their first football tournament, hopefully there will be many more to come. The KS3 and KS4 badminton teams played lots of fixtures and secured a place in the next round. We took students to the cross country event at the Keepmoat where 2 students were successful into the next round, where they will race against schools across Yorkshire. Well done to all the XP/XP East sports teams.

D6

Our D6 provision will commence after the Christmas break and run on the following dates. (11/ 18/ 25 January, 1/ 8 February, 1/ 8/ 22 March, 28 April and 17th May. A reminder that students in Y11 are able to access school to study and revise on a Saturday 9.30am-12pm. Please contact crew leaders or Mrs Poncia and Miss Cocliff to find out more information.

Last Day of term

A reminder that school will close at 1.30pm to students on Friday 20th December.

Additional Key dates for the diary over the next 2 weeks...

12th December - Christmas Jumper day, Christmas Dinner and our annual Santa Dash.

Details of our upcoming Presentations of Learning, please be reminded that it is essential that parents do their utmost to attend our Presentations of Learning to ensure there is a captive audience for our students. Non attendance by students is picked up in school as the Presentation of Learning continues to be a core part of our curriculum and culture of our schools.

Event Name Details (Link Details) eg blog post, sign up, invites, Contact	Time
E31 (Y7 XP East) - 10th December - A marketplace where parents and carers will travel through the timeline of history. From Vikings to the modern era. Please ensure you have signed up through the form .	4pm
C30 (Y8) - 11th December - The premiere of the documentary 'What does it mean to be human?'	4.15pm
X31 (Y7 XP) - 12th December- A marketplace where parents and carers will travel through the timeline of history. From Vikings to the modern era. Please ensure you have signed up through the form .	4pm
X29 (Y9 XP) - 16th December -Students will be presenting their ideal/utopian village. This will include group presentations to parents who will be voting for the 'best'	4pm

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C28 (Y10) - 17th December - A celebration of the Viking age	4pm
E29 (Y9 XP East)- 18th December - Students will be presenting their ideal/utopian village. This will include group presentations to parents who will be voting for the 'best' village.	

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 update your child's information. This includes any changes to personal details, medical information, and consent forms.

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](#)

Reminders for our 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.

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. We have seen some car park users driving into the safe zone and this is concerning.

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 continue to 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.



Finally on behalf of all the staff team at XP Doncaster Schools, we would like to wish you a wonderful Christmas and look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year. School reopens on Monday 6th January.



With thanks,

Mrs Claira Salter