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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 C32 (Y7) fully embracing their Outward Bounds experience at Ullswater, C31 engaging in purposeful service learning through their work at Sandall Beat Wood, C30 developing skills in readiness for their Duke of Edinburgh at Monsal Trail, C29 demonstrating 'random acts of kindness' across Doncaster City and C28 working with our Alumni students/careers advisors 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.

PE T-Shirt

A reminder that all students in Year 7, 8 and 9 MUST wear an X-PE t-shirt for every PE lesson which is available to purchase online. Please see the link below if you need to order for new sizes or replace for the new school year. This is a mandatory part of our kit. (Students in Y10/11 who attend fixtures are encouraged to also have the PE T-Shirt)

<https://fbteurope.com/product-category/xp-doncaster/>

Safeguarding our students at the start and end of the school day

All students must use the student entrance to arrive and leave school at the start and end of the school day. The front gates at XP and XPE will not be opened for students or parents between 8 and 8.30am. We have had a couple of near misses in the XP East Car Park as such, this gate will not be opened for students. Only in exceptional circumstances where this has been agreed by a senior leader will parents be welcome to use the XP front car park.

Attendance reminders

A year ago, 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. I know some parents were alarmed by penalties last year but as advised, this is unavoidable and beyond our control due to the changed view around attendance from the Department for Education. 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/GLPUmpzBnCmYpDcX7>

As we begin a new school year we are also asking you to ensure all of your contact details and any important changes to your child's health, living circumstances etc have changed. Please can all parents complete the form here. Crew leaders will be following this up in the next few weeks also. <https://forms.gle/ocg4WKuq9d8h5kDC9>

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. Reading ages across school range from 8 years to 18+ years as such your child will be disadvantaged if they are not practising their reading often.

In addition you will receive an email update about extended study with expectations around their engagement in extended study, this will also be shared with you 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 (these can be purchased from the office for 50p)
- 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

A reminder of who to contact in school should you need any support or any questions answered.

X32 (Crew names yet to be decided) Year 7 at XP School				E32 (Crew names yet to be decided) Year 7 at XP East School			
Crew Leatham	Crew Boxall	Crew Norburn	Crew Booth	Crew Bowser	Crew Heslop	Crew Stephens	Crew Wilmot
sleatham@xpschool.org	cboxall@xpschool.org	mnorburn@xpschool.org	aboorthxpschool.org	abowser@xpschool.org	kheslop@xpschool.org (Pls email Miss Johnson prior to 26.8.25)	cstephens@xpschool.org	mwilmot@xpschool.org
Phase Leader: Miss Johnson njohnson@xpschool.org							
X31 Year 8 at XP School				X30 Year 9 at XP School			
Crew Chips	Crew Parton	Crew Irwin	Crew Zephaniah	Crew Attenborough	Crew Sinfield	Crew Peake	Crew Brunel
pmccoy@xpschool.org	pburrows2@xpschool.org shannam@xpschool.org	kbarnes@xpschool.org	ccross@xpschool.org	nsprakes2@xpschool.org	cburnitt@xpschool.org	mcoccliff@xpschool.org cmorrison@xpschool.org	smitchell@xpschool.org
Phase Leader: Mr Morrison cmorrison@xpschool.org							

E31 Year 8 at XP East School				E30 Year 9 at XP East School			
Crew Tolkien	Crew Rock	Crew Hoy	Crew MellaDee	Crew King	Crew Lewis	Crew Parks	Crew Anning
hwade@xpschool.org	eliones@xpschool.org	cdesborough@xpschool.org	inorburn@xpschool.org	rcampbell@xpschool.org	nbarton@xpschool.org	cogrady@xpschool.org	gaskin@xpschool.org
kburns@xpschool.org	agoddard@xpschool.org		jportman@xpschool.org				
Phase Leader: Mrs Watson ewatson@xpschool.org							
X29 Year 10 at XP School				X28 Year 11 at XP School			
Crew Caldwell	Crew Kelly	Crew Nightingale	Crew Lovelace	Crew Pasteur	Crew Darling	Crew Barnes	Crew Southgate
jfielding@xpschool.org	hwarwick@xpschool.org	nmawby@xpschool.org	hibbotson@xpschool.org	nsprakes@xpschool.org	ewilkinson@xpschool.org	ajackson@xpschool.org	fmountain@xpschool.org
				nearp@xpschool.org			
Phase Leader: Miss Cocliff mcocliff@xpschool.org							
E29 Year 10 at XP East School				E28 Year 11 at XP East School			
Crew Dufton	Crew Windsor	Crew White	Crew Spencer	Crew Moore	Crew Ardern	Crew Malala	Crew Boseman
jbuckley@xpschool.org	hayre@xpschool.org	kfowler@xpschool.org	kdickinson@xpschool.org	mvoltaire@xpschool.org	dcurrie@xpschool.org	bbatty@xpschool.org	jeagle@xpschool.org
				ahudson@xpschool.org		vcollinson@xpschool.org	selliot@xpschool.org
Phase Leader: Mr Currie dcurrie@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 10th 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.

In addition, learning labs for Y11 students begin on 1st September - all Y11 students are expected to attend learning labs. Further information will be communicated by crew leaders.

Staff Days

A reminder our first staff days this academic year are Friday 19th and Monday 22nd 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/1QhnR1deRDks0xW1IM-eLhKFwgJ1OTAGu/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 it's 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.

Keep up to date

If you'd like to keep up to date with what's going on in school please subscribe to our websites. You can do this on the bottom right of the front page. In addition, we have facebook groups - XP Secondary Parents/Carers or XP East Parents/Carers, we also have an instagram page for Art (art_xptrust).

Key dates for the diary

Tuesday 2nd September XP - Fieldwork to Murton Park

Wednesday 3rd September XPE - Fieldwork to Murton Park

Wednesday 10th September - Y11 (C28) GCSE Information Evening (Look out for further information)

Friday 19th September - Staff Day 1

Monday 22nd September - Staff Day 2

Tuesday 15th December- X31 Presentation of Learning. Further information to follow.

Wednesday 16th December- E31 Presentation of Learning. Further information to follow.

Thursday 11th December C30 Presentation of Learning. Further information to follow.

9th December E32 Presentation of Learning. Further information to follow.

10th December X32 Presentation of Learning. Further information to follow.

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 \(by 8.9.25\)](#)

Ski Trip reminder

Just a reminder to all parents and carers whose children are going on the Ski trip 2026 regarding the payment plan and can all parents/ carers complete the link which takes you to the portal.

We have created a monthly payment plan of £220 per month starting on 1st July and monthly thereafter.. This runs from 1st July - Nov 1st 2025. All payments are to be made before Nov 1st 2025, If there are any issues regarding the final payment date please email and we can try to support. All payments will be made via parent pay.

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

