

Y11 REVISION FESTIVAL

Shortly before the HT break, and just before Y11 mock season began, we held the second annual Y11 Revision Festival! This was another resounding success, providing students with essential tools and strategies for exam success, not just in the mocks, but the external exams starting in just 9 weeks time!

The afternoon event saw every Y11 student receive their exam essentials in a lovely Outwood Purple tote bag that included pens, highlighters, revision cards, some much needed snacks along with lots of hints, tips and ideas to aid their revision and ways to prioritise wellbeing during this intense time in their school career!

The session included planning and practicing three new strategies to revise that were Dual Coding, Flashcards and Interleaving. These strategies can then be used at home during HT and into exam season to ensure students are ready to Recap & Recall information needed to Do Well!

We look forward to seeing lots of happy faces as students receive their results in a few weeks time and are entered into the praise reward prize pool...watch this space for more info!

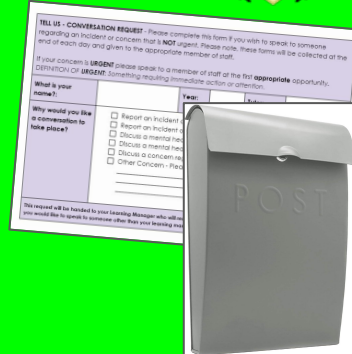


FOCUS ON STAYING SAFE AND POSITIVE WELLBEING

'TELL US FORM' - UPDATED

Thank you to Student Voice who have helped us to redesign the 'Tell Us' form to how they would like it to look. This has now been launched during assembly this week and is available via a Google Form on Google Classroom and in paper form. As requested by students, the new form will have more post boxes available for drop off around the academy site.

Remember, we will always try to support you, please let us know when you require support.



STAR PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 7th February Mr Appleby and Mr Pierson had the privilege to go to Pontefract New College to see a performance of Kinky Boots.

Eliza from Year 7 appeared in the performance and did not look out of place surrounded by A Level students in a very high level performance. She played the character of Young Charlie and was absolutely amazing. We also had some ex-students involved playing lead characters. Well done to Sophie and Ben and everyone involved!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Last week, our school celebrated Children's Mental Health Week 2024 under the theme "My Voice Matters" with enthusiasm and purpose. Through various activities and discussions, we aimed to empower students to recognise the significance of their voices in promoting mental well-being.

In the virtual assembly, Mr Eccersley emphasised the importance of creating a supportive environment where every voice is heard and valued. Throughout the week, our newly trained anti-bullying ambassadors engaged in activities to share their thoughts and feelings around positive mental health, participating in mindfulness sessions, and showcasing their talents during the 'My Voice Matters' event.

These activities encouraged self-expression, empathy, and resilience while fostering a sense of community and support among student. As the week concluded, we reflected on the profound impact of amplifying young voices and the role they play in shaping a healthier, more compassionate society! We look forward to our anti-bullying ambassadors leading more events in the future!