

Newsletter

“ Being the best
we can be! ”

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Latest from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and successful autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school and of your children's learning. Your encouragement at home, particularly during what can be demanding assessment periods, makes a real difference.

I am pleased to report that our recent Year 10 & 11 trial examinations and KS3 assessment windows have gone extremely well. Students approached these with maturity and focus, and staff were impressed with the effort shown across year groups. These assessments provide valuable information as we plan next steps and continue to support students in making strong progress.

The final week of term has also been an opportunity to celebrate the hard work and achievements of our students. End-of-term celebration events, including our Fezziwigs Christmas Party and the ever-popular Christmas Cracker events, expertly run by Mr Dunn. Carol Service and Christmas themed assemblies have helped to bring the term to a close in true festive spirit. It has been wonderful to see students enjoying these moments together and celebrating the strong sense of community within our school.

At the end of this term we sadly say goodbye to Mrs Choat and Mrs Senior. We want to thank them both for all of their hard work and support over the years, and wish them all the very best for the future.



Dates for your Diary



Christmas Break
School Closes Friday 19th
December at 12.30pm



Monday 5th January
Staff Training Day - school
closed to students



Tuesday 6th January
School re-opens to students



Thursday 22nd January
Year 11 Parents Evening



16th - 20th February
Half term school closed.



Looking ahead to the New Year, I also look forward to being able to provide further updates on the progress of our new school build following recent constructive meetings with the Department for Education and North Yorkshire Council. We appreciate the patience and support shown by our community as this important work continues.

Thank you once again for your ongoing partnership and support throughout the term. I wish you and your families a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and a very Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 6th January, ready for the challenges and opportunities of the spring term.

With best wishes,

Chris Robertson
Headteacher



Christmas Celebrations in School



Festive Dining

Last week our students enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, lovingly prepared by our amazing catering team.

Christmas Assemblies

Each year group will take part in a special Christmas-themed assembly during the final week of term.



Dunny's Christmas Events



Our Christmas celebrations are always a highlight of the school year! With 95% attendance and no C4s or C5s this half term, we're proud of our students' commitment.

- KS3: A Christmas-themed event just for them.
- KS4: An invitation to Fezziwig's Party — a festive celebration inspired by A Christmas Carol, complete with Victorian party games!



Aldi Christmas Dinner Prize

Aldi are offering Christmas dinner for 8 people for just £12. To celebrate, students with 100% attendance in the last week of term will be entered into a prize draw to win a £15 Aldi voucher to treat their family.



Selection Box Rewards

Students who achieve 100% attendance across the whole term will receive a festive selection box as a reward for their excellent efforts.

Carol Concert

On Thursday 18th December, our talented students will be rehearsing throughout the day for the annual Carol Concert. We warmly invite you to join us at St. Marks Church at 7pm for a joyful start to the Christmas season.



Win Christmas dinner for your family this Christmas!

This Christmas, Aldi are running an offer which enables you to buy Christmas dinner for a family of 8 for £12. We have got 5 £15 Aldi vouchers to give away in the last week of term. If you are here 100% in the last week, you will be entered into a prize draw. You could win Christmas dinner for your whole family!

You've got to be in to win!



Celebrate Amazing Christmas Value





Personal Development Visit

To further support our Personal Development curriculum, boys in Year 8, 9 and Year 10 participated in Progressive Masculinity workshops to further develop their leadership skills during this half term. Each of the sessions focussed upon developing dynamic responses to relationships, identity and social responsibility.





Phil Gartside, course leader with Progressive Masculinity, was extremely complimentary about our students and their openness and insight into the challenges of navigating social media, stereotyping and their aspirations to be role models amongst their peers and model inclusive leadership in their future careers. We were very proud of their engagement and extend our thanks to parents and carers for their support with this key strand of our provision at Scalby Academy.

We are also delighted to share exciting news about a project, which our Year 9 students participated in earlier in the year. Last week the NSPCC 'Talk Relationships' project launched a documentary featuring Scalby Academy and several Year 9 students who took part in filming with the BBC Storyworks team in the summer. I am sure you will agree they created a wonderful impression of our school and we are very proud of the confident and professional approach they demonstrated throughout the production - you can view the documentary here:

<https://youtu.be/p6HOVp5cHDO?si=LnBApIN8dOYJR6Ao>



Sports Information

   **Physical Education Newsletter**
- Autumn Term Edition 
Bringing you all the latest from the PE Department!

Spring 1 Activities Year 7 +8 Boys

Gymnastics and Badminton
(WC 5th January - Football instead of Gymnastics due to trial exams in the gym. Please bring football boots, trainers just in case and shin pads).

Year 7+8 + 9 Girls Dance and Multi-sports

Year 9 Boys Leadership + Badminton

Afterschool Clubs

Monday
Sports Studies Enrichment (Year 10)
Netball (Netball Courts/Sports Hall)

Tuesday
Dance with Lauren Exley

Wednesday
Basketball (Sports Hall)

Thursday
Badminton (Sports Hall)
Table Tennis (Village Gym)

County Cross Country

Congratulations to our District Cross Country champions. This half term students have competed across 3 Cross Country meets and the top 12 students from each age category across the district are awarded with a place in the North Yorkshire Schools competition. A Huge congratulations to Sophie, Noah, Rhys, Miller, Oscar & Freddie, who have all been selected to represent the County. The meet takes place at Tadcaster Grammar on Saturday 17th of January with the first race starting at 12.30pm

We wish them the best of luck!



Year 9 Girls Football Crowned Champions

Congratulations to the Year 9 girls football team, who were crowned 7-a-side District Champions this week. The team put in an excellent set of performances, winning all of their games except one tight match against Ryedale.

There was some fantastic speed and attacking play from Sophie, exceptional goals from Amelia – expertly supported by assists from Beth – and outstanding communication and teamwork across the whole squad.

A brilliant achievement and a well-deserved title for a hardworking team!



Year 7 Girls Football

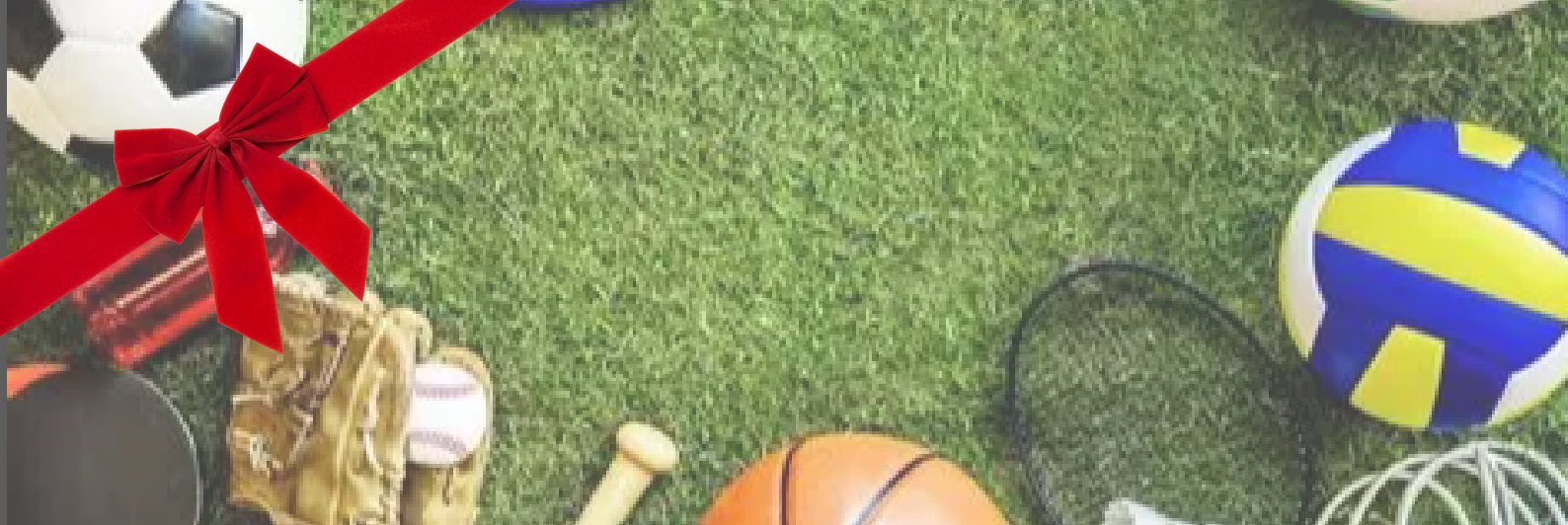
The Year 7 girls took part in their first football tournament this week and showed fantastic resilience, teamwork and determination throughout.

The squad faced a tough start, coming up against strong sides from St Augustine's, Whitby and Malton in the opening rounds. Despite some spirited play, the girls were unable to secure a result in those first three matches.

After a positive halftime team talk and a reshuffle of positions, the team returned to the pitch with renewed confidence and energy. Their transformation was outstanding. The girls dug deep, communicated brilliantly and began to play with real purpose, resulting in three impressive draws against Graham, Lady Lumley's and Norton – all without conceding a single goal.

It was an excellent display of growth and character from a team playing together competitively for the very first time. Well done to all the girls involved; a promising start to what looks like an exciting season ahead!





Year 8 and 9 Basketball Teams Through to the District Round!

A huge well done to the Year 8 and 9 basketball teams, who won their partnership tournaments with a series of confident and composed performances. The teams showed great teamwork, determination and skill throughout, earning themselves a well-deserved place in the second round, where they will now face teams from across the district.

Congratulations to both squads – an excellent achievement and an exciting challenge ahead.



1st	Holbeck	137 Points
2nd	Peasholm	121 Points
3rd	Valley	105 Points
4th	Foreshore	103 Points

House Events

Last term, students proudly represented their houses in the House Basketball competition, showcasing brilliant teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. After a series of closely contested matches, Holbeck emerged as the current leaders. As we head into the Christmas half term, students will now compete in House Dodgeball, where every result counts – it's still all to play for, and the leaderboard could change at any moment!



🍌 Health Focus: Living a Healthy, Active Lifestyle
At the heart of our PE programme is the goal to help students live a healthy, balanced life—not just now, but into adulthood. So far this half term students have been discussing:

- 🔑 **The 7 key nutrients in a balanced diet**
- ✅ **Why is it important to reduce the amount of fats salts and sugars we consume?**
Encourage your child to make healthier choices, such as swapping sweets for fruit or crisps for cucumber or carrots, helping them build strong habits that will last a lifetime.

Stay active, stay healthy, and get involved.
— The PE Department

