



Start of Spring Term 2012

Please note that the first day of term for students is:

**Monday 9th January
2012**

Staff Changes

Mr Millington, our Assistant Site Manager, leaves us at Christmas. We all wish him well for the future, particularly on his travels to New Zealand.

New Appointments

Mrs E Tayler has been appointed to teach English in the enlarged school from September 2012.

The following will join the College from January:

Mr R Wolfenden
Site Manager

Mrs J Harrison
Cleaning Supervisor

In February and March we will complete interviews for 9 further teaching posts for the enlarged school. Details of the appointments will follow.



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*Once again, our thanks to all students and parents for your continued support.
Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.*

Leadership Changes

In January there will be some temporary changes to the leadership structure of the College to allow for the important work surrounding the enlargement of the school to take place while ensuring that the existing school has strong leadership to support student progress.

- **Mr Bancroft** will step aside from the day to day running of the College in order to focus directly on transition of Years 7, 8 & 9, the building projects and recruiting additional teaching and non-teaching staff.
- **Ms Costello** will become **Associate Principal** from January to August and will have oversight of all aspects of running the College aside from the changes to do with taking on Years 7 & 8.
- **Mr Wood** will join us from January to August as **Acting Vice-Principal** his particular responsibility will be for the pastoral system within the College.

Consultation on School Day

Thank you to all those who contributed to the consultation on the school day. There were 113 responses of which:

In favour of the proposals	61%
Against the proposals	26%
No opinion given either way	13%

There is therefore a clear mandate to move ahead with the proposed changes to the timing of the school day. We will now discuss the changes with the bus companies and confirm the detail with families early in 2012.



Snow Closure Arrangements

Please remember that, in the event of bad weather, including snow, information about whether the College is open or not will be on the College website and local radio stations. Please do not rely on word of mouth. Students sometimes get it wrong!

If we have an up to date **mobile number**, we can also send you a **text** alert.

Buildings Development

The refurbishment of Labs 9, 16, 17 and 18 and the Library will commence after February half term.

We are also seeking funding for a covered way to link the Middle School to the underpass and provide wet weather protection for students and staff as they move across the site.

Exam Updates

GCSE and A-Level exams begin on the Tuesday 10th January 2012 to Thursday 2nd February 2012.

Students in Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 will have received their individual timetables.

Copies of timetables can be found on the College website and are displayed on the Examinations Notice board in College.

Please contact Mrs Fawcett, Examinations Officer if you have any queries regarding exams.

If your son/daughter is ill for an exam, please contact the College as external examination dates cannot be changed as these are set by the Examination Boards.

We wish all students the best of luck in their coming exams.

Student of the Month

The winners for October were:

Wharfedale:

Eilish Rucastle

Kingsdale:

Joel Chapman

Ribblesdale

Bryony Drachenberg

Malhamdale:

Olivia Akrigg

Community Award:

Kevin Shuttleworth/Marcus Fleming

The winners for November were:

Wharfedale:

Luke Allan

Kingsdale:

Frazer Nowell

Ribblesdale

Gavin Hill

Malhamdale:

Jayne Wood

Year 11 Predicted Results Day

Students in Year 11 will receive their predicted results on Wednesday 18th January 2012. The Hall will be set up like results days in the summer and students will collect their envelopes with their predicted results and have a discussion with a member of the Leadership Group about their progress.

The grades on their certificate will be a prediction of the grade they are most likely to achieve based on their mock examination performance plus Controlled Assessment completed to date.

The grade will be calculated following the Exam Board formula and will give students an idea of how they will perform in the final exams and how much work they need to do in order to achieve or exceed their target grades. There will also be a discussion with students about whether they are likely to achieve 5 A*-C including English and Maths and whether they are likely to achieve the English Baccalaureate.

Applications to the Sixth Form

Sixth Form Applications – Deadline Friday 20th January 2012

Following the Sixth Form Open Evening in November, we have included a reminder of the application process to the Sixth Form.

Friday 16th December	Sixth Form Taster Day
	This day gives Year 11 students the opportunity to sample Post 16 courses. Students will be able to speak to staff about their choices.
Friday 20th January	Deadline for Application Forms
	When you have researched your choices you should complete an application form and return it by Friday 20th January. This allows us to gauge the demand for courses as we plan the timetable for September 2012. There is space for reserve choices should you be undecided on your final combination of subjects. Whilst we can't guarantee that every student will be able to study their chosen combination we have been very successful in the past in constructing a timetable that allows the vast majority of students to do so.
Monday 5th March to Friday 16th March	Interviews for Year 11 students to discuss Post-16 choices
	All applicants will be interviewed and parents are invited to attend. At this stage we will be able to outline the options available to students. After the interview process has been completed offers will be published on Friday 27 th April 2012
Friday 27th April	Publication of Post-16 Offers
	This will confirm the draft timetable for Sept 2012 and the different option blocks available for Y12 courses. The option blocks will be based on the best fit for the majority of students' applications.
From Monday 30th April	Supplementary Interviews for students with option queries
May/June	Year 11 GCSE Exams
Thursday 23rd August	GCSE Results Day
	The College will be open on GCSE results day, Thursday 23 rd August. When you come in to collect your results the staff team will be here if you need to discuss possible courses.
Friday 24th August	Year 12 Enrolment Day
	All students need to enrol on 24 th August and we are unable to guarantee places on specific courses if you do not enrol at this time. Please try to avoid being on holiday on this day. If this is unavoidable you must discuss your enrolment and subject choices with Mr Beer before the end of the Summer term.

Years 9 & 10 Options

After Christmas the options process begins. Students in Years 9 and 10 will select 2 options as well as continuing with their core curriculum. The timeline is as follows:

w/c 9th Jan 12
Options booklet issued to students

Tue 17th Jan 12
Year 9 & 10 Options Information Evening, 6.30pm – 7.30pm in the Hall

Thu 9th Feb 12
Year 9 & 10 option forms returned to Tutors.

The options booklets contain a lot of detailed information about each subject but please do not hesitate to contact Ms Costello should you need any further information.

Calendar

Attached to the Newsletter is a calendar of all the key events for the remainder of this academic year. Please retain this for reference.

Free School Meals Entitlement

Settle College has one of the lowest take up of free school meals in the country; however, all the data we have suggests we should fall into the average take up category. We are concerned that families who are entitled to free school meals may be losing out.

You may be entitled to free school meals if you receive:

- Income Support;
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual household income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 or Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.

Where parent(s) are entitled to Working Tax Credit during a four-week 'run-on' period immediately after their employment has ceased, or after they have started to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school meals.

If you think you may qualify, please telephone 0845 0349421 for further information.

School News

School Term & Holiday Dates: 2012/2013

Autumn Term 2012

(Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September are training days for staff)

Term starts

For Years 7, 8 & 9: Wednesday 5th September
For Year 10-13: Thursday 6th September

Half Term

Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

Term Ends

Friday 21st December

Spring Term 2013

(Monday 7th January is a training day for staff)

Term starts

Tuesday 8th January

Half Term

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February

Term Ends

Thursday 28th March

Summer Term 2013

Term starts

Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May

Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Term Ends

Friday 19th July

(Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July are training days for staff)

Parent Partnership Group

The next Parent Partnership Group meeting will be on **Thursday 23rd February 2012**. The meeting will be held in the Sixth Form Centre from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

All parents are welcome to attend this meeting where we discuss a range of whole school issues. We are always seeking parental views and input into key policies and areas of school improvement.

INSET Days

A reminder that the summer term 2012 will finish on Friday 13th July 2012, with staff INSET taking place Monday 16th to Friday 20th July 2012.

Settle College Reward Systems

At Settle College we aim to promote a positive ethos through a culture of reward and praise. All students, irrespective of ability, should have access to an inclusive reward system. We aim to ensure that our reward system is applied fairly and consistently across all areas of the College. Settle College provides a comprehensive range of rewards.

Classroom Rewards

The aim is to reward often and widely:

- Every member of staff should look to reward both work and effort as often as possible. This can be in subject areas or in Tutor time.
- In addition to oral feedback and praise, staff will award House Points. This contributes towards both individual success and rewards for Tutor groups and Houses.
- Staff should also record, on SERCO, positive praise and, where appropriate, contact home or write praise letters.
- Most departments use praise post cards to recognise individual student success.
- A good work ethic throughout the year is rewarded with a rewards trip at the end of the academic year.
- There is a termly draw for students with the most House Points. A range of prizes are awarded.
- Students' success is also recognised in House Assemblies and through the Principal's Newsletter.

Attendance

- Certificates will be issued for students with 100% attendance.
- Attendance is also praised in House assemblies.

Prize Giving

- Students' effort and achievement is also rewarded in our Senior and Junior Prize Giving events.

Student of the Month

- Students' success in all areas of College life is rewarded through nominations for Student of the Month.
- All students nominated receive a praise letter home and winners names are shown on the Student of the Month board and in the Principal's Newsletter.
- Student of the Month is also awarded for success in Technology and there is a Community Award which recognises students' contribution to the wider community.
- Last year, there were 1070 nominations for Student of the Month.
- This year, so far there have been 305 nominations.

Uniform

When buying school shirts would parents please ensure that a shirt with a button neck is purchased and that the collar is sufficiently large to allow the shirt to be buttoned up under the tie.

Girls should not wear blouses.

Music

It's been an exciting term for GCSE Music students, who have been taking it in turns to perform their GCSE solo performances and compositions in Year Group assemblies. It takes a lot of motivation and self-confidence to be able to sing and play in front of others. Congratulations!

A big well done also goes to Emma Gilbert who has just passed her Grade 8 piano with Merit. Emma is now working towards her solo Advanced Performance Certificate, enabling her to pass on new skills and teach her own music students.

Just another reminder, anyone wishing to take up instrumental or singing lessons, please see Miss Moore for a form or further details.

Senior Prize Giving

Senior Prize Giving will this year take place on Thursday 12th January 2012 at St Alkelda's Church, Giggleswick at 7:30 pm, when we will celebrate the success of students from last year's Year 11, 12 and 13.

Also, for the first time, all of last year's Year 11, 12 and 13 students will be invited to receive their GCSE and A-Level certificates.

We hope as many people as possible are able to attend the event.

Parent Pay

Parent Pay is an electronic system which enables parents and students to pay online for trips, uniform, memory sticks, art equipment etc. It is quick and easy and stops any worries you might have about cheques and cash being lost in transit to the office. It is proving very popular so far

If you have forgotten your log-in details or need any help with the system, please contact Mrs Rushton in the school office.

Behaviour for Learning Update

As an update to our Behaviour for Learning Policy we are introducing the following 'Consequence' system from January 2012. This has been decided as a result of feedback from staff, students and parents. Behaviour is good at Settle College as evidenced by Ofsted but we think it could be outstanding if we can reduce some of the low level disruption in lessons from some students.

If a student misbehaves in a lesson the following will occur:

- The student is given a verbal warning and their name is written on the board- Consequence 1.
- The student is given another verbal warning and their name is ticked, this may be accompanied by a change of seat- Consequence 2.
- If a student continues to misbehave they are given one final warning- Consequence 3.
- If the student does not settle down to work after a 'C3' they are removed by a senior member of staff and they will work in the Inclusion Room. A letter will be sent home to parents explaining why their son/daughter was removed from the lesson.

- If a student is removed from a lesson they also receive a break time detention and will be put on report for the rest of the day.
- If a student fails to hand in the report card at the end of the day or fails to attend the break time detention they will be put in isolation for the day. Parents will be informed.
- If a student is removed from two lessons in one week they will receive a day's isolation and parents will be informed.

This will not affect the majority of students at Settle College who follow the College Code of Conduct on a day to day basis.

Other News

Success for the CoPE Group

Congratulations to the Year 9,10 and 11 students studying for their Certificate of Personal Effectiveness, who have all achieved the basic First Aid Certificate this term. The class has been working with Miss White and they will be hosting a Sports Festival in January with the local Primary Schools.

Part of their training involved studying for the Certificate of Basic First Aid. This a useful addition to the many other skills they have acquired throughout the autumn term.

We hope the students never have the need to call upon their new knowledge but it is reassuring to know that should a situation arise, these students would know what to do!

Well done everyone!

The Diana Award

Will Hirst from last year's Year 13 has been nominated for A Diana, Princess of Wales Award, for Community Service.

The award will be presented at Senior Prize Giving on 12th January.

The Chrysalids

Yet again, the students and staff at Settle College have delivered a brilliant school production.

We are very proud of all the students involved. They spent months rehearsing and both students and staff gave up a great deal of time after school to rehearse (even in the bad weather!).

The Chrysalids is a very thought provoking play and the students' acting skills were excellent throughout.

Thank you to all staff and students involved and thank you to parents for supporting it.

Well done everyone!

Advertising

You will notice that we have begun to advertise in the Newsletter to offset the cost of printing. If you would like to place an advertisement, please contact Kay Mullett on 01729 822451 or email k.mullett@settlecollege.n-yorks.sch.uk

Change of Personal Details

Parents are asked to ensure that any changes of contact details are notified to the college without delay.

This includes addresses, telephone/mobile numbers and email addresses.

As the College moves forward, we hope that more parents will sign up for our text message/email service which enables the College to ensure that parents are informed of matters of importance without delay.

Should you wish to sign up to this service, please complete and return the form at the back of this newsletter and return it to John Smith, Network Manager.

Spare Furniture

As you know we are re-furbishing the Labs and the Library from February. Both areas contain some good quality (if dated and well used) wooden furniture and aroko bench tops.

If anyone is interested in looking at what we have and making an offer, please contact Mr Bancroft to arrange a viewing. In particular we have:

- Library tables and chairs
- Library shelving
- Aroko work tops
- Wooden lab tables
- Wooden display cabinets

All the furniture is late 1950s in character and could be made nice and usable with time, patience and some skill.

Governors

Following the recent Parent Governor elections, a full list is shown below for your information:

Mrs Rosemary Rees	Local Authority Governor (Chair)
Mr Steve Woodrow	Parent Governor (Vice Chair)
Mr William Bancroft	Principal
Mr Richard Bentley	Parent Governor
Mrs Jean Bradley	Community Governor
Mr Michael Buswell	Local Authority Governor
Mr Alex Cameron	Local Authority Governor
Mrs Andrea Corns	Parent Governor
Mr Sean Flanagan	Parent Governor
Mr Chris Fryer.....	Local Authority Governor
Mrs Margaret Holgate	Community Governor
Mrs Gill Lambert	Staff Governor (Support)
Mr Carll Lis OBE	Community Governor
Mrs Jean Lonsdale	Associate Member
Mr Simon Murphy.....	Staff Governor (Teacher)
Mrs Melanie Porter	Parent Governor
Mr Ian Robinson	Associate Member
Mrs Judy Rogers	Parent Governor
Mr John Smith	Staff Governor (Support)
Mrs Jane Walker	Associate Member
Mr Mike Wynne	Community Governor

Boys' Sport

The loss of light in the afternoon (and wet conditions) has affected competitive sport, with many fixtures being postponed until the spring term.

Football

The College's first X1 Football team have been in action in Harrogate against Harrogate Grammar (the cup holders) in one of the County Cup competitions. This fixture was the second round of the Cup, Settle having beaten Rossett High (Harrogate) in order to reach this stage.

The Harrogate Grammar game proved a bridge too far for our Sixth Form team, although Freddie Midgeley scored a wonder goal from the half way line to restore some pride!

Our newly formed Year 9 team also drew Harrogate Grammar in the County Cup and struggled to subdue the strength and talent of the cohesive Harrogate unit, losing out on this occasion.

All teams are ready to compete in the Harrogate & Craven Cup (Area Cup) when we return in the New Year (weather permitting). Our current Year 11 team are particularly chomping at the bit to launch this campaign after having reached the final last year and narrowly missing out 2-1 to St John Fisher's (Harrogate) at Knaresborough Town FC.

The Year 11 team have grown in stature since last year with some of their players achieving further success with other clubs; Oliver Allsopp playing at County level and Aarron Woodhouse, Oliver Allsopp and Harry Marshal earning coveted places at the Morecambe Youth Academy.

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The new term will also bring Basketball tournaments (away), some Rugby Union fixtures and, hopefully, some Badminton trials and competitions.

Year 9 Boys' Rugby Tournament

On the 12th October, the Year 9 boys' rugby team went to York Acorn RFL club to play in the North Yorkshire, Carnegie Champion Schools Tournament.

Our first match was close and we broke through the defence to score. We continued this momentum and came out winners.

In our second game we were not as lucky, we were out played by the opposition's height, skills and speed. Although we did not win our pool, we finished a very proud second. Well done to the squad.

Year 9 Captain: Joe Taylor



Girls' Sport

World Series Netball 2011

On Saturday 26th November, a group of Year 11 students visited Liverpool to watch the International Netball World Series.

The event included competition from some of the worlds top netball sides and was shown on Sky Sports. The tournament ran from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th November at Liverpool's ECHO arena, on the first wintery day of the season.

The group, supervised by Miss Morley and Miss Vickery, witnessed some outstanding netballing performances, with the Australia V England match a highlight. England was unfortunate to be beaten in the last quarter by Australia, but went on to beat South Africa convincingly. Jamaica was the other stand out performer, beating the former champions New Zealand and cruising to victory over Fiji.

The strong performance put forward by England led to an overall victory on the Sunday, where England beat reigning champs New Zealand 33-26!

Following the tournament the students had a chance to experience the newly developed Liverpool 1 shopping centre, with a bite to eat and a chance to do some Christmas shopping. A blustery day meant early departure, but a fantastic day was had by all. Special mention must go to the group of students who took part in the trip – a particularly fabulous group of girls who were a credit to the College and entertaining all day long!

More info can be found at www.Englandnetball.co.uk



Inter House X Country

A fantastic effort by the lower school in this year's inter house cross country races which took place throughout late November/early December. Participation levels were extremely high, and some excellent performances were displayed on a muddy and demanding course. The results were as follows:

Year 9					
1 st	Katie Handford	Kings	1st	Josh Greenwood	Wharf
2 nd	Emma Kayley	Wharf	2 nd	Ben Gait	Wharf
3 rd	Hannah Newbold	Malham	3 rd	Will Fox	Wharf
Year 10					
1 st	Sally Handford	Malham	1st	Sam Laycock	Wharf
2 nd	Vicky Peel	Malham	2 nd	Jack Brennand	Ribb
3 rd	Katie Long	Malham	3 rd	Oscar Clements	Wharf
Year 11					
1 st	Lauren Dugdale	Wharf	1st	Pedro Quintas	Wharf
2 nd	Jess Hird	Malham	2 nd	Ben Phillip	Kings
3 rd	Jackie Atkinson	Kings	3 rd	Nathan Booth	Ribb

Points were awarded for the top 10 finishers, with 1st place accumulating 10 points and 10th 1 point etc. When all finishing places were totalled, the final results were as follows:

1st Wharfedale = 124

2nd Malhamdale = 73

3rd Kingsdale = 70

4th Ribblesdale = 63

Congratulations to all who ran and assisted with each race!

Fencing

We are delighted to report that Megan Horbury, a Year 10 student, has been selected to Fence for Yorkshire at Millfield School.







We look forward to hearing of her success.

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