



# WETHERBY THE ROUNDUP

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## HEADTEACHER'S WELCOME

**Each and every day, the students have continued to give us many reasons to be proud of them this term, but there have been particular highlights.**

The feedback we had from employers, following the Year 10 undertaking a week's work experience, was fantastic. Students demonstrated initiative, hard work and pride in their work; well done Year 10.

This week we were blown away by the school production of Little Shop of Horrors. The students were incredible which is testament to the hours of rehearsals they have committed to and the support they have provided each other. Thank you and well done to all involved in the show.

We hope the students have a good rest over the break and we look forward to next term with all the exciting events we have in the calendar.

## HALF-TERM 4 REVIEW

### YEAR 7 SCIENCE FAIR

The drama students completed their performance exam to a visiting examiner in January.

Each student had to perform two dramatic pieces.



### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Our Year 10 students spent a week taking their first steps into the world of work. Students spent time in a range of placements from estate agents to animal groomers. The feedback we received from their employers was unanimously glowing of how mature, polite and hard working they all were.



### YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

The Year 11 students completed their final series of mock exams. Students have been engaging with their revision diaries to support their independent work at home that will lead them to success in the final GCSE exams next half-term.



## MEET YOUR COACH DAY

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the MYCD in March.

This was an important moment to meet with your child's coach to celebrate their successes so far this year and to look ahead to next half-term.



## YEAR 7 BOOK FAIR

Some of our Year 7 students put together their own book fair for their peers. This was a celebration of the books they enjoy reading.



## SCHOOL PRODUCTION

### LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

A huge congratulations to all of the students involved in this year's Performing Arts production of Little Shop of Horrors. The cast, crew and band have been rehearsing since last September, and all of their hard work and effort culminated in four performances this week.

Students should be so proud of their work for this production.



## KS3 WINTER SPORTS DAY

Students in Year 7 and Year 8 took part in the Winter Sports Day.

Competing across a range of sports from badminton to hockey, students had a fantastic day. The winners of Winter Sports Day 2025 were **TRUEMAN** House.



## YEAR 11 HISTORY TRIP

Students enjoyed their trip to Fountains Abbey as part of their preparation work for the GCSE History exam.

## COACHING THIS HALF-TERM



**In coaching this half-term, we have been working with our students to look at ways they can develop how reflective they are of themselves and how they can approach challenges and new experiences with positivity and confidence.**

Students have been looking at how their mindset is key to how they view the world around them. They have been thinking about the differences between a 'fixed' mindset and a 'growth' mindset. One of the ways our mindsets can affect our thoughts and perceptions is that a fixed mindset can often lead to avoiding challenges for fear of criticism or self-doubt, whilst a growth mindset encourages students to see challenges as an experience from which they can learn and develop and also see feedback as a way of self-improvement.

Students have been reflecting on their mindsets and how they view themselves in preparation for Challenge Day which took place on Friday 4th April.

During Challenge Day, students are set different challenges to complete by the Year 11 students in an attempt to win the most points to be crowned the winning coaching group of Challenge Day. The challenges can involve competing against the clock or competing against another person. Developing and fostering a growth mindset in relation to Challenge Day encourages students to participate and seek out new experiences whilst using their resolve, patience and concentration across a variety of different challenges.

We will continue to work with students around the idea of mindsets as we look to explore how students can use a growth mindset in their learning and in other events across the school.

### BEING WELL-PREPARED FOR LEARNING - EQUIPMENT

**It is important to students' learning that they are properly equipped for every lesson.**

Students should arrive each day at school with:

- A black school bag.
- A pencil case with: black ink pen, green ink pen, whiteboard pen, pencil, ruler.
- A scientific calculator. A calculator is a key piece of equipment that all students will require for use in their maths, science and geography lessons. By having their own calculator, students will become familiar with its use which will support them when they require them for lessons and assessments. Please can you ensure that your child is well-prepared for their learning by having a calculator with them in school every day. To support you with this, calculators can be purchased for **£12.65** via **ParentPay** and can be collected from student reception.

### PARENT CARER MOBILE PHONE WEBINAR

**WEDNESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 7.00PM**

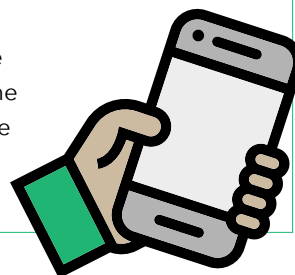
The safeguarding team will be conducting a live webinar using the platform **Zoom** on Wednesday 7th May at 7.00pm.

The topic of mobile phones is prevalent at the moment with recent box set adaptations and documentaries as well as discussions at government level.

The aim of the webinar is to inform you as parents/carers of some of the dangers and hazards that are at large, the impact it can have on mental health amongst young people and how exploitation can occur.

There will also be advice and tips on how to manage this with young people and an update from West Yorkshire police to share their feedback.

The webinar will be available to all parents/carers across all year groups and will be able to be accessed using a home computer, tablet or mobile phone. The link will be sent out via email when we return after Easter.





## UPCOMING EVENTS IN HALF-TERM 5 AT WETHERBY HIGH SCHOOL

**Following the Easter break, students are due to return to school at 9.00am on Tuesday 22nd April.**

The school buses will operate as if it were a Monday, meaning that students will arrive at school for 9.00am and go straight to coaching. As there are two Bank Holiday Monday's in this half-term, students on Tuesday 22nd April will follow their Monday timetable of lessons. **Please check** that they have right equipment (PE kit, etc) on this day.

HALF TERM 5	
Week 1 w/c 21st April	<b>Monday 21st April</b> • Bank Holiday (school closed).
	<b>Tuesday 22nd April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School re-opens to all students at 9.00am.</li> <li>• Online Learning set.</li> <li>• Year 9 students will be visiting Leeds Beckett University for a taster of university life.</li> </ul>
Week 2 w/c 28th April	<b>Tuesday 29th / Wednesday 30th April</b> • Year 11 art exam.
	<b>Wednesday 30th April</b> • Year 9 Parent/Carer evening.
	<b>Friday 2nd May</b> • Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Expeditions for Year 10 and Year 11 students.
Week 3 w/c 5th May	<b>Monday 5th May</b> • Bank Holiday (school closed).
	<b>Tuesday 6th / Wednesday 7th May</b> • Year 11 French Speaking exams - students have received their time for the exam on their exam timetable.
	<b>Wednesday 7th May</b> • Mobile phone webinar at 7.00pm.
	<b>Thursday 8th May</b> • Written GCSE exams begin with the drama exam at 9.15am.
	<b>Friday 9th May</b> • Cultural Celebration Day to take place over lunchtime for all students. Please see <i>Mrs Farr</i> if you would like to be involved.
Week 4 w/c 12th May	<b>Monday-Friday</b> • GCSE exams continue.
	<b>Monday 12th May</b> • Online Learning deadline.
	<b>Wednesday 14th May</b> • Year 7 and Year 8 Bake Off - House Challenge that will pit baker against baker. Please see <i>Mr Rothwell-Wood</i> for more information.
Week 5 w/c 19th May	<b>Monday-Friday</b> • GCSE exams continue.
	<b>Monday - Friday</b> • Year 8 and Year 9 Finals exams take place in lessons.
	<b>Friday 23rd May</b> • School closes for the May half-term break at 2.20pm.

**If your child would like any support in taking part in these events then please do speak to their coach.**