



February 2011 Newsletter

RICHMOND
SCHOOL
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Guardian

School Day

With the closure of Lower School at the end of this academic year and the introduction of a five period teaching day in September 2011 staff, students, governors and the Parent Forum have been considering a school day model for next year.

It is important that we change our school day model from the present one as in September 2011 an additional 250 students will be on our main site (Year 7) and an additional 60 students (approximately) will be studying in the Sixth Form College.

Furthermore, in the interests of safeguarding, all of our students in Years 7–11 will remain on site at lunchtimes and the lunch period will be 40 minutes in duration.

Our proposal is that the school day commences at 8.55 am and ends at 3.30 pm.

The reason for the adjustment is because we feel it will:

- make the format of the school day more straight forward for students – lessons will be an hour long, commencing at 9.00 am (registration 8.55 – 9.00 am);
- support the proposed split lunch timings (necessary due to the additional student numbers on main site from September);

- give students better access to the after school extra curricular programme;
- enable students to access the buses leaving from St Francis Xavier School;
- make the end of day exit from Richmond School more orderly – more time for those travelling on buses to get to the bus park.

If you do have a view regarding these minor changes in the timing of the school day then please complete the slip at the foot of this letter and return it to the School Reception by Friday, 4 March.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Toby Pickersgill who is in the Area Rugby Squad and has also been selected for the U13 North Yorkshire Rugby Development Squad.

School Teams

Well done to the following school teams: (see full reports within the Newsletter).

- Girls' Ski Team
- Equestrian Team
- Swimming Team
- Cross Country Team

Tutor Group Attendance

Well done to the following tutor groups for their attendance so far this term:

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| • 7 Boulton-Lear | 96.4% |
| • 8 Pike | 94.7% |
| • 9 Yates | 96.6% |
| • 10 Kellett | 94.6% |
| • 11 Craven | 95.3% |

- 12 McNutt 94.8%
- 13 Thomson 95.4%

Student of the Month for January 2011

See separate sheet for details.

Aiming High Grades Autumn Term 2010

Details of those students who have received either E1 or E2 grades through the latest Aiming High process are now available on the School Website.

Sixth Form Admissions

We are delighted that we have already had an extremely high number of applications from Year 11 students wishing to join our Sixth Form in September. These applications come from not only our own students but also from those currently attending other secondary schools in the locality.

This is great news and supports our aim to provide an outstanding and vibrant sixth form community.



Cashless Catering

This was launched in mid January and despite a few days when students struggled with the Reval machines, the whole process went remarkably smoothly.

As we had hoped, cashless catering is now allowing everybody to get through the tills much faster than previously, which means that the queues are shorter and the lunchtime experience is a good one. Feedback from students at our recent Catering Development Group meeting was

that the meals being produced by our caterers (North Yorkshire County Caterers) is of a high quality and the service is very good.

ParentPay

We now have in excess of 400 parents taking advantage of ParentPay and the feedback we are receiving is very positive indeed. All parents should by now have received a username and password. This allows you to log onto ParentPay and to pay for your child's meals using your Debit or Credit card. If you have not received your login details or have mislaid them, please do not hesitate to contact the School and we will be happy to re-issue this information. Those parents who are already taking advantage of ParentPay have the added advantage of being able to see, through the ParentPay login facility, what your child is eating. The facility allows parents to block some food choices and to restrict the money available to your child to a daily amount.

We are confident that ParentPay takes data protection very seriously, and its platform security and processes go beyond the requirements set out by the Government for dealing with financial data or child data. ParentPay is committed to providing a safe, secure service to all users and invests significantly in technology, infrastructure and processes to ensure this is the case. The ParentPay service is secure and is operated in an ISO27001 data centre. Each and every page used, from the login screen onwards, is hosted on secure servers and uses the highest levels of industry security to protect both personal information and financial card and transactions details.

ParentPay has its own Data Protection Act registration and is registered as a Data Processor. The School is also registered as a Data Controller and we take our responsibility very seriously to maintain parent and pupil data securely, whether stored in ParentPay or any other software



application used at school. ParentPay provides the application for the school but does not access or use the data – hence the DPA registration as a data processor. The school is still responsible for managing, maintaining, updating and accessing the data. ParentPay's commitment to the school to act responsibly as a data processor is covered in the terms and conditions agreed to by the school as part of the set up and application process.

ParentPay is used in nearly 2,000 schools across 140 local authorities throughout the UK and has been fully investigated by many local authorities, who have given their full support for its use. One authority, in fact, commissioned a complete and thorough independent audit of the entire system, the company and all security and processes. This audit was conducted by international consultancy firm Deloitte Touche, who gave a positive reference and full support for the ParentPay service.

It is our aim to extend the ParentPay facility within the next few weeks and months so that those parents who wish to do so can pay for their child's school trips, uniform etc in this way.

Alternatively, parents can apply to the school for a **PayPoint** card, which enables you to top up your child's meal account at a range of local outlets (Co-op, Post Office, Spar etc) using either cash or card.



Parental Portal

As some parents may already know, we are in the process of verifying the data we hold so that those who wish to collect information about their child(ren) electronically (Aiming High Reports, attendance data, newsletters and other important communications from school) may do so.

The next batch of Aiming High reports is due to be posted home to parents on Thursday, 7 April. Included in the envelope will be login details for those parents whose e-mail addresses we already have. If you wish to have access to your child's details electronically but haven't let us have your current e-mail address, this can easily be done by e-mailing parents@richmondschool.net.

As I know parents will appreciate, school budgets are being hit hard as a result of the current Government financial constraints. We are therefore trying to ensure that our postage, alongside other such costs, is kept to an absolute minimum, so that as much as possible can be directed into the curriculum. By agreeing to receive communications from the school electronically parents will support this endeavour.

Those parents who do not have access to a computer or the internet will of course continue to receive paper copies of the reports and other correspondence.

Ian Robertson

Headteacher

Richmond School Ski Team - Sixth out of Fifty Four!

Eight Richmond School girls took part in an intensive race training programme on snow and a team represented the school in the British School Girls' Ski Competition. All trained in both slalom and giant slalom, together with all round mountain technique. The three strong team of Honor Clissold (13), Cara Websdale (13) and Anna Offord (16), with Hayley Burrows (15) as a reserve,



achieved 6th place overall out of 54 schools, with Richmond School being one of only two state schools involved. Thirteen year old Honor, member of the British Children's Ski Team, won the Giant Slalom in the Children 2 (1997/1996) category, took fourth place in slalom and third overall, despite being in the younger year of the age band; while sixteen year old Anna, competing for the first time, won a bronze medal in slalom and took bronze overall in the junior unregistered racers category.

Ski-ing at Richmond school is growing from strength to strength. 'We're absolutely thrilled with how well the girls have done in a national competition. We're certainly starting to get Richmond School on the skiing map and are keen to build on our success at future events and to welcome new racing talent into the squad. The support we've received from school and parents has made the whole venture possible and we are extremely grateful. We're still seeking local sponsorship for the squad, especially for future competitions.'

Victoria Roberts - Team Manager



A First for Richmond School's Equestrian Team

A number of students competed in their first competition as part of Richmond School's

Equestrian team on Sunday, 6 February at Northallerton Equestrian Centre.

Will Langstaff (Year 8), Georgie Walker (Year 7), Kim Chapman (Year 10) and Tara Norton (Year 9) won the 70cm team show jumping, with Will and Kim being placed joint 3rd and Georgie 5th. Will, Georgie, Natasha Albrighton (Year 12) and Paige Martin (Year 10) won the Team Show Jumping at 80 cm, with Bethan Smith (Year 10) placed individually 6th and Kim Chapman individually 2nd. In the 90cm, Charlotte Lewington (Year 9) came 1st and Laura Jobling (Year 11) came 2nd.

Well done to everybody involved!

Tracey Fox - Team Manager



Sainsbury & Tesco Vouchers

The School is now collecting Sainsbury and Tesco vouchers and would appreciate it if you would send them in to us via School Reception.

Summer Indoor Sporting Programme

A range of sporting activities is now available to students as part of the summer programme. Please see the attached schedule for details.

Richard Meacher - PE Teacher



Swimming

Our thanks go to Richmond Dales ASC who work tirelessly with the students throughout the year and in particular to Ryan Livingstone and Iain Young who supported the girls at the National Schools' Relay event.

National Schools' Relay Event

The following students participated in the above event at Stockport on 2 February coming 8th in the Freestyle event and 11th in the Individual Medley. Charlotte Young and Josephine Barker recorded Freestyle splits which were within the 6th fastest of the day.

Area Competition

Congratulations to members of the School Swimming Team, all of whom gave outstanding performances:

Junior

50m Freestyle	Lewis Maguire Annabelle Wright
50m Breaststroke	Ben Fisher Karenza Blenkinsopp
50m Backstroke	Cameron Edgar Alice Heath
50m Butterfly	Tim Dawson Louise Barker
Relay	Ben Fisher Lewis Maguire Cameron Edgar Tim Dawson
Relay	Annabelle Wright Karenza Blenkinsopp Alice Heath Louise Barker

With 43 points, the boys' team came 1st and with 46 points, the girls' team also came 1st.

Intermediate

50m Freestyle	Max Robson
50m Fly	Bethany Edgar
50m Breaststroke	Arte Dawson Molly Wade
50m Backstroke	Kieran Fryer
50m Freestyle	Elizabeth McNamara

50m Butterfly	Jack Wright
50m Backstroke	Charlotte Young
200m Freestyle	Charlotte Young
Relay	Max Robson Arte Dawson Kieran Fryer Jack Wright
Relay	Bethany Edgar Molly Wade Elizabeth McNamara Charlotte Young

With 46 points the boys' team came 1st and with 47 points the girls' team also came 1st.

Senior

50m Freestyle	Jacob Attwood Josephine Barker
50m Breaststroke	Daniel Fisher Naomi Moks
50m Backstroke	George Moffitt Maddie Winzer
50m Butterfly	Chris Dove Chloe Kitching
Relay	Jacob Attwood Daniel Fisher George Moffitt Chris Dove
Relay	Josephine Barker Naomi Moks Maddie Winzer Chloe Kitching

With 45 points the boys' team came 2nd and the girls' team came 1st.

Chris Thomson - Head of PE

Cross Country Running

Three of our students represented North Yorkshire & York at Hexham on Saturday, 5 February against Cleveland, Durham Cumbria and Northumberland in the Inter-Counties Cross Country.

All three did really well. James Donoghue and Tom Hall in Year 7 came 19th and 29th respectively out of 44 runners and Dan Overin (Year 11) came 11th out of 58 runners. It was a tough course and a muddy one!



Thanks to Rob Clements for coming along to support the runners.

Sandra Johnson

British Schools Karting Championships

A team from Richmond School has got to the Regional Finals of the British Schools Karting Championships. The competition has over 400 teams and Richmond School are one of the regional finalists to have qualified from schools in the area between Leeds and Berwick. We hope that the students on this team: Max Coates, Rob Shield and Ian Jones, can make it to the national finals at the Daytona track in Milton Keynes.

The other team, made up of Tom Hutchinson, Jake McAleer and Jack Harrild, missed out on qualifying, but hope to perform well in future years and have gained huge amounts of enjoyment from the experience of driving against some of the best young motor racing drivers in the North!

Martin Burgess – Assistant Head of PE

Timing of the School Day

Name: _____

Parent of: _____

Comments: _____



Summer Indoor Sporting Activities

Now the exams are over, and the nights are brighter we are recommencing our sports programme.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Table Tennis (Mix)		Table Tennis (Mix)	
	Fitness Suite (Mix)	Fitness Suite (Mix)	Fitness Suite (Mix)	Fitness Suite (Mix)	Fitness Suite (Mix)
Lunch	Basketball Y10 (B) Trampoline Y8/9 (G)	Badminton (Teams only)	Trampoline Y8/9 (G) Football Y10 (B) Table Tennis Y8/11 (Mix)	Badminton Y8/11 (Mix)	Cricket 8/10 (Mix) Basketball Y12/13 (B)
	Fitness Suite (Mix)		Fitness Suite (Mix)	Fitness Suite (Mix)	
After School	X-Country Y7-13 (Mix) Netball Y10 (G) Cricket Y7 (Mix) Hockey Y12/13 (G) Football Y7-11 (G) Football Y12/13 (B) Rugby Y10-13 (B)	Football Y11 (B)	Netball Y7-9 (G) Football Y7 (B) Football Y9 (B)	Cheerleading Y7-10 (Mix) Trampoline Y10-11 (G) Hockey Y7 -10 (G) Football Y10 (B) Rugby Y7-9 (B)	Hockey Y7-10 (B) Cheerleading (Teams only)

N.B. The Sanderson Fitness Suite is open to students in Years 10-13, once they have had an induction with school staff. Those students who haven't yet been inducted should see a member of the PE Staff to book a session.

Gifted and Talented is invite only.

(B) – Activities for boys only

(G)- Activities for girls only

(Mix) – Activities for both boys and girls

