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Dear Parent / Carer

Hopefully it hasn't escaped your notice that this is our 40th year as a school and we will be celebrating this in a series of events over the summer, with the main day being Friday, 30th June. Tickets for this event are £15 and are available from Mr Smith. We are very grateful to him for all his hard work in organising this. There will be a Sports Day, BBQ, Ceilidh as well as bungee run, water globe, bouncy castle, and more! We are also looking into having a 3.5km fun run. **We hope you, family and friends will be able to join us for this special occasion.**

- The boarders had a good week, with a lovely balance of quiet times and liveliness! Archery went down well, with **Aaron Laidler, Zoe Underwood, Joel Casey, Phillip Robson and Jonah Smith** especially on the mark (see pics)
- A **boarders meeting** was held on Wednesday, with some really positive comments and suggestions. Watch this space! Please see boarders timetable on p2.
- We welcomed **Brad Watson** to our Inters. Brad made a super start. Well done!
- On Monday I will be sending a list of possible subjects to study from September to parents and carers of **y9 through to y12**. I will be asking you and your young person to indicate which of these they might wish to study. We will be continuing to increase the number of subjects which lead to external qualifications.
- On the subject of our increased offer, our recent **OfSTED** recognised the work we are doing in many areas, and that while we still have much to do, our improvements are making a difference. As always, I cannot give details until the report is officially published, but I believe it is overall a very fair report. I am arranging for a series of meetings with parents and carers to go through the report and how we will be moving forward from it. Details to follow.
- Our Care governor Zoe Frais, houseparents Maggie and Mr Gray, and Mr Hodgson met this week to consider a return to termly boarding.
- Well done to Pupil of the Week **Rhys Jefferson, Jonah Smith** who gained Certificate of Merit, and ... **Nick McLaren**, who was awarded Sixth-Former of the Half-term. Congratulations!
- It was lovely to see the enthusiasm of our young people for House rugby. It was a fantastic game, which went against predictions with Wansbeck winning 12 to 9. Both **Rhys Jefferson and Jack Corrigan** scored hat-tricks, whilst **Harry Rutter** also scored. The game was really positive and hard fought. Well done all!
- It's been doing the rounds online, but in case you haven't seen it, we had a super feature in Northern Insight magazine, which goes out all over the North East, and beyond! Please visit <https://issuu.com/northerninsight/docs/march17issuu>
Well done to **Claire Forrest, Aaron Laidler, Zoe Underwood, Rhys Jefferson and Emily Casburn** who all look superb, and to Nunnykirk's 'Press Gang' for writing the stunning article.

And a couple of dates for your diary...

Friday, 10th March (14.45-18.30): **y9 Parents and Carers Consultation**

Wednesday, 22nd March (18.30-20.00): **Open Forum led by Mr Chipchase on Autistic Spectrum Disorder**. All welcome. Refreshments provided. Please let me know if you are joining us.

And lastly...

I'm starting to piece together **our 2017-18 calendar**, and would welcome suggestions for this. For example, Parents and Carers Consultations. This year, at the request of parents we offered an earlier start, and kept the finish time, extending the available time slots by 30'. But is Friday best? What start/end times would be best for you? Please send suggestions direct to me. Thank you.

Have a super weekend! Barry (barryfrost.nunnykirk@gmail.com)

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Boarders' Timetable for week beginning 6th March 2017				
Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
4.00pm	4.00pm – 4.30pm Snacks	4.00pm – 4.30pm Snacks	4.00pm – 4.30pm Snacks	4.00pm – 4.30pm Snacks
4.30pm	4.30pm – 5.00pm Prep	4.30pm- 6.00pm Photo Hobby	4.30pm – 5.15pm Prep	4.30pm – 5.15pm Prep
5.00pm	5.00pm – 8.00pm Nunnykirk Explorers	6.00pm – 6.30pm Dinner	Cinema Trip (The Great Wall) 5.30pm – 8.30pm	Free Time
5.30pm				5.45pm – 6.15pm Dinner
6.00pm		6.30pm – 7.15pm Prep		6.30pm - 8.00pm Local trip out. (Boarders choice)
6.30pm		7.15pm - 8.30pm Local trip out. (Boarders choice)		8.00pm – 8.45pm Prep
7.00pm		8.30pm Supper		8.30pm Supper
7.30pm		Free Time		Free Time
8.00pm	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
8.30pm	8.30pm Supper	8.30pm Supper	8.30pm Supper	8.30pm Supper
9.00pm	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time
9.30pm	Preparation for bedtime.			
10.00pm				
<p>Activities in WHITE and before Dinner are open to non-boarders, but please ensure these are arranged with Houseparents in advance.</p> <p>Listed below is a guide of pocket money needed for each activity....</p> <p>Cinema Outing: Minimum of £10.00 each.</p> <p>If you would like your young person to join in our evening activities, or to board. Please arrange this at least a day in advance, directly with Mr & Mrs Gray, as this ensures a quick response.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">nkhouseparents@gmail.com</p>				