



7 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19, Medical data collection, House fundraising, donations sought, Year 12 student leadership applications, Young Enterprise success

I trust my letter finds you all well and a restful bank holiday was had by all, even if it was a bit nippy and wet. A shorter letter this week before some longer tomes in the coming weeks.

Covid-19

After some press articles this week, I will be taking a close look at any changes to the national guidance for schools as we approach a wider easing expected from 17 May, particularly around the wearing of face masks. I intend to follow the guidance to the letter and will update our risk assessment on the website once I have formed a view and spoken with the governing body. I expect any formal changes to be announced in the press first because this has been the way of it since March 2020. As a result, please bear with me. Once I know, you will.

If any parents have any other concerns related to Covid-19 in school, please contact us at the Academy using the email address COVID@srpa.co.uk.

Medical data collection

Thank you to all parents who have already returned the MS Form below related to existing medical conditions. We continue to enhance our medical facilities and our approach to administering medication in school. If you have not yet returned the form below for your child and intend to, I would be grateful if you would complete the following MS Form for your child if they have a medical condition. I appreciate that we may have this information already but it would be extremely helpful to receive a new submission as our form has changed and the questions we are asking are different to in the past. Thank you for your understanding. The form can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/r/EYLDPmPxm5>

House fundraising

We continue to raise funds for our House charities. The current totals and links to donate can be found here: <https://srpa.co.uk/our-curriculum/house-fundraising-challenge/>
Congratulations must go to Lancaster at the moment. Miss Addlesee and the purple massive are leading the totals so far. Well done! Their charity is very close to my heart; the JDRF diabetes charity has supported my son since his Type 1 diagnosis nearly six years ago.

Donations sought

The Academy is seeing some great success from our Circle of Life project. As you are well aware, we have supported our community throughout the pandemic and see it as a vital opportunity to show that we are more than just a school. With this in mind, students continue to create, prepare and deliver care packages to local care homes. If you are in a position to donate on the following list, it would be greatly appreciated:

- Cloth hankies for men
- Socks with rubber non-slip dots
- Sun hats
- Soft sweets
- Nail varnish
- Large print puzzle books
- Colouring pens
- Hair brushes or combs
- Seed packets

All donations can be taken to the Main Hall where the House team will be happy to help.

Year 12 student leadership applications

We have had over a fifth of the year group in Year 12 apply for student leadership positions on our Sixth Form Student Leadership Team. We are looking forward to the rigorous interview process involving initial interviews with Mr Griffiths and Mrs Gadsby subsequently followed by Mrs Spoons and I over the next fortnight.

Young Enterprise success

For the second year running our sixth form YE group have surpassed expectations. This year, they have come second in the business of the year category across the county and have won the sustainability award for the second year running. Miss Myers does a fantastic job every year so I am delighted that our youngsters have come up trumps again. Well done to all.

The better weather may well be just around the corner now and we are in the final push for Year 11 and 13 to gather enough evidence for their summer grades, the site is looking good after many years of needing attention, the lockdown restrictions are on the verge of another easing and the Academy is beginning to find its new normal again. Despite being incredibly busy and under no small amount of pressure, I am reminded of the many positives we have to be thankful for. It is easy to feel a bit grumpy when you have a bad day or a bad week but, in



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truth, trying to keep a positive outlook during all of our current troubles with Covid really does bear fruit. As Bob Marley once said, "Some people feel the rain, others just get wet."

Keep smiling.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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