



4 February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19, Year 9 options, School led tutoring, Ski trip, Safer Internet Day – next week, Parent Governor ballot

Welcome to my end of week letter. I hope this finds you well as we have entered February and been greeted by unusually mild weather. This week has seen a successful PD Day, the visit of theatre companies and bands, focussing on resilience and wellbeing.

Post-Plan B, we are finding our new normal as we transition to a more 'usual' approach to education at the Academy after so many restrictions. The French novelist, Gustave Flaubert, once wrote that "Success is a consequence and must not be a goal." Let's hope that we can keep doing the right things the right way together. In the meantime, please find some updates below:

Covid-19

We continue to encourage twice weekly testing at home on Wednesdays and Sundays using home LFT kits. This is vital to support us in keeping our academy fully functioning in the winter months whilst infection rates are still higher in the community.

Year 9 options

Thank you to all parents and students who joined the live Q&A with Mr Ward and Mr Kirk this week. The options deadline for applications is almost upon us as I write. I would be grateful if I could call for that 'final push' to submit all applications so that we may set about arranging for Year 10 in earnest. Thank you.

School led tutoring

This is a government 'catch up' initiative that we are taking part in. After half term, we hope to have a number of new tutors in post in partnership with the University of Lincoln. Selected students will receive one to one or small group tutoring from our new tutors to bring any learning gaps identified because of the pandemic. If your child is due to receive this support we will be in touch with you soon.

Ski trip

Governors have now agreed my proposal for this trip to run twice. The first trip, scheduled as planned for February half term 2023, will run with 75 available places selected by random ballot

across the year groups but initially prioritising those in year groups where they will have left the Academy before the February 2024 trip runs. Mr Griffiths is preparing for the first ballot and will be in touch soon with next steps.

Safer Internet Day – next week

Next week sees national Safer Internet Day and we have some initiatives planned to support this. As a national online safety school this is of vital importance to us and our community. In advance of this, you will have received some literature for parents and students which may prove useful.

Parent Governor ballot

I was delighted to receive three applications for the Parent Governor vacancy and, as a result, we will be asking you to vote via ballot paper. This will be coming home with students on Monday.

I intend to sign off as I began, with another quote from Flaubert. He makes for an intriguing read, whether you are experiencing his works in French or in the English translation – “Human speech is like a cracked kettle on which we tap crude rhythms for bears to dance to, while we long to make music that will melt the stars.”

Our words are our most enchanting form of communication in a world all too busy and fretful. I hope you have a wonderful weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Head Teacher



Head Teacher: Mr D. J. Hardy BA (Hons) PGCE
Moor Lane, North Hykeham, Lincoln. LN6 9AF
☎ 01522 882020
✉ enquiries@srpa.co.uk 🌐 www.srpa.co.uk
Company Registration No: 07690250