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Dear Parent/Carer

PD Day next week, Fundraising as part of PD next week, Careers bulletin, ParentPay debts, Community Action Group – raffle, Prom wardrobe initiative, Ukraine donations update

Welcome to my end of week letter. This week has been an exciting week, culminating in the formal appointment of our sixth form senior leadership team. I was privileged to award them their senior leader badges this week in front of their peers and look forward to coaching them through their time in post.

In other news, Covid infections are rising again in the community and at the Academy but, at the time of writing, there is nothing to worry about and I am interrogating the data daily. However, it has meant some staff absence this week which has made it tight in some areas to run the curriculum and some of our support services. My staff deserve incredible thanks for keeping a normal service running and continue to work extremely hard. Likewise, the student body are stepping up to the challenge and are being amenable where it is needed. I will continue to keep a close eye on developments as we approach Easter.

PD Day next week

On Wednesday 23 March we have our next Personal Development Day. Whilst this coincides with our mock examinations for Year 11 and Year 13, we have provided some time on the day for them to continue with their revision as well as some 'stress buster' activities to support them with balancing their time between their study and looking after themselves. Year 11 have an 'opt in' session for various activities including yoga, mindfulness and dodgeball, whilst Year 13 are taking some time out to celebrate their efforts at the local bowling alley.

For this term, our SRPA Values sessions for all students in Years 7 to 10 will involve a fundraiser for our house charities as well as supporting Ukraine. Our SPRA Voices session will take a look at hidden disability with some students sharing their experiences to help our wider cohort understand the challenges that others face each day. Students will also be able to explore some extra curricular mathematics with our focus on World Mathematics Day.

Amongst other activities, Year 7 will be looking at puberty, Year 9 will have a mock trial to focus on British Values, whilst Years 8, 10 and 12 will be looking at relationships education with presentations on consent and sexual harassment. Years 7 and 8 will also be celebrating the recent British Science week by doing some exciting practical work with our science team.

Our Year 12 are continuing their exploration of their next steps by having an external speaker talk to them about opportunities related to higher degree apprenticeships as well as visiting the UCAS exhibition at Lincoln University for the afternoon.

Fundraising as part of PD Day

On Wednesday next week (23 March), Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are taking part in a sponsored run to raise money for the chosen house charities and to support those effected by the war in the Ukraine. All students will have one period during the day when they will aim to complete as many kilometres as possible around the school field. Pupils can run, walk, skip, crawl just as long as they are contributing to their form's total kilometres. We would like youngsters to gain sponsorship for their efforts on the day and hope to raise as much money as an Academy as possible. Prizes will be awarded to those who can raise the most money and the form group who can complete the most kilometres during the lesson. Any support you can give with this event would be greatly appreciated and money raised will go to support worthy causes. Attached is a sponsorship form for the event for youngsters to print off and complete. Any money raised will need to be handed to your child's form tutor before Friday 25 March please.

Careers bulletin

Please see attached with this letter. I hope you find these publications useful in supporting careers guidance. Any feedback is gratefully received so that we can continue to keep supporting our students as well as possible.

ParentPay debts

Please be good enough to settle your account if it is in arrears. While the situation has improved, there are still many hundreds of pounds owing and we need to see this recovered. Thank you.

Community Action Group - raffle

Raffle tickets for our community action group raffle are still available for purchase on ParentPay with many great prizes available.

Prom wardrobe initiative

This initiative is still running and the response has been incredible so far! If you have any dresses, shoes, suits or accessories in good condition that you wish to donate we would still like to hear from you.



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Ukraine donations update

The response to our Ukraine appeal for donated goods has been overwhelming! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated anything, however big or small. We have filled the sixth form careers hub and our old cloakroom from one end to the other which has meant we have tonnes of donated goods to deliver to the Ignite Church! This is just brilliant and goes to show what a wonderful community we have locally.

Coretta Scott King once said that “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members”. This week, our community has been well-measured and it is thriving.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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