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Dear Parent/Carer

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Welcome to my end of week update and letter. I hope that you have been able to enjoy some of the unusually warm weather this week. Amongst other things, I had the real pleasure of working with some of our Year 9 STEM students this week who were tutored by our School Led Tutor team to come up with a project brief and designs for a turbine which generated power. I was fascinated to listen to them all present, especially those groups who chose to attempt the project bilingually in English and French! I think they were even more shocked when I asked them questions in French at the end!

We also look forward to seeing you at our annual Performing Arts production next week. More details below:

Les Mis shows next week– door opening times (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

I am really very excited about our latest production and can't wait to see it. I have sneaked into one or two rehearsals after school for a quick peak and it is looking incredible. Our doors on show nights next week will open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Tickets are still available from main reception and via ParentPay and we will be filming one performance next week professionally in order to be able to offer a DVD of the whole experience which will be available to purchase after show week.

Transition visits for Year 6

Some youngsters need a few more visits to the Academy prior to joining us in September in Year 7. Mr Adlington has earmarked 29 and 30 June for such visits in the first instance and has communicated home already. Please respond to transition@srpa.co.uk if you wish for your child to attend if you haven't heard from us yet.

UCAS information evening

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the UCAS information evening and the Year 11 into 12 induction information evening. Information has now been sent home to those

who were unable to attend but if anyone has any further questions, please contact the sixth form team via sixthform@srpa.co.uk.

Year 10 and Year 12 examinations

A quick reminder that these examinations begin next week, full details have been sent in a full letter.

Health & Wellbeing Bulletin

Please find the latest edition attached with this letter.

Proposed changes to the academy day

Thank you to all parents and carers who have now responded to our request for feedback on our proposals. This closes on Monday but we have now received over 300 responses with the majority currently in favour of the change being made.

I am writing to all students regarding this matter via their internal academy email address to ask for their feedback too. Their MS Form link will be embedded in the email and they will have until close on 24 June to respond.

Maintaining a strong behaviour culture

It remains our mission to ensure that excellent behaviour is at the heart of all that we do so that staff and students have a clear and shared understanding of how good behaviour is rewarded, and the sanctions that will be imposed if youngsters misbehave. I am committed to supporting my staff in creating and maintaining calm, safe and disciplined environments, which allow teachers to teach and all of our students to learn and thrive because we want everyone to be successful at school. Sometimes, this mission is inhibited by a small number of parents who try to dictate to me that, despite poor behaviour from their child, they will not support any sanction and their child will go unpunished for any wrongdoing. Where parents choose to send their child/children to our Academy to receive an education, staff at the Academy, at whatever necessary level, will decide upon the appropriate sanction in any case of misbehaviour and not the parent. This is a legal power bestowed upon us and is non-negotiable. The overwhelming majority of parents remain wonderfully supportive and reasonable and for that I am incredibly grateful.



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Request for uniform & PE kit donations

Should any parents have any old uniform items or PE kit they are happy to donate to the Academy because their child is leaving us or has outgrown the garment, we would be most grateful. We are hoping to offer items as part of a second hand uniform shop given the current cost of living to help families in need of a bit of support. I will publish further details in due course.

I had the privilege of talking to a really supportive parent earlier this week who spoke of her anticipation at the end of each week when my letters come out and that she had used one of my weekly quotes with her own team at work. Whilst feeling the pressure somewhat, I was inspired by this so I leave you this week with the words of the Japanese writer Ryunosuke Satoro who wrote that "Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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