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Dear Parent/Carer

Internet and telephone outage, Open Evening, Staying Safe Day – Year 7, Charity fundraising, Awards Evening – Thursday 29 September 6-7.30pm, Homework

Welcome to my end of week update letter. It has been a more challenging week due to an IT issue away from site which has inhibited us and proved frustrating, especially during open week. Nevertheless, some updates and successes to share. More below:

Internet and telephone outage

Since around 2pm on Tuesday this week, we have been suffering an outage which is the worst in twenty years across the three counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire with many schools affected. This may mean you have been attempting to call or email us but to no avail. We apologise for these circumstances beyond our control and assure you that we are working with the relevant agencies to bring our services back to normal. Teaching is less affected and continues as per our curriculum plans.

Open Evening

This was a great success and, for the first time ever, I addressed two full halls of parents with standing room only on both occasions. It was wonderful to be able to fully open up again and watch the Academy in full swing. If you have any questions about your child joining us in Year 7 next year or would like a tour, please contact us via enquiries@srpa.co.uk or transition@srpa.co.uk.

Staying Safe Day – Year 7

We always subscribe to Year 7 receiving a day off timetable from outside visitors to consider several types of safety issue which will benefit them as they grow up. The day was highly successful and incredibly beneficial to Year 7. You can see some photos on our social media accounts. Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership welcome feedback from students which can be accessed here <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/StaySafe/>

Should parents wish to give us feedback about the event we should like to hear from you. We will be giving out some vouchers to the lucky names out of the hat who send us some food for thought.

Please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/irJFJkfy4e>

Charity fundraising

We are now writing cheques to our five house charities from last year in order to share our funds with them. We have raised nearly £5,000 across the nominated charities which is a huge achievement. We are planning to work with one local charity this year rather than across five, in order to make a huge difference. Our students will make recommendations before we decide who to choose.

Awards Evening - Thursday 29 September 6-7.30pm

We are holding our awards evening, recognising last year's Year 11 and 13 achievements and a mop up of the summer awards, next week on Thursday. Recipients should already know if they are receiving an award. If you have not yet notified us of your intention to attend, please do so in order that we may plan for refreshments and for setting up the hall. Thank you. We look forward to welcoming parents and students for this celebration event.

Homework

All homework timetables are now live and on the website. All teachers will be sharing the set and due date for their subjects in classes over the next fortnight. This will be repeated for every run through of the two-week timetable until the end of the academic year, supporting our youngsters with their organisation. Students will be required to write all homework in their planners but can also use Go4Schools to plan their home study too.

This week has provided us with some frustrations because we know how important it is to be on the front foot in education. Sometimes, technology just gets in the way, yet we are sharply reminded of just how much we rely on it for our modern work practices. I am not usually one to quote Russians, especially not Marxist revolutionary politicians, yet I think Trotsky summed my thoughts up well with the following:

“Life is not an easy matter....You cannot live through it without falling into frustration and cynicism unless you have before you a great idea which raises you above personal misery, above weakness, above all kinds of perfidy and baseness.”

Educating youngsters raises me up daily.



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Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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