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Dear Parent/Carer

**Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day – Monday 10 October, Sports results this week, MacMillan Coffee Morning – 18 October, Health & Wellbeing bulletin, Careers Bulletin, Our nominated fundraising cause for this year, Detention powers, Tutor evenings – Years 7, 10 and 12**

Welcome to my end of week update letter. It has been a changeable week with the weather but a purposeful and successful week, especially on the sports pitch. More below:

### **Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day – Monday 10 October**

The sixth form have asked if they can support this next Monday and I have agreed. They will be able to come into the Academy with a piece of yellow on their school attire if they donate £1 to charity. This initiative has been led by the Student SLT so I really hope the rest of the sixth form will support them in their endeavours.

### **Sports results this week**

It has been a very successful week in the PE department. Mr Fell and his team have done an excellent job. The Year 8 football team won 4-1 v William Farr in the national cup. Their next fixture is away v Humberston Academy, Grimsby. The Year 9 football team won 4-2 v William Farr in the national cup with the next round still to be arranged. The Year 10 football team won 3-0 v Branston in the district league. Finally, the Year 7 football team won 15-0 v Priory Witham in their first league fixture. They play Kings, Grantham in the national cup on Monday. A good start to the term! We have a fixture next week v NKA so I look forward to reporting on that next week in my letter...

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning – 18 October**

We are a little bit later holding this event but can't wait to welcome the community to our coffee morning on 18 October to raise some money for a good cause. The senior team and I will also be using it as a chance to meet parents/carers and members of the local community who attend. We would value any donations for the bake sale from our budding bakers on the student body too!

### **Health & Wellbeing bulletin**

Please find attached our first bulletin of the year.

## Careers Bulletin

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## Our nominated fundraising cause for this year

Our students have decided to move away from five charities this year and for all Houses to support one common cause. I am delighted to inform you that they have chosen the Lincoln Foodbank for this academic year. We look forward to accepting donations and raising funds for the Foodbank at a time when it has never been more important

## Detention powers

A small number of parents have written to the Academy in recent days to inform us that they do not give consent for their children to do detentions. To clarify the position, consent is not required under law. Taken from gov.uk “Schools don’t have to give parents notice of after-school detentions or tell them why a detention has been given.”

A more full explanation can be found at [childlawadvice.org.uk](http://childlawadvice.org.uk):

“Teachers have the power to issue detention to pupils under 18. A school does not need the consent of a parent before issuing detention. Detention can take place during school hours and in some circumstances outside of school hours. This includes:

- any school day where the pupil does not have permission to be absent;
- weekends, except the weekend preceding or following the half term break; and
- non-teaching days, usually referred to as ‘training days’, ‘INSET days’ or ‘non-contact days’.

We look forward to supporting all of our children to be successful and to behave well in the Academy. Where detention is necessary, it will be used as we see fit under our lawful powers.



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## Tutor evenings – Years 7, 10 and 12

Instructions for booking appointments have now been published. Allow me to remind you though that this is not a regular parents evening and is a chance to meet your child's R2L tutor only unless you are booking a SEND review with Mr Adlington or Mrs Hardy. If you have not yet done so and intend to come along, please book to see your child's tutor only. They will discuss all matters related to academic progress and settling in with you. Members of the Senior Leadership team will also be in attendance.

I have held assemblies with all year groups this morning to remind them of our standards and expectations now that we are five weeks into term. As we spend the next fortnight preparing for the half term break I am reminded of the words of Michelle Obama who said of her childhood "We learned about honesty and integrity – that the truth matters... that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square."

Wise words to live by. Have a wonderful weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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