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Dear Parent/Carer

**Sixth form open evening – 2 November, Sports results this week, MacMillan Coffee Morning – 18 October, Tutor evenings – Years 7, 10 and 12, End of Term reports, Caterpod deliveries, Year 7 summer PGL residential, Multi-year group ski trip 2024, Lincoln Foodbank support, Donations of warm clothing**

Welcome to my end of week update letter. With a week to go until half term, we are in full swing for planning events up to and beyond Christmas, as this letter reflects. We are also ploughing on in earnest with our support for a number of winter initiatives as you will see below.

## **Sixth form open evening – 2 November**

Mr Griffiths and his team are looking forward to greeting any current Year 11 students wishing to join our sixth form in Year 12 next September. The curriculum offer we have planned is one of the widest and most far-reaching we have ever offered so we are really excited to share this in early November and support any prospective sixth form students with the application process.

## **Sports results this week**

The Year 8 football team deserve a special mention this week for beating Lincoln Minster 11-0 and our Year 9 team beat them 8-0 on Tuesday. Our Year 11s came second against NKA. It was 1-1 until the closing stages when we shipped three late goals. Well tried boys and better luck next time....

## **MacMillan Coffee Morning – 18 October 10.15am**

We can't wait to welcome you to our coffee morning on 18 October at 10.15am to raise some money for a good cause. We would value any donations for the bake sale. Any baked goods that aren't sold on the coffee morning will be made available for general sale to the student body in the Great Hall on the same day at Break 2.

## Tutor evenings – Years 7, 10 and 12

After a successful first evening this week, we look forward to hosting the second evening next week. Instructions for booking appointments have now been published. 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.

## End of Term reports

Reports for all year groups were published earlier in the week, along with instructions on how to access these in Go4Schools.

## Caterpod deliveries

We are currently expecting our two Caterpods to be delivered on 28 and 31 October although we are trying to have them both delivered during the October break for an immediate start after half term. Menus will be published on our website and around the Academy next week so that students can see the range of grab and go food and drink available to them out of the canteen after the break.

Next week, I will also reveal the competition winners who designed our two pods who will receive a half termly queue jump pass to their pod.

## Year 7 summer PGL residential

Mr Griffiths has written to parents and carers this week with his plans for next summer's PGL trip for Year 7. This trip ran in July this year when the temperatures hit 40 degrees so we are well-versed in making this happen and for everyone to have fun while learning!

If you think your child would enjoy high ropes, raft building and getting wet, team games and much more, this is the trip for you.



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## Multi-year group ski trip 2024

Since the pandemic, we have endeavoured to run as many educational trips as possible in order to get back on track and give some of those valuable experiences that have been missing over the past couple of years. We usually only run this trip bi-annually but the 2023 was oversubscribed in no time at all. For this reason, the trip is going again in 2024 to the same resort in Italy. Mr Griffiths is about to publish arrangements for this trip. Students who were not successful in gaining a place on the 2023 trip will be prioritised with all other places being filled thereafter.

## Lincoln Foodbank support

As our Academy charity this year is Lincoln Foodbank, I wanted to alert you to their work. Below are some links to either donate or visit a foodbank.

<https://lincoln.foodbank.org.uk/>

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

<https://lincolnshirefoodpartnership.org/foodbanks/>

<https://www.lincolnshire.coop/pdfs/page/Food-Bank-List.pdf>

## Donations of warm clothing

As part of our ongoing support for the community over the winter, we are looking for donations of any warm clothing in order that we can stock warm rails with suitable items. More about this initiative in due course but your help would be really gratefully received.

This half term is always one full of bustle and purpose as we lay the groundwork for the rest of the academic year and strive to continue in our mission to improve our academy for the wonderful students in it. Leadership of such a large organisation, and in such a human industry, can also be challenging and varied as no two days are ever the same and some issues can be complex to navigate. The type of leadership required is adaptable, versatile and front-focussed on what is necessary, regardless of the challenge ahead.

Our students matter to me deeply. I believe I have shown that through the pandemic through actions as well as words. Sometimes, that means I can be positive and rewarding but, on other occasions, it needs me to set youngsters on the right path when they are taking the wrong one. That risks popularity in order to do what is right. So be it. In the words of Margaret Thatcher, "If you set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing."



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I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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