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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Easter School, Staying Safe, Personal Development Day

Welcome to my end of week update letter. It is three years this week since schools began to lockdown due to the Covid pandemic and, as I often muse, I can't actually work out where the time has gone to. Fitting or just a cruel twist of irony then, that I should have the dreaded lurgy this week and haven't been at the Academy. I'm sure that this has been welcome news to staff and students alike...!

Nevertheless, there are some updates to share, and I have been in touch with my senior team throughout the week to ensure smooth running. Normal service will resume next week, I hope.

Year 11 Easter School

We intend to run some workshops by subject during the Easter break for students who could do with the support and intervention. This will be targeted and by invitation only - there is no expectation that the year group will attend en masse.

More details to follow before the break in a fortnight.

Staying Safe

We have received a request from the Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership on behalf of Lincolnshire Police to share the below information regarding extremism and radicalisation. We work closely with Lincolnshire Police to train our staff and educate our students in Prevent and how to protect themselves from strangers who may attempt to draw them into radicalisation. If you do have concerns about your child, please do contact the Academy.

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent.

Young people can be at a greater risk of being targeted by extremists and the internet has made it much easier for radicalisers to find and identify people who might be easily influenced.

In Lincolnshire, last year most of the cases referred to Prevent related to young people and one of the biggest concerns was online activity including the sharing of extremist information.

Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place. These can be big or small changes that take place very quickly or over a longer period. Trust your instincts and if you're concerned, seek advice.

ACT Early provides advice on the risks of radicalisation, spotting the signs and what to do if concerned.

ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation <https://actearly.uk>

Personal Development Day

Tuesday 21 March 2023 is Personal Development Day 4. We have a busy and engaging day for our students.

Year 9 have a range of visiting speakers from different careers to explain how they got into their profession, including law, IT, starting a business, working for the NHS and many more.

All year groups will be exploring British Values with a focus on human rights and Parliament. Students will also be learning about the 'Science of Character Strengths' and reflecting on what their strengths are.

Year 12 start looking at their future after completing their study at the academy and independent living skills. Year 13 are working with the Regional Cyber Security Policing team to strengthen their awareness of working securely online, their digital footprint and the importance of not sharing personal information online.

Keep an eye on our Instagram page for photographs of the day!

Thomas Jefferson once said, "I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it."

We are now at the business end of the academic year for so many of our youngsters and this is where the most impact can be made to ensure that the grades you receive are the ones you deserve. As we push towards Easter with two weeks to go, I look forward to seeing our students thrive as the examination period beckons.

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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