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Dear Parent/Carer

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Change of Latin motto, Text service, IT outages planned over half term, End of Year assessments/examinations for Years 7 -10 & 12, Lincolnshire and Gainsborough Athletics District Trials, Keeping Safe Online LSCP/SLP Secondary Survey 2023, Year 12 Changemakers projects, Goodbye to Years 11 and 13

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

Half term is upon us after an extremely busy six weeks. Our feet have barely touched the ground since mid-April as we have prepared for national examinations, begun our Jubilee celebrations and seen our wonderful Year 11 and 13 students come to the end of their formal time with us. We are already fully in the swing of plans to welcome our new Year 7 into the Academy next half term too. Below are some final updates before the break and the bank holiday weekend:

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

This week has seen auditions for our talent show by House. Some Houses have been represented more than others but it has been nice to see so many getting involved.

During the first week back after half term, the Academy Council and House teams are leading on some breaktime activities and House challenges for youngsters to participate in. We also welcome a former alumnus on Friday 9 June. Nigel Huddleston MP is Conservative MP for Mid-Worcestershire and Minister for International Trade in the current government. He was also Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport from 2020 to 2022. He is a graduate of Christ Church, Oxford University and has an MBA from UCLA Anderson School of Management in Los Angeles, California.

He will be spending some time with our students and unveiling our platinum jubilee celebration plaque. I hope he will also be giving headmaster ties and platinum jubilee awards to our youngsters who have contributed to the content and design of the plaque when he is with us.

Change of Latin motto

As it is our 70th anniversary, the Full Governing Body wish to make a change to our Latin motto on our Academy badge which will stand the test of time for the next 70 years. They have narrowed it down to two possibles:

Sapere aude – Dare to know/Dare to be wise

Sapientia et doctrina – Wisdom and Learning

We would like to invite you, students and staff to use the link below to have a say in this decision prior to 7 June when we will close the MS Form – [Click here for form](#)

Before you ask the obvious question, we will not be making any immediate changes to anything, including uniform, site etc and will move over in the fullness of time. We will begin with letterhead and website in the first instance and will phase any other necessary change in over a substantial period. There will be no immediate change to anything for any parents and no one will be expected to endure any extra outlay of money for September, so no one needs to panic.

Once a final decision is made, I will explain more about the process in June/July.

Text service

After considering parental feedback regarding our use of emails to update parents/carers on events during the Academy day, we have been investigating a new text message service. We are delighted to inform you that, where appropriate from term 6, you will receive text messages from us while we utilise our trial period for the service. You may wish to save the number to your contacts after you have received the first one. Where there are lengthier communications or with attachments, we will continue to use email. For your reference, the text messages will be automatically sent to the first and second priority contact we hold for you. We would therefore be very grateful if you could update the academy via enquiries@srpa.co.uk of any changes to your contact details.

We will send out for a full update of students in term 6 as well, ready for September.

IT outages planned over half term

We are planning some network updates to our file servers over the May half term on **31 May and 1 June**. Please be aware that, during these updates, students will not be able to access documents on these days. Logins and access to email and remotely will also be intermittent so we are advising **no** IT access. Please plan accordingly if your youngster is intending on completing any work. Staff have been directed to ensure that students are supported as this may impact with homework on these days.

This work is unavoidable and best completed during the holidays. Thank you for your understanding.



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End of Year assessments/examinations for Years 7 -10 & 12

Next half term sees our end of year assessments/examinations take place for all year groups. In Key Stage 3, these will take place in lesson time in classrooms. For Years 10 and 12, there will be a mixture of class and examination assessment in the sports hall to prepare them for the examination experience they will face moving into Years 11 and 13.

Mr Ward will publish more information in due course.

Lincolnshire and Gainsborough Athletics District Trials

On Tuesday we took 21 students to the district athletics trials at Yarborough.

We had some great performances with 13 of our students qualifying to represent Lincoln and Gainsborough at the County Championships in Boston on Tuesday 6th June.

Notable performances:

Angel G – High Jump – 1st place, 100m – 2nd place

Elsie G – 1500m – 1st place

Josh M – 1500m – 1st place

Josh C – Javelin – 2nd place

Caiden L – 800m – 3rd place

Mackenzie G-C – Javelin – 3rd place, 200m – 4th place

Summer H – Javelin – 2nd place, 1500m – 4th place

Zack N – Shot Putt – 3rd place

Romy C-S – Long Jump – 3rd place

Keeping Safe Online LSCP/SLP Secondary Survey 2023

The LSCP annual survey of pupils aged 11-16 is now open. This is the fourth year the survey has run. The survey focuses on students' online usage and experience of bullying with a focus on online bullying. The survey has helped us to gain a greater understanding of the apps students are using and experiencing issues on. This has, in turn, helped us to focus our preventative education messages. The more students answering the survey across the county, the clearer picture we can gather to help protect students while they enjoy the many benefits



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of using the internet. We would ask for your support in asking your child to complete this survey: <https://forms.gle/6TBGiKSQ7xAD3HxP8>

Year 12 Changemakers projects

To kick off next term, we have two projects launching simultaneously. Our teams couldn't agree on just one charity to benefit from their project and have, therefore, decided to ambitiously run two projects. Please see the messages from the team below:

"For the first three weeks of term 6, we will be holding fundraising events as part of our Changemakers project. This will include a bake sale and 'pick and mix' sweets to purchase. Students will need to bring along a nominal amount of money on Wednesday breaktimes for the cake sales and Friday breaktimes for pick and mix. The funds raised from the bake sales will be donated to our local NOMAD trust to raise awareness for homelessness that is a real issue in Lincoln and nationally. In addition, our sweets sales will contribute to funds to improve the gardens of our very own Ros Christopher Centre (RCC), raising awareness of students coming forward to access help for specific needs, opening up and talking to someone. If you can support, we will be truly grateful!"

Year 12 Changemakers

Year 13 Parent Voice

Thank you to the Year 13 parents who have already completed our final sixth form parent questionnaire. We are so proud of our Year 13 students and are humbled by the amazing feedback we have already received. We really value your input as this allows us to assess and further improve our provision.

If you haven't already, please click on the link below.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UmTnz-l8eEuT7cGMryQfIYyp1zsEC_5Dn0Hm3ehoct5URFA4VkpXUENURVZSQUMyT1pWV0VJUVM3Ni4u

Goodbye to Years 11 and 13

Today, we say goodbye to our wonderful youngsters doing their examinations. Both year groups have shown real maturity towards their studies over the past few months and we wish them all well, whether moving into post-16 study here or elsewhere, employment or going to university. They have been a real credit to the Academy and we will miss them.



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I leave you this week with a quote originally attributed to a swimmer. However, a more modern reference would be from The Book of Boba Fett (for all of the Star Wars fans out there) when it is repeated by The Armourer: "Persistence without insight will lead to the same outcome."

Whether facing national examinations or just dealing with life's challenges, if we keep trying something, without learning from our previous experiences, the same thing will keep happening. Something I ponder every single day...

Whatever your plans for the half term break, I hope it is restful and full of sunshine for you and your family.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



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