



21 July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Tackling Hate Online Interactive Tool, Summer Self-Care Resource, ICT Notice: Summer Updates (Key Dates), Staff Leavers

Welcome to my final letter of the academic year.

This week has also been busy as we come to a close. Our latest PGL Year 7 residential has been a complete success. I visited at teatime on Tuesday and saw a wonderful bunch of young people having real fun, learning new skills and smiling, even if it was a bit wet. Year 12 received their mock examination results on Monday afternoon too and we are really proud of their efforts at the end of their first year of A levels.

Some more brief updates below:

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

This week, we held our Jubilee celebration afternoon on Monday. The activities raised a total of £407 for the Lincoln Foodbank. Thanks must go to all staff who took part in the organisation and running of the event and to all students for taking part in such a positive way. Our twelve weeks of celebrations have been a huge success and it has been great to see the youngsters learning so much about the Academy and its history as well as the heritage of the local area.

Tackling Online Hate Interactive Tool- Primary and Secondary

The [Tackling Online Hate interactive quiz](#) from The Online Together Project, helps open discussions with children around online hate. There are quiz options for Under 11's, 11 - 13's and 14 +.

The quiz can be found at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/theonlinetogetherproject/tackling-online-hate-quiz/>

The Anna Freud Centre Summer Self-Care Pack

The Anna Freud Centre has put together [self-care summer packs](#) for primary and secondary schools and Further Education containing creative activities that young people say help them stay mentally healthy.

ICT Notice: Summer Updates (Key dates)

During the summer break, we have some network changes, maintenance and IT tasks to be carried out around the Academy. We are planning some upgrades to our file servers, replacing our fleet of printers and implementing some network security changes that will heavily impact access to documents and logins on these days.

Thursday 27th July – Friday 4th August

There will be **no network access** on these seven days. This includes all logins, access to school documents, all remote access, emails and Frog.

Staff Leavers

At this time of year, we always say goodbye to members of staff who are moving on to pastures new. Miss Mortimer is leaving the Science department and moving to France. In the Mathematics department, Mr Gant and Mr Alston are moving to new schools to continue teaching and, in the English department, the same is true of Miss Court and Miss Cox. We wish them all well in their new endeavours.

Miss Davis leaves us today after twenty years in post, making a huge difference to the lives of generations of youngsters. She has taught in the Art and Photography department for all of this time and has made a huge difference to many lives. In addition, she has served on my senior team as well as prior to my time here. Miss Davis has led on safeguarding latterly and will take up a similar role leading on this for Leicestershire County Council. She will be sorely missed and will leave a hole for us to fill. Nevertheless, she leaves us in a strong position, and we wish her the very best in her new role.

Theodore Roosevelt once said, “No one cares how much you know until they know how much you care.” This academic year, we have done our level best to ensure that trips run, clubs are offered, fixtures happen and things ‘return to normal’ where possible after the pandemic. We do care about our community.

I hope that all of our families have a restful and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing all of our students on the first day of the new term on 6 September 2023 after our three INSET days.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



“This is a calm, happy and caring school.”

