



29 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

## **National Online Safety School Re-Accreditation, Music Mark Award, 7-year Trip Plan, Year 7, 9 and 10 Residentials, Photos mop-up, Awards Evening, RP6<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Engagement Evening**

Welcome to my weekly update letter.

This week has been extremely busy with visits, evening events and new plans being made. On Tuesday, I was delighted to go on my first school trip in seventeen years to the Palace of Westminster with our Year 11, 12 and 13 sociology students. All of our youngsters were great ambassadors to SRPA. It was a long, but lovely day. Special thanks must go to Mrs Reid for organising her first trip and it running like clockwork.

### **National Online Safety School re-accreditation**

I am delighted that we have been re-credited as a NOS school. This is a huge achievement year on year and allows us to support our students regarding their online behaviours through the curriculum, as well as to ensure that staff and parental opportunities for training are offered too. The new plaque will be erected in main reception in due course.

### **Music Mark School**

I am also delighted to announce that we have achieved the Music Mark. We have been recognised for our value and commitment to delivering high-quality music education at SRPA.

### **7-Year Trip Plan**

This updated document can now be found on our website under [Our Curriculum, Our Visits Programme](#). We constantly review our offer in this regard to ensure relevance and quality. This also gives parents a forward view of what is coming up and allows you to consider budgets and timings for which trips you might like your child to access. At the Academy, our aim is to give students a fantastic learning journey inside and outside of the classroom.

### **Year 7, 9 and 10 Residentials**

This week we have launched several residential visits for our current Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 students. We can't wait for our students to make the most of these opportunities for this coming year. Independence, confidence, and in particular communication, are key skills we are looking to develop by introducing students to these opportunities away from home.

## Year 7 Staying Safe Day

We look forward to welcoming the Staying Safe Partnership into the Academy on Tuesday 3 October 2023 to support our Year 7 cohort. All lessons will be dropped down for the day and Year 7 will be exploring a variety of topics, improving their knowledge and awareness of online safety, healthy relationships, fire safety, drug and alcohol awareness, antisocial behaviour and gang recruitment. This is a crucial part of their transition and development in Key Stage 3.

## Photos mop-up

Next week, we host Wrates again for our final chance for school photos to be taken for any students missing from the original visit. This will take place next **Wednesday 4 October 2023**, during the academy day.

## Awards Evening

We held a lovely evening to celebrate the achievements of our outgoing Year 11 and Year 13 students this week. Our keynote speaker was Hamish Falconer, former diplomat and now Parliamentary candidate for the Lincoln constituency at the next general election who gave some excellent advice to our youngsters in attendance. Any students or parents of students that were unable to make the event are invited into the Academy to collect the awards from reception prior to half term.

## RP6<sup>th</sup> Year 12 Engagement Evening

With transition from KS4 to KS5 such a challenge, it is important we not only support our students, but also our parents. This week, we had a great evening working with our parents of RP6<sup>th</sup> Year 12 students, supporting and enabling them to understand our systems and structures to get the best out of these two years from an academic, pastoral, and personal development point of view. We are so lucky to have parents who understand that, by us all pulling together, we give our young people the best chance of reaching their goals and going onto be successful in their next steps.

I was disappointed that a small group of parents saw fit to contact the local newspapers about alleged infestations at the Academy without coming to us first to enquire as to the accurate position. It is unfathomable to me that people sign their children up to be educated well at our establishment and then take every chance to knock us down. All I can say is that it must have been a slow news day around Lincoln....

We value the spirit of partnership and, as I have said many times, we won't always get things right because we too are human. That said, I will always apologise if it is the right thing to do if we have fallen short on any occasion.



"This is a calm, happy and caring school."



With this in mind, I am reminded of the words of American industrialist, Henry Ford, who said “Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.”

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



**Mr D Hardy**  
**Headmaster**



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