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Dear Parent/Carer

Immunisation 'Mop up', Rewards Celebrations, Academy Fun Run, Springboard FutureHost Contest, Applications for Entry into Year 12 – September 2024, Keeping Children Safe Online Sessions

Welcome to my end of the week update letter.

We have seen another very busy week at the Academy - trips continued this week with a day in York for Year 7 as they visited the Jorvik Viking Centre. I have heard really good things about the day and the behaviour of our students who represented us very well. Thanks must go to Miss Evans in the Humanities faculty for organising the event too.

Please find some further updates below:

Immunisation 'Mop up'

We will be holding a flu immunisation 'mop up' session on Tuesday 28 November 2023, when we host the SAIS team. If you have already given parental consent but your child has not yet received their vaccination, this will take place then.

Rewards Celebrations

As we approach the Christmas break, it is an important time to reflect and reward those students who have applied themselves exceptionally well over the first two terms. To that end, the last week of term will see all Expert Learners invited to a celebration afternoon to watch a Christmas film in the hall. The invitations to this event will be based on Attitude to Learning (A2L) scores only. As Aspiration lead, Miss Taylor would like to gather parent and student voice on our current rewards system to improve our summer celebrations. To assist, please complete the rewards survey which can be found [here](#). Please note, if you have multiple children at the Academy, you only need to complete the form once.

Academy Fun Run

The Academy Charity Fun Run took place today. Students have been challenged to see how many laps of the cross-country course they can complete in their Fun Run hour.

Students have been asked to collect donations for our House charity, St Barnabas Hospice, Lincoln. These donations can be paid in via ParentPay 'St Barnabas Academy Charity 23-24' or cash donations to be put in an envelope and handed in at Student Reception. The ParentPay option is still open for any final donations which are gratefully received.

Springboard FutureHost Contest

Back in September, our Year 10 Hospitality students entered a competition with Springboard.

Springboard is a charity which helps disadvantaged people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life to fall in love with hospitality, leisure and tourism, and gain the skills, knowledge and experience needed to flourish in a lifelong career within these amazing industries.

Our students competed in this competition last year and were awarded runners up. This year, our students were tasked to dress a table for four people to any theme. They chose a Christmas theme, and they spent a wonderful hour learning about how to dress a table and why cutlery is placed in various places. Mrs Hodson then submitted the entry for judging. The winners were announced yesterday, and we can confirm we have won this time around! Well done to 10C/Ho1 on your achievement.

Applications for Entry into Year 12 – September 2024

Thank you to all students and their families who came to the recent RP6th Open Evening. We have received a record number of applications for entry in September 2024 and will look forward to meeting those students over the coming weeks to discuss options and entry. We have heard from a number of Year 11 students who have indicated that they may wish to apply but have missed the deadline. We are now looking at our plans for the curriculum and staffing of this year group for next academic year but would encourage any student wishing to apply to do so before **Friday 24 November 2023** at the latest in order that we can accommodate need. Thank you.

Keeping Children Safe Online Sessions

In response to parental request, we have secured an outside organisation able to provide guidance to parents and carers to assist them in keeping their children safe online. In order for us to manage demand, we would be very grateful if you could please respond to the quick survey below indicating your attendance.

<https://forms.office.com/e/B2JWycQL4U>

We are already three weeks into Term 2 of the academic year and the autumn leaves are falling and the temperatures dropping a little. I always find that the changing of the clocks jars me a little at this time of year. However, the darker nights allow some time by the fire reading books and reflecting. It is easy to become glum when it is dark so early and the days feel so short. With this in mind, I am reminded of the words of Emily Bronte, who said “Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree.”

Enjoy an autumnal weekend. I am going to tag my Christmas tree this weekend in an unusually early attempt to find a super one this year. Whatever you are up to, I hope it is restful. I will write again soon.



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Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



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