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Dear Parent/Carer

Lincoln City A4A Scheme, Careers & Work-Related Learning Bulletin, Year 9 Options, RP6th Skills and Character Development Diploma and Personal Development Day 3 - Thursday 1 February 2024, Regional Cyber Crime Team – Free Safer Internet Day Webinar for Parents – 6 February 2024, Communication with Parents about Medical Matters and Raffle Donations

Welcome to my end of week update letter.

Despite the challenge of high winds and fallen trees, we have seen a successful Staying Safe Day for Year 10 this week, as well as a very busy but highly fruitful Options evening for Year 9. Visiting speakers on Tuesday were incredibly complimentary about the behaviour and engagement of our Year 10s and I also received letters to that effect too. Well done Year 10! To boot, Aspens were kind enough to run another food tasting event on Wednesday evening when parents were in the building.

More updates below:

Lincoln City A4A Scheme

We are delighted to announce that SRPA are part of Lincoln City's new Attendance 4 Attendance scheme. The scheme intends to improve attendance to school in line with the government initiative to raise attendance nationally.

Lincoln City are offering 25 free tickets to a home game at the end of each term to recognise attendance. Students who receive this are required to be accompanied by an adult, who can purchase a heavily discounted ticket at just £10. The top 25 positive behaviour point scorers of those students with 100% attendance this term will be rewarded with a free ticket to the Lincoln v Exeter match on Saturday 17 February 2024.

Lincoln City have also provided SRPA with 4 season tickets. These have been awarded to two Year 11 students as part of their loyalty card scheme, which rewards students for their attendance at revision.

Please see Lincoln City's website for further details on their A4A scheme here, or contact Miss Taylor on ataylor@srpa.co.uk

Careers & Work-related Learning Bulletin

Please find attached the latest edition of our Careers bulletin.

Year 9 Options

Thank you to all parents and carers for their attendance on Wednesday. The deadline is Friday 2 February 2024 and I enclose the link below again to the microsite and application form [here](#).

RP6th Skills and Character Development Diploma

This week we handed out certificates to our Year 13 cohort in their assembly for our RP6th Skills and Character Development Diploma. It is humbling to see how much our students do outside of the classroom, whether it be further independent study through EPQ or Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs), volunteering as a subject champion, peer mentor or delivering their very own social action Changemakers project. We are immensely proud of their efforts to prioritise their own personal development and ultimately, this is the reason we created this award. Congratulations Year 13! There is still time to upgrade to Distinction*, which will be awarded at our Easter full school assemblies!

Personal Development Day 3 - Thursday 1 February 2024

Our next Personal Development day is taking place next week, with another huge focus on careers. We are supporting our Year 11 and Year 13 students to finalise their destinations after SRPA and our Year 12 cohort are all on their work experience placements. This is a great opportunity to explore the world of work and develop their soft skills in a variety of different industries. Our Year 8 have a virtual tour of Nottingham University, and our Year 9 will be looking at the importance of a good CV and selling yourself. Our Year 7 will be familiarising themselves with Unifrog, our 'one stop shop' for all destinations and careers information.

We also have the YMCA coming into the Academy to talk to all KS3 and KS4 year groups. Their foci will be developing communications with Year 7, the natural world with Year 8, positive relationships with Year 9, body confidence with Year 10 and financial skills with Year 11.

Amongst other sessions, we are celebrating Foreign Languages Day with Year 7, looking at misogyny with Year 8 and Year 9 and exploring more concepts and ideas in our very own Learn 2 Learn programme.

Please look out for the photographs next week on our Instagram account!

Regional Cyber Crime Team – Free Safer Internet Day Webinar for Parents – 6 February 2024

The Regional Cyber Crime Team are holding a free webinar on February 6 2024 at 7pm for Safer Internet Day. The webinar is aimed at parents and carers. Its purpose is to educate around keeping children safe online.

You can sign up through their [website](#) or with the direct [link](#).



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Communication with Parents about Medical Matters

Since Christmas, we have seen a rise in students leaving lessons to call home to say they feel unwell without contacting our medical staff.

This has led to numerous incidents where parents have attended at the Academy to fetch their children and we have been unaware.

Should your child feel unwell, please ask them to attend at our medical suite where our fully qualified practitioner will triage the situation and call home. We do not allow mobile phone usage by students on our site in line with national policy, unless express permission from a member of staff is given. Your support with this is appreciated in order that we can keep all of our children safe in our care.

Raffle Donations

So far, we have raised a fantastic £5,211 for St Barnabas Hospice, Lincoln. Our Academy Council would like to continue this success by collating prizes for a raffle which will be drawn each night at the Academy Musical of Romeo and Juliet taking place on 6, 7 and 8 February 2024.

If you have any unwanted gifts, chocolate, vouchers or other raffle prizes that you would like to donate to the St Barnabas charity, please bring them to the Windsor office over the next week.

At Year 9 Options Evening, our candidates in the sixth form for our Student Senior Leadership Team positions were on duty in a variety of guises as part of their dynamic interview process. If in attendance, you may have seen them in red jackets or in grey blazers supporting departments and parents as they walked the site. I have had the distinct pleasure of being involved in the whole process from initial interview and presentation to this point and, as they embark on work experience next week, we will be ready to share our thoughts on their appointments when they return. Reflecting on this process reminded me of the words of Ernest Hemingway, of whom I am a fan, when he said, "The best people possess a feeling for beauty, the courage to take risks, the discipline to tell the truth, the capacity for sacrifice."

Best of luck to Year 12 on work experience next week. We look forward to seeing them a week on Monday.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



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