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Dear Parent/Carer

Building Access Next Week, Tutor Evenings, Sports Results, Show Racism the Red Card: Wear Red Day Result, National Online Safety Award, Updated Library Hours, Reports, Winter Awards Evening Invitations

Welcome to my final weekly update letter of this half term. We are coming to the end of a busy but really productive period. This week saw our latest House competitions with our library team leading on House Chess. This took place on Wednesday afternoon. I won't share the results yet but intend to give an update on the race for the Governors' Cup before we host our next House sports event after the half term break.

Building Access Next Week

Moor Lane is largely closed next week and will cause some traffic disruption. In addition, we will have significant numbers of contractors on site continuing with our invasive building projects. To this end, we are not encouraging anyone to visit us next week because we cannot guarantee we will always have access to certain corridors, water and/or power. Plans are in place to ensure that email and phone lines remain in place.

Tutor Evenings

It has been lovely to see so many parents and carers come to the Academy to meet their child's tutor over the past two weeks and Wednesday evening this week was no exception. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Sports Results

During term 1, there has been a high level of participation in sports clubs. It has been great to see so many students involved.

The House sports afternoon saw Year 10 compete against each other in netball and Year 8, Year 9 and Year 11 students compete against each other in football. This was supported by some of our sixth form students officiating. This was a great afternoon; the participation and behaviour of the students involved was excellent.

In terms of inter-school sport during term 1, most fixtures played have been football. The newly-formed Year 7 team have played 2 games in the district league, winning both, scoring a total of 9 goals with zero conceded. The Year 7s also travelled to Grantham to play against Priory Ruskin and despite a strong performance, they were defeated by a very strong team 6-3. The Year 8 team also have a 100% record in the district league. They have played three games, scoring a total of 27 goals and conceding 3. They also played a national cup game and were victorious in a very close game against the King's School, Grantham. The Year 9 football team have also started the season extremely well.

They have three wins from three in the league, scoring 20 and conceding 0. They recorded a comprehensive 10-1 victory in the national cup, also against the King's School, Grantham.

The Year 10 football team have a win and a draw from their two games played and the Year 11s have two wins from two, rounding off a very impressive start to the season for all.

We also took the Year 8 netball team to play in a district tournament at Branston on Wednesday 1 October. The girls played a total of 4 games against schools across the district. They won one game and were very close in the others. This is a fantastic achievement considering the girls were a year young for the tournament and looks very positive for next year. The Year 8 netball team also played against Branston in their one district league game so far and recorded a 19-9 victory.

Next term will see football and netball fixtures continue. In addition, we have the district cross-country championships, badminton fixtures, girls' football tournaments, basketball tournaments and our next round of house sporting competitions to look forward to.

Show Racism the Red Card: Wear Red Day Result

On Friday 17 October, students attended the academy in their red PE tops to show support for the charity, Show Racism the Red Card: Wear Red Day. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have donated. We can confirm we raised a total of £80.

National Online Safety Award

We are delighted to announce we have received the National Online Safety Award for the sixth year running. This is a testament to the hard work of Mrs Gilbert and her team.

Updated Library Hours

From the beginning of term 2, we are updating our library opening hours. The library will be open each day from 8am for Rise and Read rather than 8.15am Monday to Friday. However, the library will close each day at 3.30pm rather than 3.45pm. Homework club is still available in the SLC until 4pm.

Reports

Reports have been published for Year 11, 12 and 13 in the usual way on Go4Schools. Years 7 and 10 have their reports from their tutor evenings over the past fortnight. Years 7-10 will have their A2L published on Go4Schools with a full progress report due at Christmas for all.

Winter Awards Evening Invitations

Our academic awards evenings for those students who completed their GCSE and post-16 studies will be held on Thursday 18 December. Invitations will be sent out today to all students, past and present, who have won awards.



Autumn is upon us, as well as the half term break, which brings a different pace to proceedings and allows some more time for reflection. In the words of Friedrich Nietzsche, "I notice that autumn is more the season of the soul than of nature."

I hope you all find some time for the soul over the coming break.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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