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Dear Parent/Carer

## **SEND Coffee Afternoon – KS4: Wednesday 25 March, Fundraising and Donations for Rainforest Ward, Year 11 Education Records, Headmaster Tie Nominations, School Wars**

Welcome to my end of week update letter. We held a really successful PD Day on Wednesday where the range of activities on offer was as varied as ever. This part of our curriculum is often under-played but remains so vital in preparing our students for later life. Well done to so many of them for taking it seriously, especially the quiz!

### **SEND Coffee Afternoon – KS4: Wednesday 25 March**

After our recent successful parent engagement afternoon on the theme of behaviour, Mr Adlington and his team look forward to welcoming Key Stage 4 parents of students with additional needs next Wednesday afternoon. The event will take place in the main hall from 1.:30pm – 2:30pm. The team have already sent out the booking link but, for your convenience, please also find it here: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UmTnz-l8eEuT7cGMryQfIXzC5hY27vtCuX\\_q0HFYyhtUN0FKSENFTEJHVMNEOVk1Vlo0OUM5S1BWRC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UmTnz-l8eEuT7cGMryQfIXzC5hY27vtCuX_q0HFYyhtUN0FKSENFTEJHVMNEOVk1Vlo0OUM5S1BWRC4u).

### **Fundraising and Donations for Rainforest Ward**

Our new Student Senior Leadership Team (SSLT) have begun their time in post and have made a fantastic start. As part of this 'hit the ground running approach', one of our head girls is running her first fundraising project. In a project which is very dear to her, Olivia has liaised with the Rainforest Ward and their fundraising team, who are keen to receive art and craft items for youngsters who must spend the Easter holidays in hospital. Donations of your choice are available on ParentPay for us to purchase materials or, if you wish, we are accepting art and craft items at both main reception and student reception. So, if you have some spare crayons, felt tips, colouring books or similar, we are really keen to receive them in order for us to make a delivery prior to breaking up for Easter. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### **Year 11 Education Records**

Mr Ward has already sent out comms in this regard but, for completeness, I also include it here because this Year 11 are the first group nationally to have access to the app and its functions.

### **Headmaster Tie Nominations**

I intend to give out my next round of colours ties at Full School Assembly on Thursday 2 April. It is not too late to nominate your child. These are available in the following disciplines:

- Leadership: in or out of the Academy which can include volunteering
- Music: for performance and achievement in or out of the Academy
- Drama: for performance and achievement in or out of the Academy
- Sport: for performance and achievement in or out of the Academy
- Charity Fundraising: where a student or group of students have raised funds for a charity cause they are passionate about.

Should you wish to nominate your child for a tie, please email my PA, Miss Timbrell, at [ltimbrell@srpa.co.uk](mailto:ltimbrell@srpa.co.uk). Thank you.

## School Wars

I didn't get to add this to my letter last week, but it seems pertinent to mention it here. We were always of the view that we were dealing with nothing but rumours based on our close liaison with the police but, as ever, social media did a number on us.

I would like to take the time to remind our students that some of them did not help matters online, especially given that all have sat in an online safety assembly and been trained in safe practice. In addition, some of the rumours on Facebook blew my mind. To read some of them you would think we were in a scene from Apocalypse Now. Just to be clear, there were no weapons found stashed around the Academy (yes we did search to be sure), and our assemblies with every year group were positive. I was really impressed with each and every year's approach to this and was grateful for their support. I also enjoyed meeting parents in ASDA car park after school. We will remain vigilant and alive to new intelligence but, at the time of writing, we move onwards.

It feels like we have been dealing with quite a lot since we returned after Christmas, so I have been reflecting on happiness this week as we held our PD Day. It is one of the most important, yet elusive words, to define and secure. So, I sign off this week with an excellent quote from the American poet and philosopher, Henry David Thoreau, who said "Happiness is like a butterfly, the more you chase it, the more it will evade you, but if you notice the other things around you, it will gently come and sit on your shoulder."

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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## Education records to be issued at school

We will be issuing digital education records to Year 11 pupils this spring term, prior to the Easter break.

Education records are part of a new service from the Department for Education (DfE) to provide pupils with their education information and help them share this information as part of their post-16 journey.

Education records contain unique education information for each pupil, including:

- their name, address and date of birth
- the schools they have attended
- their qualifications (after results are released)
- any support needs

Education records will be issued on the DfE education record app. Pupils must download the app onto their phones from the Apple or Google App Stores. Links can be found here:

[Education Record England App - App Store](#)

[Education Record England - Apps on Google Play](#)

The rest of the issuing process will take place in school, over the next couple of weeks.

The Apple version of the app requires iOS version 15 or newer and the Android version requires 8.1 or newer.

After the issuing process, pupils will have their education information on their phones. They can then use the app to share this information digitally with sixth forms or colleges when they enrol.

Please contact us if you have any questions, or if you wish for your child to opt out.

Kind regards

**Mr P Ward**  
**Senior Assistant Head Teacher**



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Ready to share with a sixth form, college or training provider.

## Your education record



Personal details



Qualifications



Schools attended



Financial and learning support needs



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