

MMC/GHR

12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

From Tuesday 16th May, GCSE examinations commence for all Year 11 students, and we are incredibly proud of how prepared our students are and the way in which they have conducted themselves throughout the year. Although the next six weeks will be challenging, this is a period that will help to shape our students' futures, and we truly believe our students are ready to rise to the challenges that they will face.

I want to make you aware that the exams will have a minor impact on the running of the Academy. For example, some classrooms will be used to accommodate exams access arrangements. This may mean that students need to be re-roomed for their lessons. This will be communicated with students each tutor time and changes will be displayed on the green boards around the Academy site.

Events/Enrichment

PE Enrichment Clubs

This term we have started up our summer extra-curricular activities in the Physical Education Department, which includes Cricket on a Monday with Mr. Walker, Rounders on a Wednesday with Mrs. Thorpe & Mrs. Erskine, and Tennis on a Thursday with Mr. Webb. As part of the enrichment program offered at STWA, all pupils have been offered a trip to visit Yorkshire County Cricket Club on Tuesday 20th June 2023. This is an exciting format, with fireworks in the field, guaranteed big shots and outstanding wickets being taken! By attending this trip, students will be part of an exceptional learning experience, watching professional sport that they can participate in at the Academy, through PE lessons and extra-curricular activities. If your child is interested in attending the trip, please collect a letter from Mr. Walker as soon as possible as this is limited to numbers.

Motorcycle Maintenance Club Trip

As part of the enrichment programme offered at STWA, member of the Motorcycle Maintenance Club will be participating in a trip to see the British Superbike Championships at Donington Park on Sunday 21st May. By attending this trip, students will be part of an exceptional learning experience, watching the best of British superbike riders race to decide the championship and experiencing this world class venue. Students that attend the club have been given letter with the full details. Any students interested in the club and the trip should see Mr. Hawcroft as soon as possible as places are strictly limited.

Teaching and Learning

French speaking exams

On Tuesday 9th May, Noah McDermott in Year 13 successfully sat his AS French Speaking exam. With support from Mrs. Marsh, Noah has been studying French as an extra AS subject in his own time. Taking a GCE in a foreign language is always challenging and Noah has demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to the subject by doing the course in addition to his other A Levels. Bonne chance Noah! You deserve to do well!

Year 11 GCSE Updates

Each student has been provided with a bespoke Achieve timetable (which has also been shared with parents and carers via ClassCharts), which outlines the sessions students are expected to attend to ensure they are fully prepared for each examination, including weekend and May Half Term sessions. On the morning before each examination, students are invited to attend Prepare to Achieve sessions from 7.30am, where breakfast will be provided, and subject experts will be on hand to support final preparations and answer any questions. Additional marginal gains are also in place to support students, including water bottles, sweets and pens specifically chosen by each individual student.

We know our students have been thoroughly prepared and they are destined to achieve greatness. The level of support that students have received from members of staff and parents and carers is phenomenal, so we would like to thank everyone for their continued commitment, and we look forward to celebrating students' results with them in the summer.

Standards

I would once again like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers of the uniform expectations below.

Uniform standards remain exemplary, and we thank students for following the uniform policy. As part of the high standards set out in the uniform policy, there are expectations for makeup and jewellery. Make-up should not be noticeable and should always be light, natural looking and discreet. Dark highlighted eyebrows, bright coloured lipstick, dark foundation, highlighter, fake tan, painted nails, nail extensions, gel nails or false eyelashes are not allowed to be worn under any circumstances. The only item of jewellery permitted is a watch. This item must be removed for practical activities. No jewellery permitted including earrings, rings, spacer piercing retainers or tongue/nose piercings.

We are pleased to share with parents and carers that our uniform items can now be purchased from Cliffs at Doncaster. Items can be purchased online at www.schoolwearsolutions.com

Adult Learning Opportunities

In conjunction with the South Yorkshire Combined Authority, we will be offering parents, carers, and the wider community two free courses: ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages,) and Functional Skills. Both courses will start on Monday 22nd May at STWA at 5.30pm.

If you have any further questions, please email g.harris@stwacademy.com

Inclusion Partnership

To further encourage all students to reach their potential and to build greater consistency between school and home, we would like to invite parents and carers to our Inclusion Partnership meeting on Thursday 18th May from 4-6.00pm. It is important to us that all stakeholders play a part in ensuring that all our students can flourish in an environment which fosters positive behaviour role models. This meeting will give parents and carers the opportunity to meet with other parents and carers and to feedback to STWA staff about how they feel about behaviour management.

If you would like to come to the meeting, please email e.dixon@stwacademy.com or l.queen@stwacademy.com



PCAB (Parents and Community Advisory Board)

Our next PCAB meeting is being held at STWA on Wednesday 12th July from 5-6.30pm. This meeting is your opportunity to find out more about the exceptional learning opportunities on offer at STWA, as well as give your feedback on anything concerning the improvement journey that the academy is on.

Please register your interest with g.harris@stwacademy.com or complete the form on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/8GHUDgd4Vf>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. M McDonald
Principal

