

MMC/GHR

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Week three of the final term of this school year has been full of exceptional learning experiences for all our students. We have seen excellent levels of investment from the Year 10 students starting their trial examinations, fantastic levels of skill and commitment on display from our athletes, and students thoroughly enjoying themselves representing the Academy brilliantly as they had the opportunity to watch a county cricket match. It is inspiring to see our students fully embracing the opportunities that are on offer to them alongside the subjects taught here at the Academy; it is these experiences that really enrich our students' learning.

Teaching and Learning

Year 10 Trial Examinations

Year 10 students have started their trial examinations this week with exams in English, mathematics, science, and history. We have been extremely impressed with the investment that they have shown already. Students have attended the Academy from 7:45am to prepare for their exams in 'pre-achieve' sessions. Over the coming week, they have 5 further days of examinations, and we are expecting their behaviour and attitude to continue.

Events/Enrichment

Athletics Championships

On Monday and Tuesday, the PE department had the pleasure of taking our Year 7 and 8 (Monday) and Year 9 and 10 (Tuesday) athletics teams to the Keepmoat athletics stadium for the annual Doncaster and District Athletics Competition. Seventeen schools were in attendance over the two days, all competing in track and field events. We were so proud of our students who were amazing; they fully supported each other throughout the day, waited patiently in the stands for their event and gave 100% effort on their event. We could not commend them highly enough; they were an absolute joy to be with. Over the two days, it was our Year 8 Boys and Year 10 Boys team who achieved the highest number of points for our academy. They both came overall 4th place in Doncaster. Year 7 Girls, Year 8 Girls, Year 9 Girls, and Boys teams all came in 7th place.

Yorkshire County Cricket Club Visit

On Tuesday 20th June 2023, the PE department took a group of 30 students to Headingley Stadium to watch Yorkshire Vikings vs. Northamptonshire Steelbacks in the T20 Blast. This was the first trip for the department to watch a cricket match and despite Yorkshire being beat convincingly, the group of STWA students at the stadium certainly made up for the atmosphere. During the evening, the students were given opportunities to have photos with the mascots and get autographs of the players and celebrities that they spotted around the ground. I must conclude with explaining how amazing it was to see the smiles on the pupils faces as they watched the game unfold with some big shots into the crowd, outstanding fielding, and fast bowling. We will look forward to running more trips like this in the future to allow our students to be part of exceptional learning experiences.

Primary School Visits

Continuing with our comprehensive transition programme, Miss. Preston, our transition lead, visited year 6 pupils at Edlington St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, and Balby Central Primary Academy this week. The pupils at both schools were impeccably behaved and engaged in their learning, and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the academy as Year 7 students in September.

Standards

As an Academy, we pride ourselves on upholding the highest standards in all aspects of the education of our students, including their attendance. To enable our students to reach their full potential, it is vital that they are in school every day, accessing all their lessons and investing in their learning. Thank you to all the parents and carers who support us in reinforcing these high standards to ensure their child attends school every day and arrives before 8.25am. If a student arrives at the Academy after 8.25am, they will receive a 30-minute detention for the next day.

Parent/Carer Survey

Here at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, we value parental voice and would appreciate it if parents/carers could spare the time to complete a survey for us. You will have originally completed this survey at the start of this academic year, so now we would appreciate it if you could take the time to reflect on this school year and complete the survey once more. You can access the survey on this link -

<https://forms.office.com/e/xzmXNjtn1r>

Adult Literacy Courses

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Meet and Greet your English Functional Skills tutor for the free adult literacy Level One/Level Two English Functional Skills class on Monday 3rd July 4:30 - 6:30pm at the academy.

If you are interested in joining this course, which will earn you the equivalent of a 4 at GCSE, please email g.harris@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

