

MMC/GHR

7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Although we are reaching the final weeks of the school year, the exceptional learning experiences offered to all our students continue to engage and excite everyone that is involved in making this time in our students' lives meaningful and memorable. We are currently making the final preparations for our Academy Awards, which will take place at the Academy on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. During this event, we will celebrate our students' accomplishments by awarding certificates and trophies in recognition of their attendance, accumulation of house points, pastoral achievements, academic excellence, sporting success and much more. This exciting evening will also feature a range of performances that showcase the astounding talents of our students. Invitations to the recipients of the awards and the performers have been sent out on ClassCharts. We look forward to celebrating our students' success.

### Teaching and Learning

To fully support our students and give them the best possible chance of success in their exams, we are introducing a compulsory Period 4 lesson from 2.45pm until 3.35pm which will start from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 for Year 10 students for the final two weeks of term. It is an expectation of the academy that all students attend all timetabled Period 4 sessions. If students have a valid reason that they cannot attend a Period 4 lesson, they need to speak to Mr Woodhouse or Ms Shaw in the first instance. If there are any issues with transport after Period 4, students need to come and discuss this with the Year 11 Team, and we will support where we can.

### Events/Enrichment

#### Better Learners Better Workers

Congratulations to our year 9 BLBW (Better Learners Better Workers) students for their performance this week at the Army Challenge Team Building Day at Wentworth Woodhouse.

They represented the Academy by displaying the highest possible standards in terms of resilience, teamwork, and behaviours. The blue team were victorious on the day, which included Akos, Lacey, Savannah, and Harry. They received medals and amazon vouchers from the honourable Lord Lieutenant (the King's representative). Next week, they will graduate from the programme with an event at Cutlers Hall in Sheffield.

#### Year 10 Careers Day

Year 10 students were fully engaged in a drop-down day dedicated solely to future career planning. They met their specialist Year 11 Tutors and spent the day with them working with business partners on employability skills and career planning for their Post 16 options prior to starting Year 11. Our thanks go out to Doncaster Chamber, Polypipe, Evolution soccer, Boxes and Packaging, CWE Engineering and Doncaster Culture and Leisure who gave up their time to talk to the students about employability skills and the opportunities in Doncaster as part of labour market information (LMI). The next steps for these students will involve focussed Year 11 careers information, advice and guidance programme to consolidate prior learning and to formulate a clear action plan for their next steps before they take their exams this time next year.

## World Superbikes Trip

As part of the Engineering club's enrichment programme, we had another fantastic day out, this time at the World Superbike championship round at Donnington Park on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The day started with a tour of the paddock where we bumped into some of the riders. Students were surprised to learn that some riders in the Junior cup were in fact the same age as themselves! After this amazing experience, we enjoyed a day of great racing between riders; some of the battles for positions had the students and the staff on their feet!

## Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

If you have children who will be in Years 5 or 6 from September 2023 and you are considering schools for their secondary education, come along to our Year 5&6 Open Evening on 5th October 2023 from 5-8pm and see the exceptional learning experiences on offer at STWA. This evening will be a fantastic opportunity for prospective parents to see the Academy and to meet the dedicated team of staff before making the important decision of which secondary school is right for their child.

## 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](mailto: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

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