

MMC/GHR

30th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week at the Academy saw us bid a fond farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. We saw them off in true STWA style with leaver's assemblies, the Black and White Event, and of course the Year 11 Prom. We are incredibly proud of the young people that they have become, and I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support over the years that these students have attended Sir Thomas Wharton Academy. They all have bright futures ahead of them.

Teaching and Learning

Year 13 Leavers

Last week, our Year 13 students finished their final exams, with our leaver's assembly taking place on Monday morning this week. It was a pleasant, relaxed, and enjoyable morning with breakfast, stories, awards, games, and embarrassing photos/videos all being shared. Year 13 have been a fantastic cohort and we wish them the very best of luck in the next stage of their lives. We look forward to welcoming them back to school again for A-Level Results Day on Thursday 17th August.

Year 10 Trial Examinations

This week our Year 10 students have finished their second and final week of trial examinations. They have acted exemplary throughout the two weeks and are due a rest this weekend after an intense few days. Staff are now working tirelessly to have papers marked and graded by the end of term to give students results. On Thursday 6th July, our Year 10s are involved in a Careers Day for the entire day with their Year 11 tutors. On this day, we will also be releasing our 'Welcome to Year 11' video to all parents and carers of Year 10 students, so look out for this.

Events/Enrichment

Bridging Project

This week we had our final Bridging Project session. The students enjoyed a Computer Studies lesson with Miss Cook. During this lesson, students explored Graphics Manipulation. Our enthusiastic students, who are fully invested and curious learners, looked at how multiple images can make up one graphic. Once students understood this concept, students designed two characters, on paper, using the internet for research and WAGOLLs, for their "animal holiday". They then used graphic manipulation software to create their scene, including an appropriate background for their characters. The students' work was exemplary, and Miss Cook was impressed by how hard these students work with a range of tools to ensure their graphics met the brief. It has been a pleasure to have such polite, hard-working, and curious students in our academy for these sessions and we cannot wait to welcome them to our academy in September.

Year 11 Leavers Event and Prom

On Thursday morning, we welcomed Year 11 students into the academy for our Black and White Event, during which we celebrated our students' achievements over the past five years as well as reflecting on lots of great memories that we have of this year group.

In the evening, the Hilton Garden Inn in Doncaster was the venue for our Year 11 Prom, which was a wonderful celebration that allowed students to be rewarded for their hard work throughout the year with all students having access to a photo mirror, caricaturist, flower wall and professional photographer as well as a VIP table for our most invested students. We look forward to seeing students again on GCSE Results Day on Thursday 24th August.

Primary School Visits

Continuing with our comprehensive transition programme, Miss. Preston, our transition lead, visited year 6 pupils at four of our local primary schools this week. Pupils at Carr Lodge Academy, Edlington Victoria, Wadworth, and Edlington Hill Top 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.

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

Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

If you have children who will be in year 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 or complete the form on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/8GHUDgd4Vf>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. M McDonald
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