

Our ref: MMC/GHR

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Dear Parent/Carer

What a phenomenal end to the term we have had. The Matilda musical was simply mesmerising, the skills that the young students demonstrated were ones that will ensure they thrive, and I could not be prouder of them. I would like to publicly thank the staff who have put in hours of additional work to enable it to happen, it does not happen everywhere, and we are lucky that those staff care as deeply for our students as they do. Finally, we saw students out on their Easter break with an 'eggcellent' gift as a token of our gratitude for all their hard work. For some it will be one of many, for others it may not be, but serves as a reminder that all young people are treated in the same way by us here at STWA.

Please enjoy a restful Easter Break

Teaching and Learning

This week concluded our NGRT testing window in which all students in Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 have been assessed under exam conditions. Students' conduct during the reading tests has been impeccable and we look forward to sharing the results with you in the new term.

Year 11 students will have a packed Easter offer for Achieve sessions. As the exams approach us, we put on a fantastic offer of additional learning to support our students. This is staffed by teaching staff who repeatedly go above and beyond.

Events and Enrichment

Matilda the Musical Jr.

Our fabulous students have been rehearsing every week and one full weekend for the last 3 half terms and finally this week all their hard work has paid off. After a successful performance to the winning house on Monday afternoon, a sold out show Wednesday night and another packed house on Thursday, our lucky audiences have laughed and cried at the hilarious and deeply moving production and have been in awe of the talents our students displayed. Students have had an opportunity to cultivate their character with commitment, resilience, confidence, creativity and above all teamwork. The cast truly surpassed the expectations of the Performing Arts department, and we could not be prouder.

Year 11 Post 16 Taster Day

Year 11 students had a truly valuable experience day on Tuesday this week on their Post 16 careers and pathways day. Students received a presentation from Mr Dobson and the Post 16 team and took part in the taster sessions of their Level 3 courses. Students were also being supported in apprenticeships and college applications and undergoing mock interviews from local employers. It was brilliant to see how invested these students are in their futures and to be able to offer this support to them is really valued by us at STWA.

Year 11 Results Evening

On Tuesday, we welcomed parents and carers to celebrate the achievements of Year 11 students in their recent trial examinations. It was excellent to see the investment of parents, carers, and students in this vital opportunity to celebrate students' success and to share key information ahead of the final examinations, which commence from Tuesday 7 May.

In addition, we are hosting several Easter Achieve sessions from Wednesday 3 April to support students to close the gap and to respond to feedback from the trial examinations.



Geography Coasts Trip

On Thursday this week, the Year 11 Geography cohort visited the Holderness Coast as part of their required fieldwork visits. The visit included stops at Flamborough and Mablethorpe to support Paper 1 content on coastal landforms and processes. The focus of the day was to look at the effectiveness of the coastal defences at Hornsea. The data collected from a range of activities will allow students to effectively respond to questions in their paper 3 examination.

Students will have learnt a range of skills on the day and looked at the impacts of longshore drift, coastal management strategies as well as identifying how stakeholders are impacted by the use of coastal protection. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to experience geography beyond the classroom.

House Updates

Cusworth has been crowned our winning house for this term due to their team efforts in completing and partaking in house activities! On Monday afternoon, this week, Cusworth students were treated to a matinee performance of Matilda the Musical JR., by our very own STWA—this was a performance that embodied Cusworth's' house values: creativity, vigour, and resilience. We would like to encourage all students to continue to partake in our house challenges to earn those all-important house points to be in with a chance of winning our end of year house reward to Xscape.

Standards

We are looking forward to the golden ticket events taking place after Easter. So far, we have given out 414,750 positive points this year which is amazing. We are proud of the amazing work students have done over the course of this term and how they continue to conduct themselves in the academy each day.

Post 16

Year 12/13 Trial Exams

All Post 16 students have sat trial exams at the end of this half term. For Year 13 students, this was their second set of trial exams this year. For most of our Year 12 cohort, this was the first time they sat Post 16 exams and staff were really impressed with how they have handled them! The students were ready to go on time, knew where they needed to be and had the relevant equipment with them. This bodes well for the rest of their Post 16 studies. The Post 16 Team wishes them the best of luck with their results!

Easter Achieve Sessions

We will be running Easter Achieve sessions for Year 13 during the half term break as well as Criminology and Applied Science sessions for Year 12. A sign-up form has been shared with the students including dates and times of their relevant sessions.

Yours faithfully

Mr M McDonald
Principal

