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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a really positive week here at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, filled with memorable moments and exciting opportunities. From celebrating our year 13 leavers, to visiting new year 7 students and launching careers events, work experience, and enriching trips, our students have continued to shine. Our year 10 students have shown great commitment during trial exams and through Tassomai and Sparx, while our house competitions, mental health initiatives, and community projects highlight the incredible spirit across our academy.

We have welcomed visitors from several schools keen to see our high standards and look forward to our annual Academy Awards Evening next week.

## **Teaching and Learning**

### Year 13 Leavers Event

On Friday 27 June, we held our year 13 Leavers Event. Student arrived, looking fabulous to join in the celebrations. We would like to give a huge thank you to all of the student council members for their efforts in making the event a huge success and memorable occasion. We hope all of year 13 students enjoy a great summer break and we will see them all soon for Results Day!

### Year 12 Induction/Course Launch

On Monday 30 June, we will hold our year 12 Induction/Course Launch event. All year 11 students with a confirmed place at the sixth form have been invited to attend for a full day of fun and engaging tasks starting from 8:20am. If students have selected courses taught at Maltby Academy, they will have the opportunity to visit the academy on the day. Lunch will be provided, and the day will conclude at 2:30 pm. We hope students are looking forward to this exciting day as much as we are.

Please note, there will be no year 12 lessons on the day; students are only required at the academy if they have a scheduled trial exam on the day.

### Year 13 A Level Results Day

A Level Results Day will take place on Thursday 14 August. A communication detailing all of the relevant information has been sent this week via ClassCharts. If your child is unable to collect their results, they must email the examinations team ([b.butler@stwacademy.com](mailto:b.butler@stwacademy.com)) if they wish to nominate an alternative adult who can collect them on their behalf. Please note, this must be submitted and signed by the student before results day and the alternative adult must bring photo identification with them.

### Year 11 GCSE Results Day

GCSE Results Day will take place on Thursday 21 August. A communication detailing all of the relevant information has been sent this week via ClassCharts. If your child is unable to collect their results, they must email the examinations team ([b.butler@stwacademy.com](mailto:b.butler@stwacademy.com)) if they wish to nominate an alternative adult



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### Year 10 Trial Examinations

Year 10 trial examinations started this week, with students following the same processes that will be embedded by next summer, including morning Achieve sessions, trial exam briefings and our marginal gains programme of sweets and water. As always, we stress the importance of 100% attendance, as these examinations are a vital opportunity for students to develop and refine their examination technique while also receiving feedback about their current attainment. Students will receive the results of these trial examinations in the final week before the end of the summer term.

### Tassomai

Year 10 continue to show impressive investment in Tassomai, with performance remaining in the top 5% of schools nationally. A reminder to parents that students should achieve their weekly goal (or four daily goals for Science) for each of the subjects that are assigned on Tassomai.

### Sparx

Year 10 students will be focusing on paper practise for upcoming Trials. Students wishing to use the platform to revise can access the entire GCSE curriculum using the "independent practise" button on student's home pages. They have received practise assessments that will be reviewed in Monday's period 4 sessions

As a reminder to parents and carers of all key stage 3 students, Sparx is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. Students are expected to attempt every question and watch the accompanying video for support if needed.

### UCAS

This half term, year 12 students are supported with the UCAS application process in both Tutor period and Life Skills lessons. Students are guided through making a UCAS account and writing their personal statement. These sessions are compulsory and all students are expected to attend, even if they do not intend to apply to university next year. Personal statements can also form the basis of a CV for employment and apprenticeships. Please peruse through this Parents' Guide to familiarise yourself with the process so you are well equipped to support your child at home: [Parents' Guide to University 2025](#).

## **Transition**

### Primary School Visits

Miss Preston, our Transition Leader, has continued her annual visits to primary schools this week, with visits to year 6 pupils at some of our main catchment area schools. The students were impeccably behaved and engaged in their learning, and we are looking forward to welcoming them to Sir Thomas Wharton Academy as year 7 students in September. Primary visits will continue up to our three year 6 Induction Days on the 9, 10 and 11 July; more information will be sent out to year 6 parents in the coming weeks.

### Year 6 Information Evening

On Tuesday 8 July, we will be holding our year 6 Information Evening at the academy from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. A communication detailing all of the relevant information has been posted out today.



## Year 6 Transition Days

From Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 July, we will be holding our year 6 transition days. A communication detailing all of the relevant information has been posted out today.

## **Work Experience**

From Monday 7 to Friday 11 July all students in both years 10 and 12 will be participating in a week of work experience. If you have any questions regarding work experience please contact the academy. We are pleased to announce that approaching 250 young people will have an in-person work placement.

## **Enrichment**

The Helping Hands elective students have been spending Wednesday afternoons preparing for the summer community car park market. Some students have even been attending the community centre after school to help. The market was held this Thursday and our students volunteered to run the stalls and serve the local community. We are so proud of our elective programme and the community links we have established.

## **Events**

### An Audience With Kathryn Burn

On Friday 27 June we held our final An Audience With event and welcomed Kathryn Burn, a finalist on The Apprentice 2022, who shared her experience of setting up a successful business, financial planning and wider business experience with our year 7 cohort.

### Iceland Visit

From Wednesday 2 to Sunday 6 July, a group of students will be enjoying a 5-day trip to Iceland. The visit will provide students with the opportunity to visit some of Iceland's spectacular landscapes including-Reykjanes Peninsula, Gunnhver Hot Springs, the Secret Lagoon, Skogafoss Falls, as well as Solheimajokull Glacier, plus many more planned excursions. Enjoy!

### Better Learners Better Workers Graduation

On Wednesday 9 July, the Better Learners, Better Workers Graduation will be held at The Cutlers Hall, Sheffield from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of these students with their parents and carers. The presentation will be led by the Master Cutler, Mr Philip Rodrigo.

## **House Updates**

During Sport Day, we hosted our annual competition, where students raised money for their chosen house charities and earned house points. Students and staff competed to earn thousands of house points, which will impact the overall house standings. Currently, we have Wentworth in first place, being closely followed by Cusworth, Chatsworth and Brodsworth.

This week, we held the third session of our Youth Mental Health Peer Support Programme. Students in our Student Parliament will be up skilled in mental health awareness and become a support network within the academy where they will work with other students over a period of time and eventually, deliver this programme to other schools within the trust.

## **Attendance**

We're proud to announce the introduction of a new and vital role at the academy: Community Support and Family Liaison Officer, launching this September.



This position is part of our ongoing commitment to supporting students and families where specific barriers to attendance may exist. The role will focus on working directly with families—often within the community and at their homes—to offer tailored support, build stronger relationships, and help overcome challenges that affect attendance.

This investment represents a significant step towards improving student engagement and ensuring that every young person has the support they need to attend, thrive, and succeed. Together, we're building relationships between home and school—and making attendance everyone's mission.

## **Standards**

Following feedback from students, parents, and staff, we will be trialling a new lunchtime arrangement during the week commencing Monday 7 July. In this initial week, year 7 and year 8 students will finish their period two lesson slightly early to take part in a trial of new seating arrangements, queuing procedures, and an extended lunchtime. Students will still be able to eat their lunch as usual, so no action is required from parents.

## **Golden Ticket Reward**

We are pleased to announce that this term's Golden Ticket activity will be confirmed soon! To qualify for a Golden Ticket, students must have a minimum attendance of 92% and a net total of at least 540 positive reward points. Keep an eye out for updates in next week's newsletter and on our social media channels!

Yours sincerely

Mr M McDonald  
**Principal**

