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Dear Parents and Carers

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 cohort to Sir Thomas Wharton Academy for their three-day transition experience. It was a pleasure to see the academy filled with energy and enthusiasm as another full year group of 260 students began their journey with us. We are proud to share that demand for places remains exceptionally high, with a further 60 students on the waiting list - a testament to the reputation and success of our academy.

As we approach the final week of term, our commitment to high expectations remains unwavering. Teaching and learning will continue through to the very last lesson next Friday, as we make every moment of this academic year count.

Teaching and Learning

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 via ClassCharts. If your child is unable to collect their results, they must email the examinations team (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 via ClassCharts. If your child is unable to collect their results, they must email the examinations team (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 10 Trial Examinations

Year 10 students will receive their trial examinations results on Friday 19 July during a special results assembly, throughout which we will celebrate the performance of students and outline next steps.

Tassomai

Year 10 continue to show superb 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

Sparx will be running in the last week of half term for students in year 7-9. 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.

As we come to our final week, the mathematics team would like to thank all parents for their support with using the Sparx platform. Together we have answered 777,000 mathematics questions, completed more than 7,800 hours of independent learning and improved 280 students abilities with times tables.

Transition

Year 6 Transition Days

From Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 July, we held our year 6 transition days at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy. The students were placed into their houses and form groups, sampled a variety of lessons and finished their week with a performance of the Gym and Dance Spectacular, organised by the PE team. The students have been fantastic and we are so looking forward to welcoming them in September. All year 6 students have gone home with an Activity Booklet and a copy of the book 'Wild Robot', to be in with a chance of winning an Apple iPad, Amazon Kindle or £50 Amazon gift card, the students need to complete the booklet and read the book and they will be entered into the prize draw to win. Students should hand their booklet into their form tutor on their first day in September. The Winners of this competition will be announced on the second week back in September.

Careers

NHS Careers Event

On Friday 4 June, our year 8 students attended the NHS Careers Event at the Dome, Doncaster. Our students got to experience a wide range of roles within the NHS and came away with an increased knowledge of the different pathways available to them.

Work Experience

From Monday 7 to Friday 11 July all students in both years 10 and 12 participated in a week of work experience. We have had over 200 young people from our academy working in sectors such as: Education, Health Care, National Politics, Hospitality and Catering, Civil Engineering and much more. We are so proud of each and everyone of them, the feedback we have received from employers has been excellent with many saying they have been blown away by the standards our young people have set. Well done to everyone!

Careers Day

On Tuesday 15 July, our year 10 students will be participating in our annual Careers Day. During this day, students will meet their year 11 tutor and work with their new form. This allows them to discuss their next steps after year 11 and supports in building positive relationships. We have a variety of employers in for the day and lots of practical activities for students.

Enrichment

National Book Tokens Competition

National Book Tokens are currently offering the opportunity for schools to win £1000 as part of their RebuildTheLibrary scheme. The competition provides schools with the opportunity to fill their library shelves with new books after recognising that one in five children do not own a book of their own. We would appreciate it if parents and carers could support us by nominating Sir Thomas Wharton Academy using the following link: [Competitions and Prize Draws | National Book Tokens](#)



The nomination only takes a couple of minutes to complete. The more nominations we receive, the more chance we have of winning!

Events

Academy Awards Evening

On Thursday 3 July, we held our annual Academy Awards evening. The Academy Awards 2025 was an unforgettable celebration of excellence, talent and dedication across our school community. Students, staff, and families gathered to honour outstanding achievements in academics, arts, sports, leadership, and community spirit.

The evening sparkled with inspiring speeches, heartfelt presentations, and joyous applause as we recognised students who have gone above and beyond this year. From exceptional academic progress to outstanding contributions in extracurricular activities, each award highlighted the passion and perseverance that define our academy.

Special thanks to our dedicated teachers and support staff whose commitment nurtures every student's success. The vibrant atmosphere and genuine pride showcased the strength of our academy's culture. Congratulations to all nominees and winners, your hard work and positivity inspire us all.

Yorkshire Vikings vs Worcestershire Rapids

On Friday 4 July 2025 the PE department took 25 pupils to watch Yorkshire Vikings vs Worcestershire Rapids in the T20 Blast at Headingley Stadium. This was another successful trip with all students thoroughly enjoying the fixture which saw lots of big hitting batting, diving catches in the field and fast bowling that saw lots of wickets being taken. Following the game, the students were given time to collect autographs of the players and take selfies, which included current England International Jonny Bairstow. The next trip is on Thursday 17 July 2025 as we go head back to Leeds but this time to watch Yorkshire Vikings vs Lancashire Lightning, in the 'Battle of the Roses.'

Summer Book Swap

Due to the popularity of the World Book Day Book Swap, we hosted a Summer Book Swap to allow students the chance to get a new book to read over the summer holidays! Key stage 4 and 5 students accessed their Book Swap on Friday 4 July at break and lunch; key stage 3 students accessed their Book Swap on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 July. All students who donated a book received 30 house points and choose a new book.

Better Learners Better Workers Graduation

On Wednesday 9 July, the Better Learners, Better Workers Graduation took place at The Cutlers Hall, Sheffield. This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of these students with their parents and carers. The presentation was led by the Master Cutler, Mr Philip Rodrigo.

Year 5 and 6 Open Evening

If you have children who will be in years 5 or 6 from September 2025 and you are considering schools for their secondary education, come along to our year 5 and 6 Open Evening on Wednesday 1 October 2025 to see the exceptional learning experiences on offer at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy. 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.

Sports Fixtures

This week we have hosted the primary Rounders Festival. Our students did a brilliant job at umpiring the matches to ensure they were all meeting the official rules of rounders. All the primary schools had a brilliant morning, despite it being a very hot one! Our primary festivals begin again in September where we are



always looking for fantastic student leaders to help officiate and organise the tournaments, if you think your child will be suitable, please get in contact with Mr Webb.

Year 6 Gym and Dance Spectacular

Every year we do a second performance of our gym and dance display to the year 6 on transition. As always, our students have worked incredibly hard to ensure their routines are perfected. The year 6 students really enjoyed the experience and we hope that it has inspired our future dancers and given them a taste of what we do at STWA.

House Updates

On Thursday, we had the pleasure of accompanying our Dragonfly Competition winners to Tickhill Road Hospice. The students were warmly welcomed by the hospice's Fundraising and Communications teams, where they had the opportunity to present their thoughtful designs and explain how they will be used to support fundraising efforts through greeting cards. They enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea and were awarded certificates in recognition of their contributions. The students truly embodied the spirit of community and compassion, showing great enthusiasm for giving back and supporting those in need.

In the final week of this half term, we will be hosting our house reveal event where the winning house for this academic year will be revealed and they will attend the Alton Towers house trip. All students in the winning house who have a minimum of five house points, less than 50 negative points and 97% attendance will be invited to attend the trip on Thursday 18 September.

Standards

This week, we had the pleasure of supporting our year 6 students in learning the standards we follow at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy. They attended their first lessons and also sampled Standing Assemblies. Additionally, they learned about how we use Yondr Pouches in the academy, which will make their transition to us in September smoother. The other students in years 7 to 9 this week have been fantastic role models, serving as shining examples of the high standards we demonstrate daily at the academy.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr M McDonald
Principal

