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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a vibrant and rewarding academic year, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community. This year has been filled with countless highlights—academic success, enriching trips and visits, exciting extracurricular opportunities, and continued improvements across the academy. From the introduction of new systems and structures to fantastic student achievements both in and out of the classroom, it has truly been a year of progress and pride. Our final week has captured that spirit perfectly, with a range of fun-packed activities, celebrations, and valuable learning experiences bringing the term to a memorable close.

Teaching and Learning

Sixth Form

The sixth form team would like to congratulate the year 13 students who have now completed their A Level and BTEC course and are awaiting their results and the year 12 students who have now completed their first year and are looking forward to continuing their courses from the 3 September. Your hard work and dedication to your studies and the school community makes us proud!

We are also looking forward to meeting the incoming year 12 students in September after securing their sixth form place on GCSE Results Day. We hope you have a great summer, and we will see you on 2 September for your first 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 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 received their trial examinations results today during a special results assembly, during which we celebrated the performance of students while also outlining next steps and what to expect in year 11.



Tassomai

Despite being on work experience last week, students in year 10 continued investment in Tassomai, with performance remaining in the top 10% of schools nationally, with students answering over 138,000 points 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.

Transition

Following the transition days last week, all year 6 students left Sir Thomas Wharton Academy 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

Work Experience

It was great to have our year 10 and 12 students back in the academy this week following their week of work experience. There has been a real shift in their maturity which is good to see. It is exciting to report that a number of our students have secured a summer job off the back of their impressive conduct whilst on placement. We look forward to continuing to develop our careers provision next academic year and will continue to provide fantastic opportunities for the young people at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy.

Careers Day

On Tuesday 15 July, our year 10 students participated in our annual Careers Day. During the day, students met their year 11 tutor and worked with their new form to discuss their next steps after year 11 and support students in building positive relationships with their tutor and peers. We invited employers in for the day and a huge thank you to: Polypipe, EE, RAF, Caged Steel and Swimstars for delivering inspiring and practical sessions on employment skills.

From communication and teamwork to discipline and career pathways, our students gained valuable insights into the world of work.

We are proud to connect students with real life employers and opportunities - shaping future ambitions and preparing them for their post 16 choices

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!



Sports Fixtures

Yorkshire Vikings vs Lancashire Lightning

On Thursday, the PE department took the second trip of the year to watch the T20 Blast fixture between Yorkshire Vikings and Lancashire Lightning; the 'Battle of the Roses' did not disappoint. Pupils were treated to watch international players on both sides, whom all lived up to the expectations and demonstrated their high experience in the fixture.

School Games Gold Award

This year, team PE have worked hard to earn the Gold school games award. This is achieved by a combination of high-quality PE lessons designed to engage all students, ensuring all students are equipped to live active lives and working closely with our school sports co-ordinators to ensure all students have access to high quality sport and physical activity through enrichment. Thank you to Active Fusion for their support this year in achieving this goal.

Events

Berlin 2026

The countdown is on! We officially have less than a year to go until our flagship History trip to Berlin in July 2026. GCSE History students will have the opportunity to see their studies brought to life with visits to the Reichstag, the Berlin Wall, and a poignant visit to the memorial at Sachsenhausen. The department can't wait to accompany our students on another successful visit.

Fourth Elective Showcase

On Wednesday afternoon, we were proud to host our fourth Elective showcase. It was lovely to welcome parents and carers to the academy and treat them to a range of dishes made by our excellent students in the Special Event Catering elective. Students worked hard to produce a wonderful buffet of pizzas, quiche, sausage rolls, apple tarts, scones with cream and jam and chocolate chip cupcakes. Our students then handed over to the talented Dance and Cheer elective students as well as some of our Creative Writer elective students to host a fantastic performance, displaying the work they have choreographed and wrote during the past few weeks. We hope our guests enjoyed a wonderful afternoon.

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.

House Updates

On Monday 14 July, we hosted our house reveal event for this academic year – Congratulations to Wentworth who will attend the Alton Towers house trip. All students in the winning house who have a minimum of five house points and less than 50 negatives will be invited to attend the trip on Tuesday 16 September.

Throughout this term, our students have participated in a bespoke training programme, culminating in their accreditation as Mental Health Youth First Aiders. Remarkably, this initiative marks the first of its kind in the UK to offer young people (under the age of 16) the opportunity to achieve such a qualification. Their commitment to this pioneering scheme is a powerful reflection of their passion for mental health advocacy and their dedication to making a meaningful impact within both the academy and the wider community. Students will be working with their peers in the academy and our feeder primary schools to implement their training in the new academic year.



Members of our Student Parliament were awarded certificates by the FixOurFood foundation in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the Free School Meals campaign. Over the past year, these students have actively engaged in a series of workshops and sessions, culminating in a detailed report outlining their vision for healthier and more sustainable school meals. Their proposal included an innovative and well-considered plan to grow their own produce for use within the academy. I am delighted to share that their efforts have been rewarded with a substantial grant to support the implementation of this initiative. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to their dedication, creativity, and hard work throughout the year.

Attendance

We want to express our gratitude to all parents and carers for their support regarding attendance this academic year. As a school, we have seen a significant increase in attendance this year, all thanks to the hard work of everyone. However, we still have work to do and will continue to push forward with attendance to the academy in September to ensure that all students have the best possible chance of making the progress they deserve. This can only happen when students are in school and not missing for holidays, medical appointments, or minor illnesses; all of which can be avoided.

Standards

This year, we have introduced several exciting changes. The Yondr phone pouches were introduced, our new Standing Assemblies were implemented at the start and end of the day, and our updated lunch system came into effect. We are incredibly proud of all the students who have embraced these changes without any issues. Each system works together to support the smooth running of the academy, make students' days more enjoyable, and ensure they can focus on their learning and make progress. These systems support the culture we are building within our students, fostering strong, hardworking individuals who aspire to succeed in their studies and become well-rounded, positive human beings.

Transport Information

Please note the below changes to services:

First 315 - Edlington, Warmsworth, Balby and Doncaster

Sir Thomas Wharton Academy	15:10	15:20
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For the two services above only, the bus route has been diverted to access the academy site and will therefore not stop at Hatter Drive.

First X2 - Edlington, Balby and Doncaster

Sir Thomas Wharton Academy	15:10
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For the service above only, the bus route has been diverted to access the academy site and take the following route to Doncaster: Broomhouse Lane, Springwell Lane, Alverley Lane, Tickhill Road to the Woodfield Roundabout, loop around and back up Tickhill Road, Sandford Road, before picking up usual route on Balby Road.

For full details, please find updated transport information on our website via the link: [Transport Information](#)

Academy Car Park

Please can you ensure that if your child is dropped off or collected by car, you adhere to the following sections below for the safety of all students at the academy.



1. All students should be dropped off and collected in the designated location on the entrance road into school. Students should not be collected or picked up in the car park or at the front of school. Only students with medical issues are permitted to do this.
2. When exiting school, please use the one-way system and do not exit through the main entrance gates. We have over 700 students leaving at once when key stage 3 leave and it is important that the signage is followed.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and a relaxing break. We will welcome year 7 and 12 students back to the academy on Tuesday 2 September 2025 and the remaining year groups on Wednesday 3 September 2025.

Yours sincerely

Mr M McDonald
Principal

