

Friday 23rd June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a fabulous night we had at the Year 11 Prom last Thursday evening. A fitting celebration of all that Year 11 has achieved. The students looked so smart and walked the red carpet with pride! Many thanks to Ms. Spearpoint and Mrs. Stewart (parent) for making sure the venue looked stunning. We look forward to seeing Y11 on 24th August to collect their results.

Year 7-10 are completing end of year assessments currently, and Y12, UCAS prediction exams. Thank you as always for supporting your child to work hard and be prepared for these assessments and exams.

### **NEU Industrial Action**

As you may be aware, the NEU have announced further strike action on **5th and 7th July** and therefore the Academy will unfortunately be closed to all students on both days, with the exception of students with an EHCP. Your child will be directed to some online work. We will, however, be running our planned Transition Day on 5th July for Y6 children, as we believe this is a very important part of their move to secondary school and do not want to cancel it.

### **Parent/Carer survey**

As I previously wrote, the Leadership Team very much appreciated the responses to the March Parent/Carer survey. Over 200 of you took the time to respond. We do two surveys a year so please do take 5 minutes to complete our June [survey](#). In March, 88% of parents stated that their child was happy at the Academy, 90% stated that their child felt safe and 88% of you felt you were kept well informed about what was happening. However, we can always do better, and from this survey, we know that we must ensure that if your child has SEND, we are supporting them as best we can. In 2023 - 2024, this will be an Academy priority. We also know from this survey that some parents feel bullying is not dealt with quickly. The pastoral team have been looking at this and are looking at further ways in which students can easily report incidents of bullying. And finally, we will continue to work with our caterers to make sure the food we provide is of high quality, nutritious, and of the best value.

### **Lockdown**

I wanted to let you know that at the end of next week we will be having a Lockdown practice. Many schools do this, whereby staff and students run through what to do in the event of a Lockdown.

A Lockdown is put in place in the event that an incident occurs within the Academy site or in the vicinity of the Academy, that could place students and staff at risk of serious injury or fatality. A Lockdown can only be initiated by the Police/other Authority or myself as Principal. After the practice next week, we will do an unannounced Lockdown practice before the end of this term. Your child will be told about what to do in the event of a Lockdown during Coaching Time next week and will also be informed that we are having a practice one. I sincerely hope that we never have to instigate a Lockdown but it is important that we are prepared and know what to do in the event of the need to instigate a real Lockdown.

### Message from our Chaplain, Mr. van Kan

As Refugee Week comes to a close, we have been reflecting on the powerful message of 1 John 3:17 that has guided our discussions and activities about helping others. This verse reminds us that if we have the means to help others in need, it is our responsibility to do so.

In light of this, I encourage you to join us in finding ways to be a blessing to others, whether through volunteering, donating, or offering support to those in need within our communities. Let us embody compassion and love, creating a world where refugees are welcomed and supported. Acts of kindness, no matter how small, can make a profound difference in the lives of those in need. Together, let's lend a helping hand and make a positive impact. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And finally I hope you have a lovely sunny weekend - and to those of you celebrating Eid next week - the Academy wishes you a blessed celebration with family and friends.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariella Ardron". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mrs. Ardron

Principal