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ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope my letter finds you and your families well.

It was lovely to welcome our Year 13 parents and students last night for their first Achievement Evening of the academic year. It was a very well attended event and we know that our parents really appreciate the time and support that KS5 teachers provide for their children. We are very encouraged by the initial predictions from our teaching staff as these will lead our students to secure their first-choice destinations.

Our sixth form is a key part of our school community and an area that we are incredibly proud of. Our sixth formers embody our school values and act as excellent mentors and role models for our younger students. The sixth form provision is something that we are very keen to grow so that we can cater for the interest and ambitions of our increasing student numbers. To this end, on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, we will be hosting A-Level Master classes in Psychology, Sociology and Criminology for Year 11 students from a range of schools locally.

Next week, our parents and children will receive their Attitude to Learning score via MCAS. During Crew time sessions, students will have the opportunity to reflect on their ATL and set meaningful targets for the term ahead. Alongside attendance and behaviour, we believe that attitude to learning is the third key factor that leads to success at school and also has a very positive effect on students' well-being. We expect all students to take responsibility for their own learning through actively participating in lessons, developing their resilience and perseverance to overcome challenges. Our ATL scores help us to measure that.

In Full Crews this week, Miss Rudd focused on Finance, in particular exploring the idea of what money is and how we spend it. These key questions were designed to make students think about how they spend money and also explore their understanding of debt, loans and interest rates. The full crew session has led onto a mini crew session on 'what type of money personality do you have?', which made students consider their ability to save or be impulsive with spending and explores where they are on this spectrum. These sessions were aimed to help students develop their skills for the future.

To develop students understanding of 'money' even further, we are setting mini challenges during full crew on budgeting and asking students to explore budgeting in the canteen and break tuck shop. We hope that following the crew session this week, students have more of an understanding of what money is, how they spend money and how they can develop their budgeting skills to support them in the future. Please find attached a copy of the slides that Miss Rudd shared with the students during Full Crew.

As you know, we highly prioritise reading, as we believe it holds the key for academic success. In the summer term last academic year, we contacted local businesses to help us re stock and improve our library by sponsoring a shelf of new books for £250. This has made a huge difference to our reading offer and the interest that it generates amongst our students, leading to improved motivation. To show our appreciation we have attached a small plaque to the shelf with the sponsors name on. Huge thanks to Zulki Jones and Paul Brooks for their sponsorship.



Finally, please see below a list of the key events for the remaining of this half term and half term two.

Key Events Half Term 1

24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Music Recital 1
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	School closes for October half term

Key Events Half Term 2

5 <sup>th</sup> November	A level Othello theatre tip
6 <sup>th</sup> November	GCSE Music trip – Hairspray
12 <sup>th</sup> November	NA6 Careers Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> November	NA6 Braking Point
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Yr 11 Career Expo Event
14 <sup>th</sup> November	NA6 Open Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths Inspiration 2024
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Y10 Achievement Evening
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y12 University of Lincoln Rewards Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y9, 10 & 11 Aachen Germany Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Autumn Term

I hope your children have enjoyed this week at school.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher