

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing year we have had at Temple Learning Academy. Every single day I am impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm of all of our children and staff; there is no wonder that there is so much progress and it is made at such a pace, in our school!

As I have mentioned in one of my previous newsletters, this year has seen our first Y6 and Y11 cohorts go through the school, along with all of the excitement of exams and the end of year Proms. Great times were had by all and memories created that will be cherished forever.

The Y6 SATS results were returned and confirmed what a very bright bunch they are; well done to all of our Y6s! Our Y11s must show great patience and wait until GCSE results day on the 25<sup>th</sup> August before finding out just how well they have done. Details for the arrangements on the day have already been shared and reminders will be sent closer to the time. Fingers crossed that we will all have lots to celebrate when the day arrives.

The more relaxed post-pandemic guidance has also enabled us to enjoy our very first residential from TLA this year. Y6 paved the way with their action-packed trip to Kingswood, whilst Y5 somehow seemed to pack a fortnight's worth of activity into a two-night residential to Whitby; all bringing incredible stories and memories back with them.



Half of our Y10s are continuing the TLA national tour with a two-night residential to Caythorpe PGL in Norfolk during the first week of the summer holidays. We all hope that they gain as much from their experiences as our younger trailblazers clearly did!

We are so forward thinking here at TLA that we have started next year already. For the last two weeks, we have been following next year's timetable. Our new Y7s for September have joined from their respective Primary schools and have started their Secondary school lives this side of the summer break. Not only does this provide an opportunity to relieve many of their anxieties and allow them a more relaxed summer holiday, it also gives us a head start in September. At the same time, all other Secondary students stepped up a year and started their new timetables with their new teachers and, excitingly in the case of the new Y10s, with their new Options timetables.

As the year has gone on and restrictions have eased, we have also been able to restart our sports fixtures with other schools, including tag rugby and football tournaments in Primary. Not only are these incredibly exciting, but are also very successful in growing a sense of 'team' when playing together. We look forward to much more of this next year.



In my May newsletter to you, I informed you of the plans to develop a second library in the school, located in the Primary phase. With that in mind, our Primary children set about a sponsored read and raised an astonishing £2,101.20 towards stocking it with wonderful books and resources. Well done to every one of you that took part and a massive thank you to all the parents, carers and friends that sponsored our children!



In June, a year after I invited our first external review of the school, we invited another three Headteachers and Ofsted inspectors into school to assess how we are doing and to look at the progress we have made over the last year. They looked at the curriculum that we have written and how we are delivering it to your children in lessons, as well as student behaviour and attitudes, and attendance. Whilst we are still striving every hour of every day to improve further, significant progress was noted in all areas and students were complemented on their adaptation to meet with the increasing challenges before them in every aspect of school. There is a real sense of 'team' here at TLA which was noted by one of the HTs who said, 'each person knows their role and has a vested interest in making this school the best it can be'. The future is bright!

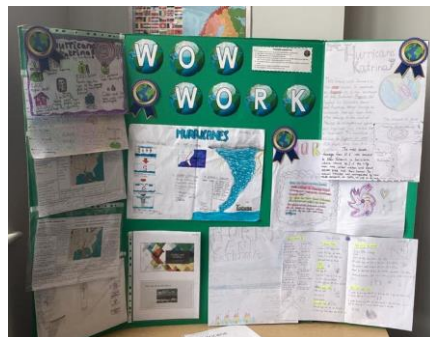


At TLA, we are incredibly mindful of the need to recognise the importance of mental health and the wellbeing of everyone at school and, whilst we realise that this is certainly not just a one week per year initiative, on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July we celebrated Wellbeing Week. Further to this, we have employed our very own Mental Health Lead who helps with curriculum design so that children of all ages recognise and understand mental health. Our colleague also works with individual students who need more support from time to time to improve their own mental health.



You are aware that Attendance has been a significant focus for us this year. It is clear that learning and progress happen most when a child attends school regularly so it is crucially important that children are here. We were delighted to celebrate fantastic attendance with our primary and secondary students on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July by hosting 'TLA Fest' - three fairground rides and a candy floss cart. It was a brilliant day, so thank you to parents and carers for your support in ensuring your child is at school. We have rewarded good attendance throughout the year and it is incredibly encouraging that I now hear children, families and staff talking so regularly about attendance. I urge you to keep this high on all of our agendas as we go into next year. I am very proud to report that 47 of our children did not miss a single day of school this year; 100% attendance is an astonishing achievement so a very well done to all of you!

The vast majority of our children show an incredibly positive approach to school and display such wonderful behaviours every single day. In Secondary, 74 students have received over 1000 positive points and 38 haven't received a single negative all year. In Primary, over the last term, our children received over 55,000 positive points, an increase of almost 15,000 positives on the previous term and indicates just how incredibly well our children are doing - and getting even better with time.





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Finally, I would like to remind you that if you need to buy new uniform for next year, from September, Secondary students will be able to wear the uniform with the new logo. Remember, the new uniform is not compulsory until September 2023 so if your child has not grown out of their current uniform there is no expectation that you will replace it until then. Details of this are on the school website:  
[www.templelearningacademy.org](http://www.templelearningacademy.org)

Please remember, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September is a staff training day. We will then have a staggered start for the children, as follows:  
The first day back for all Primary children (Y1 to Y6), plus Y7 and Y11 students will be 8:25am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September. All other students (Y8, Y9 and Y10) will start back at 8:25am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. All of our new Reception children will be on a phased start in September, as per the individual timetables that have been shared with families, and all will be full-time from the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Well, I have come to the end of my first full academic year at TLA and I am totally convinced that joining this school was the best professional decision I have ever made. Your children and community are second to none and I know that by continuing to work together, we can make great things happen for your children. I hope that you and your family have a very well-deserved, fun-filled summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Huddleston', written in a cursive style.

Stuart Huddleston  
Principal