

21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

At the end of another very exciting and productive half term, I would like to share with you some of the incredible achievements and advances that your children and the school have made.

When I last wrote to you via a Newsletter, we were eagerly, and somewhat anxiously, awaiting our first ever summer of GCSE results. As all of the Y11 students arrived throughout the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> August to receive their results, nerves were jangling; but they need not have been. Our first GCSE results were quite excellent and there were many, many wonderful success stories. The vast majority of students achieved what they needed to access their first choice of college, 6<sup>th</sup> form or Post-16 apprenticeship and all went away to enjoy the rest of their summer happy. I must pay credit to all of the students and staff that worked so hard towards those richly deserved outcomes.



TLA hosted 2 weeks of Summer Camps over the summer holiday – our children took part in a whole host of exciting activities; art & crafts, pizza making, roller skating, rock climbing, canoeing and a wide variety of other sporting activities.

Upon our return in September, our fantastic Primary-phase library was ready and is now being thoroughly enjoyed by our young readers; each primary class has at least one session per week to enjoy all our new books.



Many of our Primary children are also learning to play the ukulele. They are having great fun learning a new skill and I am sure, in time, it will be music to our ears!

Y4 have all enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express at Leeds Dock where they brought their learning about Italy to life in the making of some delicious pizzas!



A massive well done to our Y6 students who successfully completed their comprehensive bike-ability training and are now in a position to enjoy many years of safe cycling.



We believe that it is never too soon to begin the conversations about all of the potential careers that are out there for our children. To that end, this half term we held a Careers Fair where students from Y5 to 11 had the opportunity to speak to local businesses and find out more about what they offer, and which careers they may wish to pursue.

Year 10 enjoyed a residential trip to Caythorpe in September where they had lots of opportunities to show their courage and excellence with activities such as archery, raft building and climbing. Our current Year 11s also took part in a revision residential over the summer break – they had a fantastic time, and all our students were praised for their hard work and impeccable behaviour on both trips.



We celebrated European day of Languages on 26<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils took part with a European quiz, language stickers and wristbands, short introductions to capital cities and some European cuisine for lunch. Our multilingual staff produced a video for all pupils to watch and then guess the languages they were speaking in.

We have launched our very first Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme this half term to our Year 9 students. This is a really exciting opportunity for them to be involved with developing skills to support them in navigating adult life – they have already had many opportunities to volunteer at various in school events.

This year's Harvest Festival was another huge success, and we were amazed again at all the donations kindly given by our parents and carers to support Leeds South & East Food Bank. Our Primary pupils also enjoyed a special Harvest Festival assembly which involved lots of loud singing in the Heart Space!



Yorkshire Ambulance Service came to school on 14<sup>th</sup> October for Restart a Heart Day. This was a great opportunity for some of our students to learn CPR and ask the Ambulance Service any questions. They also visited our Reception children who learnt all about how to dial for an ambulance in an emergency.

Our staff have also been busy supporting many great causes this half term. Staff wore yellow on 10<sup>th</sup> October for World Mental Health Day, this was to increase mental health awareness in school, and prompt conversations about this subject. A Macmillan coffee morning was held in the staffroom on 30<sup>th</sup> September where staff raised over £100 for this great cause. Today, the staff are wearing pink for Breast Cancer Awareness, and raising money for Breast Cancer Now charity.



We look forwards to welcoming all children and students back to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, and in the meantime please have a wonderful half term break!

Yours sincerely,



Stuart Huddleston  
Principal