

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had yet another incredibly busy half term at TLA – there have been so many great things happening that I would like to take this opportunity to share with you.

Our amazing Arts Council represented TLA at 'The Awakening' at Headingley Stadium at the start of January to launch a year of Culture for Leeds 2023. It was a stunning evening and despite a lot of rain everyone had a great time!

Leeds United KICKS sessions started in January for our Y7, Y8 and Y9 students. We started with 7 students and have grown in popularity to the point where we had 23 this week. It's great to see the engagement and skills on show!



Three members of our Student Parliament visited Harrogate Grammar school this half term to attend a Youth Board Meeting. Timo (Y10), Shaunna (Y9) and Riley (Y7) met with senior members of our Trust, including our CEO, to express their voice thoughts and opinions. As previously, they gave a great account of themselves and raised the profile of TLA to a wider audience across North and West Yorkshire.

We celebrated Chinese New Year in January with a special menu and a lantern competition, with all the lanterns displayed in the diner. It was great to celebrate a different culture through delicious food and wonderfully decorated surroundings.

Some of our pupils have entered into the Royal Academy of Arts competition. This will be judged later this term by a panel of artists and art professionals with the winners displayed online and on site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Thank you to Mr Drew and Miss Durn for all their hard work in arranging this and, given the depth of artistic talent that we have in our school we are confident that the entries will do very well!

Our fabulous stars of the week in Primary continue to enjoy lunch at the golden table each week with different members of staff. It's always a great end to the week and our staff very much enjoy spending time over lunch with our stars! Secondary have also enjoyed celebration breakfasts with members of the Senior Leadership team this term - it's a great way to recognise and celebrate our students successes.



We had a very special guest speaker in assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> January; Vanessa Ruck 'The Girl on a Bike' came into school to speak to our students about how she overcame a near fatal bicycle accident and, through her 'because I can' attitude, resilience and hard work, she has developed as a person and achieved so much. Vanessa explored with our students how she advocates mental health support and a healthy use of social media through her remarkable story.



For the second time at TLA, we held a TT Rock stars day today! Our primary phase dressed up as their favourite rock stars and battled against their friends and teachers to win prizes – at the same time as practicing their timetables!





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At the other end of the school, some of our Key Stage 4 students attended a Careers Fair on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb at Leeds Arena. This was a great chance for them to explore future carer paths and talk to future potential employers – thank you to Dr Burkinshaw and Mrs Garbutt for making this possible.

Next term, our new school newspaper, The TLA Times, will be launched by our Primary Phase. There will be four different 'pages' to cover EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 and we will be looking for enthusiastic writers, designers and budding reporters, photographers and editors to cover stories across all four stages. We can't wait for our first edition!

We continue to encourage our Y11 students who continue to work extremely hard towards their summer exams, and our Y6 towards their SATS. Please echo that encouragement from home as they work so diligently towards the summer.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm – all parents are very welcome to attend. For further information please email [info@tla.rklt.co.uk](mailto:info@tla.rklt.co.uk)

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming all our students back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

With my very best wishes,

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

Stuart Huddleston  
Principal