

20th December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I write this letter shortly after our wonderful Christmas Fayre. It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and members of the community to the Fayre. Well done to all of the students and staff who spent many hours preparing the stalls and activities to create such a memorable evening.

My first term at The Axholme Academy has flown by and I have been pleased on a daily basis by what the students and staff are achieving through a focused approach to learning. As a whole staff we will be ensuring this continues into the New Year. We will be relentless in striving to improve the all-round quality of education we provide.

Our students have now firmly settled in to their respective academic year and overall are showing excellent commitment to their studies. Our Year 11 students recently had an intense period of Trial Exams. Overall, the students showed that they had prepared well and with a continued determined approach for the remainder of the year will achieve the outcomes their talents deserve in the summer of 2020.

I have also been delighted by the rich and broad curriculum opportunities that enable the development of wider talents and personal skills of our students. Our community most definitely considers those in most need of support and is a giving community. I summarise just a sample of the great achievements so far this year below. Please do visit the Academy website and social media platforms for a full overview of the wide range of activities and achievements this term.

In September the Sponsored Walk raised £1153.53 and the Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £435.70.

In October the 'Axholme Lurchers' reached the Formula 24 International Final at Silverstone and the Performathon raised over £1400.

In November, students from the Music Department performed at the Crowle Food Festival. The Academy supported Children in Need and in total we raised £531.50. The total was split between Children In Need, the local flood appeal and school fund, and the split was decided by our Academy Council members.

In December I had the pleasure of accompanying a large number of our students to the Cross Country Championships. It was a great event with all of our students performing excellently and Sienna Manderson in Year 7 won her race. Also in December our Year 11 students did fantastic work on behalf of the Salvation Army Toy Appeal and we had a wonderful evening at our Christmas Concert where our students wowed a packed hall with a wonderful variety of song, dance and drama.

A variety of educational and experiential trips have also taken place this term including trips to Poland, London and Aberdovey in Wales. This term the Academy was one of only a small number of secondary schools in the region to be awarded the accolade of 'Champion School Gold Award' by the National Citizenship Service.

The new Science Laboratory is beginning to take shape and the building works will hopefully be completed in time for us to make use of our new Science facility in February 2020.

On behalf of the Staff and Governors at The Axholme Academy I thank you for your continued support and I wish you all a joyous Christmas Season and we all look forward with positivity to 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Keogh'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping tail.

D Keogh
Principal