

# STUDENT & PARENT NEWSLETTER

December 2023

Dear All,

It has been a term packed full of learning, progress and wider curriculum opportunities for our students. This newsletter has been put together by our students, with support from Mrs Lovell, who all deserve great commendation and recognition for their high quality contributions. The newsletter captures the highlights of the term - from our continued sporting success, exceptional Careers guidance opportunities, trips, charity and community work, rewards events for students who are demonstrating they are consistently *'Ready and Able to Learn'* and the work of the Academy Council to name but a few.

As we head into the Christmas season, on behalf of the staff and Governors, I wish you all a happy and joyous holiday and look forward to continuing our journey to go *'Beyond Expectations'* in 2024.

*Mr Keogh*

## Welcome to our Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn term newsletter. This newsletter has been written by academy Prefects and Head Students with the help of Mrs Lovell. We hope you enjoy reading about all the activities that have taken place this term. Along with a preview of what's still to come this academic year.

*A. Drinkall (Head Student)*

# Our Top 10 StAR achievers this term:

*Freya L., Lola H., Megan B., Ethan T., Bella A., Nevaeh W.,  
Sebastian R., Joshua B., Alexander R. and Ruby B.*

Well done to all students striving to go Beyond Expectations and for reaching for the StARs!

## Careers



### Ready? Steady? Cook!

The food room was a hive of activity when two Royal Navy chefs joined the Y10 food class and taught them how to bake pasties and Swiss Rolls, the smells were amazing. One student, Louis J. said, 'The experience was really good and beneficial to the food course.'

### Royal Navy Visit Y9

We had an amazing day when personnel from the Royal Navy came in to work with Y9. They carried out team-building activities and learnt about life in the Navy.

### Careers Interviews

December saw the start of the year 11 1 to 1 careers interviews. All year 11s get an opportunity to speak with a careers advisor to discuss their paths for their futures and gain insight into what is on offer for them at post-16 level.



# Academy Council

This term, the student council has worked on lots of different topics; attendance rewards, different ILT times, timings for breaks and lunch, toilets, menu options, to include a wider variety for all food preferences. Reading/DEAR time has been discussed as some students have expressed an interest in reading their english texts in DEAR time to be able to gain a deeper understanding.

All students in the school council were informed of the opportunities in the Crowle and Ealand Youth Council as vacancies arose.

Finally, last term, school shorts won the vote in the referendum. We are meeting with Mr Keogh soon to discuss the options from Uniform Direct to make sure they comply with academy standards and are cost effective.

*B. Whitely (Academy Councillor)*

## NEWS

### **Bake Sale: a piece of cake for the World Citizen Club**

October saw a whole-school bake sale take place in the hall. This was open to the students and staff. The whole school community helped out by donating tasty treats. The students loved the cakes and in total we raised a whopping £544.77 to add to the school funds pot. Thank you to all who donated, baked and bought!

### **Scholastic Book Fair Fun**

The beginning of September saw the Scholastic Book Fair return to our hall; students were able to peruse the titles and buy books, which they can read in DEAR time. Olivia R. won the Scholastic competition, she won a whopping £25 to spend at the fair and was absolutely thrilled.





## Hornsea Trip

Miss Wright took our Y11 Geography students to Hornsea as part of their GCSE Fieldwork. They had a fantastic time gaining hands-on experience and learning all about the British coast.



## Open Mornings

We opened our doors for 2 mornings during September and welcomed lots of children and families of year 5 and 6 children. The events were a huge success and our students were amazing tour guides and role models, an absolute credit to the academy.



## Violence Against Women and Girls Conference

Our Peer mentors visited the Baths Hall to take part in the Violence Against Women and Girls Conference. Macy F. said, 'I found the experience eye opening ; I loved meeting new people, learning about the subject and enjoying the opportunity it had to offer.'



## Remembrance Sunday

Our Head students and prefects represented the academy at the Cenotaphs in Ealand and Crowle and laid poppy wreaths to remember our fallen heroes. Let us not forget.

## Presentation Evening

Our leavers of '23 returned to the academy for their GCSE presentation evening. Mrs Carter said, 'It was heart-warming to see our students return for such a special occasion.'



## Visitors from Chartwells

We were pleased to have a nutritionist visit us from Chartwells, our diner food providers. They delivered sessions on world food and healthy eating. Watch out for our sessions with the chef in January on butchery, bread making and fish filleting!







### **Kingswood Y10 Revision Trip**

Miss Robinson took a group of year 10s to Kingswood for a weekend full of adventure, team building and revision. The revision trips always prove successful and this one didn't disappoint.

### **Rewards Events**

We hold rewards events at the end of every half term; students are always encouraged to go *BEYOND EXPECTATIONS* and earn their rewards treats. In October, students enjoyed films, football and table tennis. There were smiles all round, with students saying it was a great way to spend an afternoon at school.



This half term, eligible students are enjoying a cinema trip, film, gaming and reading plus eligible year 11s took a trip to Meadowhall for a spot of Christmas shopping.



### **Prom Committee hamper Raffle**

To raise money for this year's prom, the prom committee made Christmas hampers to raffle off. The money raised will go towards the decorations such as balloons, fairy lights, table centre pieces, crowns and sashes. These will make a massive difference to our prom and make the night an event we'll never forget. Thank you to all those who bought tickets, we raised a massive £504.

*M Rowbottom (Prefect & Prom committee)*

# Sporting Triumphs

Keep track of all of our sporting fixtures, tries, triumphs and trophies on our [Twitter Page](#).

The PE department has been really impressed with the commitment shown from our students; particularly KS3 in relation to our weekly PE enrichment programme and fixtures. The numbers involved bode well for the spring term when we will be competing in football, netball, table tennis, dodgeball and badminton.

Our sports leadership team continues to shine with some fantastic representation in the community supporting KS2 events, supporting and assisting our PE enrichment programme, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones by leading as part of their OCR Sport Studies course or gaining leadership qualifications via our recent LTA Youth Schools Leadership course.

Keep up the good work, we are very proud to have you representing the academy.

We would also like to praise the vast majority of our Y11 Sport Science students who are working really hard to meet their deadlines and showing pride in their work and achievements to date. We look forward to commencing with the exam content in the new year and offering our time to support them via our sport masterclass sessions. Keep up the hard work!

*Mr Mason, Mrs Winder, Mrs Underwood & Miss Harrison*

