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Newsletter 2, Week Commencing 29th April 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you enjoyed reading my first Parent Newsletter last week and that you found it both interesting and informative. Welcome to edition number 2! It is great to be able to write about the wide range of positive events and activities that our students are involved in and to share their achievements along with some other important messages.

Key Highlights from Last Week....

Last week was another very busy week in the academy with lots going on including more exams for Year 11 and Year 13 in Design Technology and the MFL speaking exams. The feedback from teachers was really positive and students were well prepared for these important exams. This bodes well for the start of the rest of the exam season. Good luck to all students (and their families!) who are taking exams over the coming weeks.

A number of Year 7 & 8 students took part in a 3-day residential trip to Stanley Head last week where they had the opportunity to try out a wide range of amazing outdoor activities such as kayaking, bouldering and high-rope walking! The photographs look amazing. I would like to thank the staff who gave up their time to accompany students on this trip.

On Wednesday last week we hosted a girls football tournament for pupils from of our local primary schools (Delves, Palfrey, Hillary & Caldmore) The tournament was another great success and was won convincingly this time by Palfrey Juniors! It is lovely to see so many primary school pupils coming to Joseph Leckie and getting a flavour of what is on offer here and enjoying their sport. Thank you to The PE department along with a number of our amazing Year 12 students who were fantastic ambassadors for the academy, assisting refereeing, time keeping and meeting/greeting.

It is always great to celebrate students who demonstrate our academy values, especially when they are out and about in the local community. Last week we were really proud of two of our students Megan and Jessica, both in Year 8, who put themselves out to help a couple of elderly ladies on the bus. Without any prompting, the girls got up out of their seats on the bus to offer them to the elderly ladies who both had walking sticks. It was lovely to hear about students from the academy showing both kindness and lovely manners. We know the majority of our students uphold our shared values at all times and this is a great example.

Key Reminders and Academy Expectations...

We are continuing to focus on our newly re-launched expectations. This week I have included our **classroom expectations**. These are vital in ensuring that learning is maximised and that students feel safe and confident in their lessons.

The classroom expectations are set out below:



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Classroom Expectations



Enter the classroom quietly and take your seat according to the teacher's seating plan.



Be equipped and ready for learning with all your equipment out on your desk.



Allow all students to learn without causing distractions.



Make sensible contributions to class discussions.



Work to the very best of your ability at all times.

Learn together, lead together.



I would be really grateful if you could go through these with your children and check on the Class Charts App that they are receiving positive points from their teachers for meeting these expectations.

In addition, I would like to mention our academy uniform standards. These are generally good, and the vast majority of our students look incredibly smart at all times. Thank you for the role you play as parents and carers in reinforcing our expectations. A few areas where we can see further improvements are with students are:

- Please ensure that shirts are tucked in, and top buttons are done up.
- Please be reminded of our rules around earrings – there should be no hooped earrings for students in any year group as these represent a potential health and safety issue.
- Lanyards must be worn at all times and replacements must be purchased if a lanyard is lost or damaged.

Our academy uniform is close to being 'excellent' and with an additional push we can improve things even further. Thank you again for your support with this.

I am pleased to report that litter has improved in the playground following our focus on this last week. You may remember that we had an issue with drink cartons being dropped. Thankfully we have seen a big reduction in this so hopefully this will continue over the coming weeks and months so that we really do look after our environment.

Upcoming Events in the Academy Calendar...

Below are some key dates for your diaries – there are a couple added from last week's Parent Newsletter (these are highlighted in ***bold/italics***)

Monday 6th May – Academy closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 16th May – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 24th May – Academy closes for half term Holidays

Monday 3rd June – Academy re-opens at normal time

Thursday 13th June – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 17th June – Staff INSET Day - academy closed to students

Week Commencing 24th June – Year 10 Careers Week

Thursday 27th June – Pride of Leckie Awards Evening
Friday 28th June – Cultural Diversity Day
Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July – Year 6-7 Transition Days
Week Commencing 8th July – Year 12 Work Experience Week
Friday 19th July – Academy closes for summer holidays

I hope you have a lovely week. It is set to be another busy one across the academy – hopefully it will be a little warmer too! Thank you once again for your support. It is very much appreciated.

Best wishes

Mr Ludlow
Chief Executive Officer