

# Parent Bulletin-29th June 2018









# Communication

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

- 29<sup>th</sup> June Year 11 Prom
- 30<sup>th</sup> June PTFA Summer Fair 11.00-2.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> July 12 Year 9 pupils visiting the University of Cumbria
- 4<sup>th</sup> July Partnership Evening for Year 6 parents
- 5<sup>th</sup> July Year 8 Go for Set careers event
- 6<sup>th</sup> July All Year 10 experience day at Blackpool Sixth Form College
- 6<sup>th</sup> July Year 11 Blackpool Pleasure Beach reward trip (details to follow)
- 12<sup>th</sup> July Mathematics Challenge
- 23<sup>rd</sup> August GCSE result day

### Rewards Trip - Friday 13th July

The cost of each trip is £35 and needs to be paid by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

# **Important Notices**

#### New staff

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Riley (our current Rapid Improvement Lead) has been seconded to the academy, from the Trust, as Principal until the end of the next academic year. Mrs Riley will operationally manage the academy on a day to day basis whilst my role as Executive Principal will include a more strategic management of the academy and Partnership working.

#### Achievements

Yesterday was the Year 11 leavers assembly. What a wonderful assembly it was. It was great to see so many of you on this special, memorable occasion. The theatre was packed to the rafters with us having to find more chairs to seat everybody! As I said yesterday – Year 11 are truly fantastic young people, who will go far, they are our future. Thank you again for all your support, patience and belief.

On 15th June 4 Year 8 pupils represented the academy at a Blackpool Robo competition held at Blackpool and the Fylde college. The pupils competed with a robot they had constructed themselves and they had to programme software to instruct the robot to follow different commands. The tournament included using sensors to follow lines and navigate through a colour maze, picking up and moving objects and using the robot to score a goal. While the pupils did not win the competition, we are extremely proud of their commitment, especially considering the very short amount of time the pupils had to learn how to use the software to control the robot.

Barclays Life Skills worked with Year 9's this week. We have had some wonderful feedback which I would like to share with you.

"I have delivered many Barclays sessions across England and it was refreshing to see so many students keen and ready to learn, organised and attentive. I look forward to returning next year to work further with this year group helping to plan their next steps on their career journey."

#### PTFA Summer Fair

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

#### Food Technology

You will receive a text from the Technology department regarding food lessons for the rest of this term.

#### Warm weather

The option to wear either full academy uniform or the academy PE kit will be reviewed daily during the hot weather.

### • Prefect applications

The deadline for prefect applications is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. I encourage all Year 10's to apply for such a prestigious role. The selection process will be completed next week.

#### Reminder

Pupils who are taken out of school during term times to go on unauthorised holidays may be subject to a fixed penalty notice. All holiday requests must be place on the holiday form obtained from reception and returned to reception. Parents will then be notified in writing of the decision. Holiday request forms must be submitted 4 weeks prior to the holiday and will only be approved under exceptional circumstances.

### • Parent Drop-In Sessions

Our parent drop-in sessions continue to run every Tuesday 9.00-10.00am and every Thursday 3:20-4:20pm. If you have any concerns or pupil issues pop in to the academy reception and Mrs Benson will meet you on either day between those times.

#### **GCSE Results Day 2018**

This year's results will be available on Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018 starting at 9.30am. More details will follow.

However, if you are unable to collect your results you must do the following -

- Inform Ms Addison, Exams officer as soon as you can.
- You must provide Ms Addison with details, a letter or email from your email address, of who you are giving permission to collect your results.
- That nominated person must then bring a letter from yourself to the academy with ID of whom they are. They will sign for receipt of your results.
- These are your [the candidates'/pupils] results. I am unable to give them to your parents or siblings or relatives without the appropriate consent from yourself.

If you have any exam queries please do not hesitate to contact – lynne.addison@highfield.tetrust.org



2018 Term Dates and Holidays	
04 JUN	Academy open (08:40)
19 JUL	Academy closes (12:30) Summer holidays begin
05 SEPT	Academy open for all pupils (08:40am)

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