



Communication

A message from the Executive Principal

Dear Parent/Carers

We have had such a good start to the new half term with seven weeks to go until the Christmas break! I was delighted to welcome parents to the coffee morning today where we had a really good discussion around homework, Classchart and careers. It is great to be able to get together with parents over a cup of coffee and a biscuit to discuss a wide range of topics. The next coffee morning is Friday 23rd November 9.30-10.30am.

As with the start of any new term we have had a real push on standards of uniform and so we ask kindly for your support in ensuring that the following expectations are re-enforced at home:

- Waistbands on school skirts must not be turned up
- No ear phones
- No hoodies to be worn under blazers and all coats off when in the building
- No trainers
- No rolled up sleeves on blazers
- Socks must not be worn over the knee

Our uniform standards are really high and the vast majority of students take great pride in their appearance, so your support is always so greatly appreciated.

Both myself and the chair of the Governing Body were highly delighted with the recent parent Governor ballot where there was considerable response and I am delighted that a candidate was successful, however, I am not at liberty to disclose anything as yet as the checks have now got to be undertaken before the successful candidate can take up post. Thank you to all of you who took the time to vote.

Please remember that at any time that you need to get in touch with myself, Senior Leaders or Heads of Year do not hesitate – we run a very open door policy.

With kind regards

Mrs Helen Mackenzie OBE

Important Notices

- **Forthcoming Events**

Friday 9th November 10.00am– Highfield Road Park Remembers

Thursday 13th December 6.00-7.00pm – Carol Service at St Mary's Church

Thursday 20th December 11.45am-1.15pm – Christmas Tea Party at the Academy for the elderly and local community groups

Christmas is fast approaching and the festive period offers an opportunity for us to demonstrate our commitment to serving the wider community. Therefore, we will be collecting food for hampers for local residents living in sheltered accommodation hats, scarfs, gloves and toiletries for Streetlife, and Christmas gifts for young carers aged between 11-16. More details will follow next half term.

- **Careers**

Young Enterprise

On Wednesday 7th November, Young Enterprise will be delivering to our year 7 pupils as part of their PSHE drop down day. The session, entitled 'I have a dream', will help pupils consider their personal dreams and aspirations and relate this to how much it will cost in reality. They will then have an opportunity to discuss potential salaries across the UK for specific jobs.

Annual Careers Convention

On Thursday 8th November, 5pm - 7pm, we will be holding our annual Careers Convention. We have around 30 representatives from Industry, Uniformed and Armed Services, Apprenticeship Providers and Further and Higher Education in the atrium in school to answer questions and give advice on a large number of careers. This is open to all pupils and parents and is a fantastic opportunity to gather a large variety of information from one place.

- **Remembrance Acts**

Highfield remembers

We will be holding our annual Act of Remembrance during registration time on Friday 9th November. The school community will come together in remembering those who gave their lives for our freedoms at 9.00am. There will be a laying of both red and white flowers in our atrium, the last post will be sounded and a minutes silence will be held.

Friends of Highfield Park

Highfield Leadership Academy recognises the crucial role that young people will play in realising our hopes and aspirations for South Shore Blackpool's future. We encourage our pupils to foster an appreciation of others and a sense of responsibility for the community.

As Armistice Day approaches, we will join with others in remembrance of the sacrifices of soldiers in defence of our nation. We will also be supporting the campaigns of the Royal British Legion such as, Thank You 100, by thinking about all of those who put Britain on the path to becoming what it is today.

As part of the Remembrance acts we are holding through October and November we have been invited to join the Friends of Highfield Road Park at their Act of Remembrance. This event will be held on Friday 9th November 10:00 am.

2018/19 Term Dates and Holidays

21 DEC	Academy closes for the Christmas Break at 12.30pm
7 JAN	Academy open for all pupils
15 FEB	Academy closes for half term
25 FEB	Academy open for all pupils
5 APR	Academy closes for the Easter Break
23 APR	Academy open for all pupils

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