



## Communication

### A message from the Executive Principal

Dear Parent/Carers

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support in our fundraising activities this week, along with the raising of understanding of anti-bullying. Our Odd Sock day on Monday was well supported and I was very impressed with those students who even personalised their own socks! Much creativity to be seen here. On Wednesday there were many cakes and biscuits for sale and my thanks go to Mrs Dodgson and Mrs Thompson for their diligence in selling cakes even at the end of the day. I insisted on two of our Year 11 students having their photograph taken at the end of the day with Pudsey hairbands – I can guarantee that this picture will cause hilarity in their leaving assembly next June!

I have worked in many classes this week, not only participating and leading some drama sessions with some Year 7 who were such fantastic leaders in that class, but also in some English classes where Year 8 were able to talk really clearly around their learning with regards to literature and Sherlock Holmes. Well done, I was very impressed.

Looking ahead to next week we have a number of interventions and a finance exam for Year 11 and as always staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that Year 11 are prepared for their upcoming mocks which begin on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November and last until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

It has been great to meet with parents this week and I always look forward to parents contacting me to discuss any issues whatsoever.

Do have a restful weekend and enjoy what seems to be some warmer weather at the minute!

With kind regards

Mrs Helen Mackenzie OBE

## Important Notices

### • Forthcoming Events

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Lost property on display outside reception at break time for pupils

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Army presentation for Year 10

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Finance exam for Year 11

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Presentation Evening for last year's Year 11

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6.00-7.00pm** – Carol Service at St Mary's Church

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

### Parent Evening Dates

Please note the following dates for forthcoming parent's evenings so that you can update your calendars!

Year 11 Parents evening Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 4.00-7.00pm

Year 10 Parents evening Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 4.00-7.00pm

Year 9 Parents evening Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 4.00-7.00pm

Year 8 Parents evening Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 4.00-7.00pm

Year 7 Parents evening Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 4.00-7.00pm

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 over the next few coming weeks.

- **Anti-Bullying week**

#### **Highfield Pupils Choose Kindness for Anti-Bullying Week**

Pupils at Highfield Leadership Academy took part in activities for this week's Anti-Bullying Week (12-19 November). The Highfield Road school's Anti Bullying Ambassadors launched a Stand Up, Speak Out Club, which was run by Year 10 and 11 pupils and ahead of this took part in a training session with the safeguarding team. The school's Bullying Reporting System was also relaunched and discussed in so that the pupils understood when and how to make complaints about incidents of bullying within school.

Throughout the week pupils discussed themes around bullying in tutor groups, religious education and English lessons including what it is, how to tackle it, why people become bullies and how as a school community they can help them reform, cyberbullying including watching a video about keeping safe online, a scheme for rewarding examples of respecting one another and choosing kindness signified by pupils and staff giving each other card to remind everyone how unique and special they are.

On 17 January this year, Highfield Leadership Academy hosted an event for 70 pupils to equip school children from across the North West with the skills to stamp out bullying in their school communities. It was led by the Diana Award which runs the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors programme across 2,500 schools. Twenty-one Highfield Leadership Academy pupils are now trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Helen Mackenzie OBE, Executive Principal at the Highfield Road School, said: "Tackling bullying is an issue of huge importance to our entire school community so we were committed we wanted to raise awareness during Anti-Bullying Week. We hope that all the work being done in school this week and beyond will help equip our young people with essential skills to call out bullying wherever they may find it in their lives and support each other with kindness."

#### **2018/19 Term Dates and Holidays**

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

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