

20th December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of the term, it presents an opportunity to look back and reflect on the various activities and opportunities that have taken place since October half term:

- CCF Battlefield Tour
- Remembrance Service
- Biology/Geography Residential
- Year 13 Mock Exams
- Year 11 Revision Day
- Children in Need Non-Uniform Day
- Christmas Fayre
- Nottingham University Library Trip
- Year 11 Project Flavour Day
- Year 10 Project Can Do
- PSHE Days
- Plus a variety of sporting fixtures

Please refer to the calendar on our [website](#) for future events and other important information.

Christmas Concert, Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

Don't forget to come and join us for an evening of festive cheer and music at our Christmas Concert on Thursday 21st December, 7pm-8.30pm. Tickets can be purchased on [Wisepay](#).

Staff and students are invited to participate in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 22nd December to help raise funds for Save the Children. Please donate via our Just Giving page [here](#). Christmas Dinner will also be the main meal option on the day to help us get into the festive spirit (there will be sandwiches, baguettes and pasta options available).

Remembrance Service

Our whole Academy Remembrance Service took place on 10th November. The service was a poignant reminder of the importance of our values in remembering our past and was supported superbly by our CCF cadets.

Children in Need

Children in Need was led entirely by our superb student leaders, resulting in them raising a fantastic £1,073. Funds were raised through various events which included a non-uniform day, cake sale and sports challenges.

Christmas Fayre

Our PTFA and Year 7 teams worked together to deliver a festive extravaganza at our annual Christmas Fayre on 30th November to raise funds for [Academy+](#). It attracted lots of stall holders, the majority of which were our own students running their own enterprising activities. It was a lovely event with Santa making an appearance. Thank you to all who attended and supported the event which raised a whopping £1,166.54!

Attendance

This week we are awarding certificates to students with 95% attendance or over. If your child achieves 100% attendance, and receives only positive points for a whole term, they are welcomed into the 100% Club and will be awarded a bronze "100%" badge. If they achieve this for two or three terms, they will receive a silver and gold badge respectively. If your child missed out this term, they can still aim for a silver by the end of the year. A huge well done to all our students and a huge thank you for working with us to help your child achieve the best possible attendance.

If your child is going to be absent, it is vital that you contact us to inform us of the reason. This is both to safeguard your child and ensure that their attendance is accurately recorded. This can be done in several ways:

- Call us on 01623 663450, option 1.
- Email us at attendance@tscacademy.org.uk
- Send us a message through the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app.

Where we are not notified of the reason for an absence, we will contact you. If we are unable to contact you, we will attempt to visit the home to carry out a well-being check. We will also attempt to visit home for any absence of 3 days or more to ensure that we understand the reasons for absence and to see if we can support the family in any way.

Behaviour

Over the past few weeks, we have been reminding students about behaviour expectations, especially during their social times at breaks and lunches. We will continue to focus on this in the new year, along with uniform compliance which has been highlighted in recent communications.

We will also be adjusting the length of detentions to a maximum of 60 minutes after the Christmas break to help parents and students with the dark nights at this time of year. Your continued support with our behaviour system is much appreciated.

MyChildAtSchool – MCAS App

Thank you to those of you who have already downloaded and are using the new parent app. After Christmas we will be moving away from using WisePay for lunch and trip payments and we will be using parent app instead. More detail and information will follow on this after the break so watch this space! If you haven't downloaded the app yet, we urge you to do this as soon as possible. The app will provide you with information about your child and notifications which will reduce the number of emails you receive in your inbox. As always, we are open to feedback and if you do experience any problems, we have a dedicated email for you to get in touch with us - bromcom@tscacademy.org.uk.

Message from our Chaplain

Christmas is fast approaching and amidst the hustle and bustle of this time of year it can be useful to set some time aside for reflection. During our Acts of Worship in the last week of this term we have been taking some time to think, discuss and reflect on three things:

- High - What has been our biggest achievement or our most memorable moment of the year?
- Low- What has been our biggest challenge and how have we overcome or continue to do so?
- Hero – Who is the person or who are the people who have had a positive impact or influence?

The list is by no means exhaustive, but it is enough to get us thinking and reflecting. It is when we take this time that we notice the progress we have made or begin to explore the things we would like to do differently. It helps us to be thankful for those in our lives that have, and continue to have, a positive impact. My prayer for our Academy community over this festive period is a simple one. I pray that all

will understand their true worth and value, not counted in pounds and pence but in terms of the intrinsic value as human beings all unique and all amazing.

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

Finally, can I thank you for your continued positivity and support. We hope you and your families have an enjoyable break, a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We genuinely miss our wonderful students during the breaks and we can't wait to welcome them all back on Monday, 8th January.

Yours faithfully



Lisa McVeigh
Principal