

MMC/GHR

16th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Except for students who will take their final exam next week, this Friday marks the end of secondary education for our Year 11 students. They have demonstrated all our school values throughout their time here, especially during the exam period, and although it brings their time with us to an end, we know that the students have set themselves up for many successful new beginnings. Elsewhere in the academy, staff have been busy preparing Year 6 pupils for joining the school in September, and some of our Year 9 students have been gaining an insight into potential future careers.

Teaching and Learning

Final full week of GCSEs

This week has seen the final week of GCSE examinations for most of our Year 11 students, with the exception of those who take their final Food examination on Tuesday 21st June. Throughout the examination period, students consistently demonstrated the highest levels of investment to ensure they were fully prepared to achieve their potential in each examination. I would like to thank all involved in the process, including teachers, support staff, parents, and carers for their incredible support during this period. We look forward to welcoming students back into the academy for our Black and White event from 9am on Thursday 29th June, which is also the same day as the Year 11 Prom.

GCSE Results Day will take place on Thursday 24th August with more information to follow about the specific arrangements for this day. If your child is unable to collect their results, they must write to the examinations team (b.butler@stwacademy.com) to nominate an alternative adult who can collect them on their behalf. Please note this must be submitted and signed by the student before results day and the alternative adult must bring photo identification with them.

Year 13 students have completed their penultimate week of exams before leaving us. The students continue to show their passion for success and have been a credit to themselves and the school during the exam period. As we draw towards a close of the exam season, I would like to remind students that their leavers event will take place on the morning of Monday 26th June and students should RSVP to this via their emails.

Events/Enrichment

Bridging Project

This week, we held the penultimate session of The Bridging Project. Our budding new students were enthralled by their fantastic art lesson, which was delivered by Mr Gidney. The students were inspired by the artist Georgia O’Keeffe and used a view finder to select an interesting composition from a selection of flower and plant images. Following this, students then drew out the main outlines they could see through the view finder and used similar colours favoured by O’Keeffe to colour their abstract composition. To create their masterpieces, students used oil pastels so they could blend colour together seamlessly. Mr Gidney was really impressed with the high levels of creativity illustrated by the students and cannot wait to meet the new cohort in September! Our final Bridging Project will commence on 27th June.

Better Learners, Better Workers Site Visit

On Thursday this week, our Year 9 students who are taking part in the Better Learners, Better Workers careers programme visited Wates construction site in Sheffield as part of their employability skills awareness course. They had a tour of the site, were introduced to the wide range of job roles on the site and were able to discuss and ask questions about the construction industry. The students were complimented on their exemplary behaviour and conduct and were a credit to the Academy.

Mallard Primary School Visit

Continuing with our comprehensive transition programme, Miss. Preston, our transition lead, visited year 6 pupils at Mallard Primary School this week. The students were impeccably behaved and engaged in their learning, and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the academy as Year 7 students in September.

Parent/Carer Survey

Here at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, we value parental voice and would appreciate it if parents/carers could spare the time to complete a survey for us. You will have originally completed this survey at the start of this academic year, so now we would appreciate it if you could take the time to reflect on this school year and complete the survey once more. You can access the survey on this link -

<https://forms.office.com/e/xzmXNjtn1r>

Adult Literacy Courses

Spaces are available on both the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and the Level 2 Functional Skills courses. Course tutor Sophie Ferris comes to the academy on Mondays from 4.30pm-6.30pm to deliver the courses and would love to welcome more adult learners and help them to gain their qualifications. Please email g.harris@stwacademy.com if you or anyone aged 19+ would like to attend these sessions.

Be Safe Around Open Water

Please follow this link to read a letter from the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service advising parents and students of the dangers of open water.

https://bit.ly/open_water_safety

PCAB (Parents and Community Advisory Board)

Our next PCAB meeting is being held at STWA on Wednesday 12th July from 5-6.30pm. This meeting is your opportunity to find out more about the exceptional learning opportunities on offer at STWA, as well as give your feedback on anything concerning the improvement journey that the academy is on.

Please register your interest with g.harris@stwacademy.com or complete the form on this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/8GHUDgd4Vf>.

Former STWA Student News

We have been informed that former STWA student, Carragon Guest is starring in the new film version of 'Greatest Days'. She was on the red carpet in London on Thursday night this week. We hope to be able to welcome Carragon back to the academy for her to deliver a talk to inspire current students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. M McDonald
Principal

