

Our ref: MMC/NWI

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Dear Parent/Carer

It has been another busy week here at the academy, not least for our invested year 11 students who continued their GCSE examinations this week. The dedication, drive and determination to succeed has exuded from our students every morning and I have no doubt that this will translate into the results that these students deserve. Read on to find out more about the exceptional learning experiences taking place here at STWA.

Feedback

Thanks to the large numbers of parents and carers who have already responded to our safeguarding survey. You can still **have your say**: [PARENT/CARER SAFEGUARDING SURVEY](#). Complete it now for your chance to **win a £40 ASDA voucher**.

It takes no longer than **three minutes to complete**; your feedback will be hugely informative as we reflect and refine our practice. The survey will close on **Monday 20th May**.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Teaching and Learning

Over the last week, our year 11 students made a phenomenal start to their GCSE examinations, which have covered subjects including: Biology, English Literature, French, Business Studies, Sport, Computer Science and Health and Social Care. Throughout the week, students have displayed levels of investment that have blown us away, with students attending Prepare to Achieve breakfast sessions from 7:30 am and many opting to stay for sessions beyond the normal academy day and on weekends. We know that the coming weeks will be the culmination of years of work, but it makes us incredibly proud to see our students taking advantage of every marginal gain available to them.

Sports Fixtures

The Y7 cricket squad played in the Doncaster Schools Cricket Finals in a round robin tournament at Doncaster Town CC. Alongside Sir Thomas Wharton Academy was up against Hall Cross, Hungerhill, XP East and Hayfield. Following a busy schedule our squad were able to finish top of the pool and qualify for the next round which takes place next week at Sheffield. STWA, along with the runners up Hall Cross will represent Doncaster against two schools from Rotherham and two schools from Sheffield. Mr. Walker was impressed with the teamwork showed by all pupils when fielding, accurate and effective bowling and hard-hitting batting! Mr. Walker has been extremely impressed by the number of pupils that are attending the cricket enrichment every week and is hopeful of more fixtures after the half-term break for all KS3 as well as a trip to watch Yorkshire County Cricket Club.



Lateness to Lessons

Some students are arriving late to lessons, which is highly disruptive to the learning of other students. Please be aware that any late arrivals to lessons will now be sanctioned with a same day 30-minute detention. Parents and carers will be alerted of this via ClassCharts. We have run a trial period this week in which students received the points via ClassCharts and were informed via the behaviour curriculum in tutor period of this strategy to reduce lateness. Same-day late detentions will begin on Monday 20 May.

Internship Opportunity for a Year 11 Student

Waterstones of Doncaster are offering the opportunity for young adults to participate in a paid internship at the store this summer. If your child is interested, please ask them to speak with Miss B Darke or Miss N Carter for further details.

Yours faithfully

Mr M McDonald
Principal

