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Principal: Mr M McDonald

JTH/GHR

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re-arranged STWA Athletics Championship at Eco Power Athletics (Keepmoat) Stadium 22/09/2023 17:30-20:00

As you are aware, due to the Great British weather back in July, we re-scheduled our inaugural Athletics Championships at the Eco Power Athletics Stadium (formally known as The Keepmoat Stadium) to the evening of Friday 22nd September 2023.

We are therefore now excited to be preparing for this event and am delighted to inform you that your child has been selected to compete in either the 100m or 200m as well as the 4x100m relay. Selection has been based upon times achieved in Athletics lessons during PE as well as their outstanding investment in PE lessons and extra-curricular activities last academic year.

The evening will go ahead as was planned in July with a variety of fantastic, high speed track races, across all year groups with interludes of entertainment by STWA students and a muchanticipated awards ceremony to close the spectacular event.

Up to two guests per student are invited to come along and spectate at the event. We may be able to invite further guests closer to the date on a first come first basis and will inform you if this is the case. Doors open at 5.30, with a prompt 6pm start. We aim to finish the evening by 8pm under floodlights. The evening is free of charge for parents and students, but own travel arrangements to and from the venue are required. The venue address is Stadium Way, Doncaster, DN4 5JW. A tuckshop will be open for the purchase of refreshments if required.

The athletics track is outdoors, and although the spectator area is covered, we ask that all attendees attend appropriately dressed for the weather. Students are required to wear their full STWA PE kit, including STWA t-shirt and plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings, or appropriate length shorts/ knee length cycling shorts, and trainers or running spikes. The STWA hoodie is optional and may be worn whilst students wait for their races.

On the morning of the event, we are planning again on taking all selected students to the Eco Power Stadium to prepare for the Championships. Students will need to arrive at the academy in their full PE kit with plenty of drinks/ snacks to last them throughout the morning. We will be leaving at 8.30am by coach and return back to the academy by 12.00. Students need to bring their academy uniform with them to get changed into for the afternoons learning.

If your child would like to participate in this exciting opportunity, please complete the permission slip on this link - https://forms.office.com/e/sMvRkuyFsi by Friday 8th September. The number of guests attending also needs to be submitted to ensure we can distribute



appropriate tickets. Tickets from July should be disposed of. Please complete all medical details as well as photograph permissions for use on the academy and PE departments social media. If your child is unable to attend, please also indicate this on the reply link.

Students who are competing must attend the rehearsal on the morning of Friday 22^{nd} September. Please indicate on the permission link consent for this visit also.

If you are unable to access the links to the consent forms, please email g.harris@stwacademy.com or phone the academy so that we are able to complete the form on your behalf.

Please note that we do not permit chewing gum and energy drinks on any of our visits. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing j.thorpe@stwacademy.com

We hope the weather this time will not disappoint, and we look forward to welcoming you to a fantastic evening of STWA athletics.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. J Thorpe

Director of Creative Arts