



12th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have listened to parental feedback and as a result are sending out the end of term reports to you a week earlier than usual. I trust that this will give you a bigger window in which to raise any concerns you may have with Tutors and staff. Our focus this academic year has been on "Betterment". I hope the newsletter and Show My Homework have helped you feel more informed about the Academy.

One of the best ways parents can enhance their child's teaching and learning is by attending Parents' Evenings. I am proud to say that this has steadily increased since our records began in 2013 and climbed to a record breaking 81% of Year 7 parents attending.

The exam season is now over. There were 134 different exams; 2795 exam papers sat and dispatched, only 3 absences and 45Kg of jelly babies consumed. We said goodbye to our Year 11s, celebrating with a wonderful Prom at the stunning Chateau Impney. Photographs are available on the website gallery. We are delighted that over 90 year 11s have applied to TGAW for the Sixth Form. Fifty out of sixty Year 13 students have applied to University and were successful in their choices including the University of Bath, University of London Institute in Paris, Surrey, Glasgow and Coventry University. We look forward to seeing their results: A-Levels on Thursday, 16th August and GCSEs on Thursday, 23rd August at 10.00 a.m. Students should collect their results in person or write in authorising someone else to do so.

Our new Year 7s had their induction week recently. They settled in brilliantly. As a challenge, they have each been given a copy of *The Machine Gunners* by Robert Westall to read and send a review to me during the summer holidays. It's a Carnegie medal winning novel filled with excitement and intrigue.

Please encourage your child to read with pleasure over the break. Did you know that children who read more than once a week at age 16 improve their vocabulary as well as their results in maths and spelling tests than those who read less regularly. Sixteen year olds who choose to read books for pleasure outside school are more likely to secure managerial or professional jobs in later life? Research has indicated that reading fiction is associated with higher levels of empathy and improved relationships. A list of suggested books is available on the website.

Six year 10 students were invited to become industrial cadets at Mazak working alongside engineers for a week. I was privileged to attend the presentations at the end of their internship.

Our prestigious KS3 Awards Evening was held on Tuesday, 10th July. It was a great way, as we head towards the end of term, both to celebrate academic awards for excellence and endeavour and to share their promise for the future. I am delighted that Sophie Leyland won the Principal's Award for Excellence.

Held in absolutely glorious sunshine, Sports Day proved to be a fabulous event. All the students showed great energy and competitive spirit and it was a fantastic day. The winners of the overall trophy will be announced at the end of term assembly. Special thanks to Mr Barnes and the PE department for all their hard work in organising such a memorable occasion.

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When the Academy started, we were passionate that our students should have the chance to go abroad and this is where the concept of the Year 10 trip to Italy started. Seventy of them are setting off to camp in the Dolomites and will be having some wonderful days out from Venice to the Beach. Our final week of term is International Week and this year the theme is the Grand Tour towards Italy – a tour which Victorian gentlemen would have taken from London to Italy. Students will explore art, music, architecture, language and immerse themselves in our European neighbours' culture. SASTastic trips out on the Wednesday include Barry Island Pleasure Park and Beach, Drayton Manor Theme Park, Waterworld, West Midlands Safari Park, Harry Potter World, Bristol Zoo, Snowdome, and our very own Tudor Range – a Day at the Farm. If you would like to sponsor an animal for £20 at Mrs King's farm, please contact the Academy.

We have hosted exchange visits from many international students this year including a week-long visit by Chinese children. Both the students and their buddies have found them to be very enriching experiences.

Miss Rovira, College Leader for Marlowe, is leaving us this Summer and Miss Doherty (Maths) will start her maternity leave. Next term Marlowe College is being looked after by Miss Wood; Tyndale by Mr Davis and interviews will take place next term to find permanent replacement College Leaders. Our new staff attended their induction day recently and both they and I anticipate a great future for them here at the Academy. They certainly have *Passion, Clarity and Belief*: our Teaching and Learning mantra. We welcome Mr Stone-Fewings and Mr Lazarov (Science), Mrs Rowe and Miss Evans (English), Ms Real Perez (MFL), Mr Eastwood and Mr Harper (Maths), Mr Da'Cunha (Social Sciences), Mrs George (Computing) and returning to us is Miss Redpath who took an incredible journey to join the Mercy Ships in Africa as a volunteer teaching the children of staff who work tirelessly to heal the sick. Also joining us are Mrs Ettridge (SENCo); Mr Pettifer and Miss Haines (Learning Mentors); and Mr Sommerville (Chef Manager).

I look forward to seeing your children wearing their uniform with pride back to school on Tuesday 4th September when they will have their photographs taken.

I am grateful to parents and carers, governors, staff and students and the Friends of Tudor Grange for their support. My hard working staff are all ready for a well-deserved break and join me in wishing you a very happy and restful Summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Roach
Principal