

Monday 16th November 2015

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am just writing to give you a quick update on a number of events and issues coming up.

Do you want to get into the 'Christmas Spirit' and support the academy?

On Friday 27th November, our parents association FROTH, are holding a Race Night at the academy. If you have not been to one of these before, they are great fun, allowing you to bet on horses, or even become a horse owner, in a safe fun environment. Tickets are only £5 (available on ParentPay) which includes a 'pie and pea' supper and there is a licensed bar. Please see details on the Academy Website.

Christmas Dinner for Students

Each year we have a formal sit down Christmas Dinner for students. This will take place on Friday 11th December. There will be no other choices of food on that day (other than vegetarian and Halal options). If your son wishes to have dinner, could you please ensure that his Dinner Money account is topped up, and if he does not want to have a Christmas dinner, that he has a packed lunch.

On the Theme of Dinners. . . .

The excellent quality and variety of food available at breakfast and break-time is resulting in a number of students going beyond their daily limit of £4. After Christmas we will be increasing the daily limit to £5. There will be a full price list on the website, and students are actively encouraged to purchase a 'meal deal' at lunchtime, which is only £2 for a dinner, pudding and drink, bought together in a deal, rather than keep going back and forth buying separate individual items which work out more expensive.

A Cashless Academy

The ParentPay system was set up to enable the academy to become cashless. The motivation behind this, was both to prevent students having to carry money about with them, and to ensure that the money given to them for dinners was actually being spent on healthy meals and snacks within the safe environment of the academy. Parents can log in on-line and top up their son's accounts in a matter of a couple of minutes. Despite our best efforts, a number of students are still coming into the academy with cash, so we are getting increasing incidents of money being lost, and the finance office is being constantly disturbed by boys wanting to have 'notes' changed into 'coins' so they do not have to put all of their money into the school system. Clearly the finance office does not want to be disturbed in their work, and absolutely do not want to be any part of any subterfuge to change dinner money into alternative spending money!

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Do you want to be a sailor?? . .

Starting on Wednesday 2nd December 15, until the end of April 16, we are running an evening class from 6.00pm to 8.30pm to gain the RYA Day Skipper Theory Course. The cost is £250 for the course, plus £66 for materials and equipment required. The number of places is limited, so please contact the academy and speak to Mr Forth if you would like to get signed up. Further details on the website.

Free Office Suite of Software for you at home!!

As part of our upgraded ICT system within the academy, all students will be able to have access to the Office Suite of Software at home, and have their own e-mail, all for free through the academy. Details of how to access this will be sent out to parents.

Are you breaking the law?

If you are turning right into Charlotte Street Mews, coming in from East Hull, then the answer is 'Yes'.

You can see here, on the left hand side of this photograph, that there is a 'No Right Turn' sign. The police are receiving a number of complaints that parents are blocking the flow of traffic by stopping and waiting to turn right into Charlotte Street Mews. They will now be monitoring this area. If you need to enter Charlotte Street Mews, then it needs to be from the West, either along Lowgate or George Street, as it is a left turn only into the street.



There have also been other complaints from the police about Charlotte Street Mews being blocked at the end of the school day, because parents are parking both sides of the road on yellow lines. Therefore, if you are picking up your son from school, could you please have a pre-arranged pick-up point on one of the surrounding streets, so that you do not get moved on, or ticketed by the police; also, so your son knows where to go, as it is not possible to tannoy for individual students around the academy at the end of the day.

Paris Trip following event this weekend

Following the terrible events in Paris this weekend, advice is being sought about the Paris Trip that has been arranged for February. Mr Germain met with the students this morning, and he will contact you as any further information becomes available. I am sure that you will share my relief that no members of Mr Germain's family or friends were hurt in this dreadful event.

Yours sincerely

Karen Keaney
Principal