



Dear Parents/Carers/Friends of the Academy

17th March 2016

News from Student Services

Wear a Hat Day – Thursday, March 24th - £1 donation in aid of brain tumour research

As you may have seen in the local and national media, the Academy is next Thursday (March 24th) supporting national Wear a Hat Day which is focused on raising money and increasing awareness of brain tumours. The event is particularly significant for the Academy as our own exams and data officer Jayne Reffin underwent surgery two years ago to remove a rare brain tumour. Whilst much of it was removed, Mrs Reffin now has to live with the remains of the benign tumour which she describes as 'feeling like a ticking time bomb'.

Staff are very keen to support Mrs Reffin in her quest to raise money for much needed research into brain tumours. On Thursday, we are asking that in return for a £1 donation, staff and students will wear a hat of their choice to school. However, we are hoping that it will also be seen as an opportunity to create some memorable hats that stand out from the crowd, earning vivos and possibly prizes. Merchandise such as wrist bands and badges are already on sale in support of the fund raising.

Keeping up with the boys in English – Starting Wednesday, March 23rd, between 1:15 and 3:15pm

Parents/carers and friends of the Academy are reminded that next Wednesday sees the start of our latest free Family Learning course as featured on our web page and in the Hull Daily Mail earlier this month.

This course offers parents/carers the opportunity to enhance their English skills and gain a national Level 2 equivalent qualification, whilst at the same time helping them to encourage their sons to be more confident with their English skills. Anyone interested in trying the course should contact Student Services as soon as possible to secure a place.

Parents Forum – Wednesday, 13th April, 9:15am at the Academy

Advance notice that next term we are relaunching the Parents Forum which provides a valuable means for parents/carers to provide feedback and find out more about the day to day running of the Academy and any forthcoming events. The first meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, 13th April, at 9:30am and is open to all parents and carers. Mr Goodman, the Vice-Principal, will be speaking about the introduction of parent focus groups.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any concerns or queries. Alternatively, you may wish to contact direct the pastoral mentor for your son's House: Harrison – Mrs Hodgson; Morley – Mrs Jacques; Hammond – Miss Simpson and Johnson – Miss Leake.

Yours sincerely

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If you have not already received this letter via email this means we do not have your current address, please contact the academy with an up-to-date email address. From September 2016 this will be our preferred method of contacting parents.

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