

MMC/GHR

9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that all families of STWA students had an enjoyable half term break and enjoyed the warm weather. We are nearing the final stages of our examination period and we could not be prouder of the students at this academy. We are resolute in our ambition for your children and seeing students feeling so well-prepared gives us confidence in the strategies that we have in place. Of course, exams are only one part of what matters, we often talk about them opening doors but it being a person's character that really matters, so alongside this busy period the finishing touches are being placed on the Academy Awards Ceremony and the School Sports Day, these events matter to us because they give students memories that last a lifetime, details to come shortly ...

Teaching and Learning

During half term, we continued to be impressed by the high number of fully invested students who attended Achieve sessions across a range of subjects, including English Language, Maths, Science, History, Geography, French and Business. The behaviour of students was exemplary and reflected their high aspirations as they experienced expert delivery from subject specialists to prepare for the GCSE examinations that have resumed this week. We would like to thank staff for their continued commitment and investment in our students as they routinely go above and beyond to deliver weekend and half term sessions.

This week, students have completed examinations in English Language, French, Maths, History, Geography and Biology, which has seen students continuing to display excellent levels of investment throughout Prepare to Achieve sessions, pre-examination briefings and during examinations themselves. Another busy week of examinations awaits next week, but the majority of students will complete their examinations on Friday 16th June, with the exception of students who study Food Technology.

Examinations have also resumed for our Year 13 students this week across Biology, Product Design, Criminology, English, Physics, History and Sociology. Students have approached their exams with tenacity and following half-term achieve sessions across the curriculum and a real focus in their revision during study periods. As many students are now drawing a close to their studies at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy over the coming weeks, we begin to look ahead to celebrating their time with us.

Details of celebration events for students in both Year 11 and Year 13 will be shared in due course.

Events/Enrichment

Rounders Tournament

After school on Wednesday this week, we welcomed XP to the academy for a Year 7 Rounders fixture. Our girls played against a mixed team of boys and girls and were set a challenge of fielding some incredible hits. However, we too displayed some excellent batting skills and great decision making when out in field. The result was a fair 7-7 draw as both teams displayed some fantastic game play. Well done to our Year 7 girls Rounders team.

Warmsworth Primary School Visit

Miss. Preston, our transition lead, visited year 6 pupils at Warmsworth Primary School this week. The students were impeccably behaved and engaged in their learning, and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the academy as Year 7 students in September.

Uniform Standards

At Sir Thomas Wharton Academy, we expect the 'highest standards' of uniform for all our students. Students take pride in their uniform and wear it consistently to the highest of standards. Ofsted commented in our latest Ofsted report in 2021 "The strong focus on fostering pupils' character gives the school a distinctive feel. Pupils are proud of their school. They look smart and keep the school site tidy." Parents and carers play a significant part in helping us to maintain our high uniform standards. The Uniform Policy for the next academic year contains no changes to the current policy.

Our uniform is now locally supplied by Schoolwear Solutions by Cliffs located at: 11a-17 Printing Office Street, Doncaster, DN1 1TJ, (Tel: 01302 342983). You can order online from this store via our website - [Sir Thomas Wharton Academy - Uniform Expectations \(stwcc.co.uk\)](http://www.stwcc.co.uk)

Schoolwear Solutions by Cliffs have agreed to extend opening hours exclusively for Sir Thomas Wharton Academy students on:

- Wednesday 12th July - 16:30 to 19:00
- Sunday 16th July - 10:30 to 15:30
- Wednesday 26th July - 16:30 to 19:00

To book an appointment, log onto their website – www.schoolwearsolutions.com. Uniform is also available from Prestige and Pinders. Their details can be found in our Uniform expectations booklet here: [Sir Thomas Wharton Academy - Uniform Expectations \(stwcc.co.uk\)](http://www.stwcc.co.uk)

Adult Literacy Courses

Spaces are available on both the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and the Level 2 Functional Skills courses. Course tutor Sophie Ferris comes to the academy on Mondays from 4.30pm-6.30pm to deliver the courses and would love to welcome more adult learners and help them to gain their qualifications. Please email g.harris@stwacademy.com if you or anyone aged 19+ would like to attend these sessions.

Be Safe Around Open Water

Please follow this link to read a letter from the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service advising parents and students of the dangers of open water.

https://bit.ly/open_water_safety

PCAB (Parents and Community Advisory Board)

Our next PCAB meeting is being held at STWA on Wednesday 12th July from 5-6.30pm. This meeting is your opportunity to find out more about the exceptional learning opportunities on offer at STWA, as well as give your feedback on anything concerning the improvement journey that the academy is on.

Please register your interest with g.harris@stwacademy.com or complete the form on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/8GHUDgd4Vf>.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. M McDonald
Principal

