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Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of another successful and rewarding term, I would like to take a moment to thank our students, staff and families for their continued commitment and support. It has been a term filled with achievement, ambition and opportunity, and I am incredibly proud of everything our school community has accomplished. From outstanding academic effort and exceptional sporting success to enriching educational visits, careers experiences and transition events, our students continue to demonstrate the values, resilience and determination that make Sir Thomas Wharton Academy such a special place. As we look ahead to the final weeks of the academic year, there remains much to celebrate and many exciting events still to come.

Teaching and Learning

Year 13 A Level Results Day

A Level Results Day will take place on Thursday 13 August. If your child is unable to collect their results, they must email the examinations team (b.butler@stwacademy.com) if they wish to nominate an alternative adult who can collect them on their behalf. Please note, this must be submitted and signed by the student before results day, and the alternative adult must bring photo identification with them.

Year 12 Induction/Course Launch

On Monday 6 July, we will hold our year 12 Induction/Course Launch event. All year 11 students with a confirmed place at the sixth form have been invited to attend for a full day of fun and engaging tasks starting from 8:20 am. The day will conclude at 2:30 pm. We hope students are looking forward to this exciting day as much as we are.

Year 11 GCSE Results Day

GCSE Results Day will take place on Thursday 20 August. If your child is unable to collect their results, they must email the examinations team (b.butler@stwacademy.com) if they wish to nominate an alternative adult who can collect them on their behalf. Please note, this must be submitted and signed by the student before results day and the alternative adult must bring photo identification with them.

Year 10 Trial Examinations

Year 10 trial examinations ended this week, with students following the same processes that will be embedded by next summer, including morning Achieve sessions, trial exam briefings and our marginal gains programme of sweets and water. As always, we stress the importance of 100% attendance, as these examinations are a vital opportunity for students to develop and refine their examination technique while also receiving feedback about their current attainment. Students will receive the results of these trial examinations in the final week before the end of the summer term.



Tassomai

A reminder to parents that students should achieve their weekly goal for each of the subjects that are assigned on Tassomai. This will support year 10 students to complete retrieval practice as they begin to respond to feedback from trial examinations.

Transition

Primary School Visits

Miss Preston, our Transition Leader, has continued her annual visits to primary schools this week, with visits to year 6 pupils at some of our main catchment area schools. The students were impeccably behaved and engaged in their learning, and we are looking forward to welcoming them to Sir Thomas Wharton Academy as year 7 students in September. Primary visits will continue up to our year 6 Induction Days taking place from 8 July. Transition information packs have been sent out to year 6 parents this week detailing the logistics and key information of the three days. Please also be aware that the year 6 Parents and Carers Information Evening will be held at Sir Thomas Wharton Academy on the 7 July from 6:00 pm, this event is for Parents and Carers only.

Careers

Work Experience

From Monday 6 to Friday 10 July all students in both years 10 and 12 will be participating in a week of work experience. We are pleased to announce that 220 young people will have an in-person work placement. With 100% of year 10 securing a placement and 65% of Year 12. Please refer to ClassCharts for Mrs Pickering's message around safeguarding and attendance whilst on placement.

Sports Fixtures

Softball Cricket

On Monday, our key stage 3 softball cricket team travelled to Hayfield Academy to participate in the final fixture of the year. After taking the win, STWA retain their unbeaten record! Congratulations to all of the team for their commitment and outstanding effort throughout the year.

Events

Better Learners, Better Workers Graduation

We are delighted to announce that our students participating in the Better Learners, Better Workers programme will graduate in style on Wednesday 8 July at the fabulous Cutlers Hall in Sheffield. The ceremony is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the achievements of these students with their parents and carers. The presentation will be led by the Master Cutler and attended by all four regional Mayors and the Lord Lieutenant.

Berlin Visit

On Thursday 9 July, our History department are taking a group of students on a 4-day trip to Berlin, to visit some prominent landmarks, such as the Reichstag building, the Holocaust Memorial and the Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp.

Sir Thom Fest

Sir Thom Fest will take place on Friday 17 July 2026. This event will celebrate diversity and ensure that every student and member of staff feels valued and included. Similar to our Christmas family dining event, tutor time and period 1 will run as normal lessons. Periods 2 and 3 will focus on developing character and culture



through an additional Life Skills session centred on equality and diversity, followed by a music festival on the field.

The festival will feature live performances from indie band The Mercians and singer Charlie Aky, alongside special guest and Sir Thomas Wharton alumni, "The Don" Harry Rigg. There will also be inflatables, game stalls, face painting, and the announcement of the winning house!

There will be no cost for the event — it is our way of thanking students for their hard work, respect, and tolerance throughout the year.

House Update

Everything is still to play for within our House System with students competing to win the end of year house trip to Alton Towers. Brodsworth have edged into the lead this week with over 70,000 house points, Wentworth are in second place with 69,830, Cusworth are in third place with 68,440 and Chatsworth are in fourth place with 66,346 house points.

Our Extended House Project for this half term centres on Malala Yousafzai, with students being challenged to explore the impact of Malala's contribution to the world of education and women's rights. Students have until the final Friday of this half term to hand in their creations to earn their house points.

As we progress into the summer term, there are an array of house activities and challenges where students can earn house points to secure their place on the end of year trip to Alton Towers. Students in the winning house need a minimum of 50 house points and less than 50 negatives to secure their place!

Standards – MCAS

Over the next week, parents will receive their login details for MyChildAtSchool (MCAS).

As we have already communicated, MCAS will replace ClassCharts and will become our single platform for accessing student information and school updates from September. The letter you receive will contain all the information you need to set up your MCAS account. Once you have logged in, you will be able to view a limited amount of information initially, with all remaining features and information becoming available in September.

Attendance

Our Attendance World Cup has now reached the **knockout stage!** Unfortunately, eight tutor groups didn't make it out of the group phase and through to the Round of 16.

Some tutor groups were eliminated by the narrowest of margins, showing just how important every day of attendance really is. Being in the academy not only supports your own learning and progress, but it also helps your tutor group stay in the competition and push towards the final.

Everyday counts, every student matters, and every attendance mark could make the difference. Make sure you're in, supporting your education and your tutor group as they battle to become our **Attendance World Cup Champions!** 🏆🏆

Yours sincerely

Mr M McDonald
Principal

