



19th October 2018

Dear Parent / Guardian,

After a very busy term it is pleasing to report that the start to the year has been excellent across the whole of our Academy. Our Year 7 students have settled in well and have shown great maturity in the way they are managing the transition into the secondary stage of their education. The Year 7 students who attended the residential at Lockerbrook Outdoor Centre had a wonderful time. Many of the staff and external agencies who worked with our students were impressed by their attitude, politeness and the respect they showed to each other.

Our Open Evening and our Open Mornings were a great success and the feedback we received was extremely positive about the vibrant atmosphere across our Academy. I thank all of the students who helped at our Open events. They were all wonderful ambassadors for our academy.

Examination Outcomes 2018

Our outcomes for both Sixth Form and GCSE examinations this summer are very pleasing. For Sixth Form we are proud to say that our students achieved a pass rate of 98% in either A Level or Vocational Qualifications. All our Year 13 students, who wished to continue to University courses have secured a place, with one student gaining a place at Oxford University. Students were also successful in securing apprenticeships or employment.

At GCSE our provisional Progress 8 measure -0.07 is a further improvement on 2017 (National Floor Standard is -0.5).

Well done to all of our students on their progress and to our staff for their continued commitment, expertise and relentless support of the students.

Site Improvements

The safeguarding upgrades are complete with access gates in operation functioning through an intercom system. During the Academy day visitors can gain access via the intercom. Parents are reminded that appointments are necessary when visiting.

Safety

If your child cycles to school please ensure that a bicycle helmet is worn, the bicycle has a lock and, if necessary, lights. Pupils who do cycle to school are asked not to block the pathways outside the shops at the junction and around the vicinity of the school so that other pedestrians have easy access to where they need to go. All students, whether cycling or walking, should take care when crossing the roads. Students are also reminded that they should not be riding their bicycles on the school site.

Uniform

Trousers – please ensure the correct coloured trousers are worn; they must be grey, formal school trousers (not leggings or 'Capri' style).

Coats - As we approach the colder months I wanted to take this opportunity to remind parents of the uniform policy regarding coats; pupils are expected to wear either a plain black or a plain dark blue weatherproof coat whilst on the school site.

Shoebox Appeal / Operation Christmas Child – deadline November 16th

Once again we will be supporting the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal this year. The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Education Service have granted permission for us to support this charity. As in previous years each tutor group will be putting a box together. We would therefore be very grateful of any donations that you can make. Suggestions for donations are as follows: stationery, colouring books, pens, pencils, non-chocolate sweets (with a sell by date of after March 2019), toiletries (non-liquid), toothbrushes and toothpaste, teddy bears, miniature cars or trucks, hair bands and clips etc. All items must be new. As we are part of a global community it is part of our school's Catholic ethos to support those less fortunate than ourselves and I hope you will be as generous as you have been in previous years. If anyone would like to do a box of their own, please contact the school and a leaflet giving all the information will be sent out to you. The deadline for the shoeboxes is **Friday 16th November**. Many thanks for your continued support.

Lincoln Community Larder

In addition to the Shoebox Appeal we will also be supporting the Lincoln Community Larder. Information regarding what donations they are in need of will be passed on to students nearer the time.

Future Events

Tuesday 6 th November	Years 12 and 13 Parents' Evening (4.30 pm)
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Wednesday 21 st November:	Year 12 Pathways Evening (6.00 pm)
Monday 17 th December:	KS4 & KS5 Awards Evening (SSPP Church at 7.00 pm)
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Lunch (£4.00 per ticket)
Friday 21 st December	Christmas Market / non-uniform day

Details of all of these events will be sent out nearer the time.

Please keep up to date on social media with what is happening in the Academy and by checking our website (www.sspp.lincs.sch.uk).

Please note that Monday 29th October is a training day for staff and the academy is closed to students.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to students returning on **Tuesday 30th October 2018** for another successful term.

Yours sincerely



D Keogh
Headteacher