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Summer Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

And so today saw us wave goodbye to the Year 11 students as they finished their final exam. Soon our Year 13 students will also be leaving to start their next journey and I am always slightly envious when I think of the wonderful adventures they have before them. Both of these year groups have worked incredibly hard towards their exams and I look forward to seeing them get a great set of results in August. I really wish them well in their chosen area - whether it is further education, an apprenticeship, paid employment or travelling the world. Our aim here at the Academy is to provide a first class education but to also help nurture our students into decent people who have life skills to enable them to positively contribute to the modern world. Looking around today I see just that and thank the staff and the parents who have helped support them through this stage of their lives.

I also can't believe that this means our new Year 7 students will soon be Year 8 and so on. How this year has flown by and there is much to celebrate. Accordingly, we have our annual awards evening on the 5th July where we will be able to congratulate some of this year's successes. In addition, this year we have introduced a Sports Personality of the Year evening on the 3rd July. This is to recognise the increase in participation of sport at the Academy and also the high standard of sporting achievements. Well done to everyone who gains an award this year - I know the numbers have increased from last year!

Auditions are underway for next year's production of "The Greatest Showman" and I know that Jo Crook and the Performing Arts team are amazed at all the hidden talent we have at the Academy, from singing to dancing to the technical skills working on the production desks. Well done to everyone who auditioned and I cannot wait to see the performance next year. As a celebration of the Arts, this year the Summer Gala will be a combination of delights featuring music, dance and drama presentations by our students; details of how you can support will be sent out soon. We are also very proud to announce that Sir Michael Morpurgo will formally open our new Performing Arts studios on Wednesday 29th August; this coincides with the first night performance of "War Horse" - the adaptation of one of his best sellers - at the Theatre Royal. The building will become known as "The Morpurgo Studios" reflecting his passion for the Arts, and belief of their importance, within education.

We will be sad to say goodbye to some teachers at the end of the summer term, but we are very proud that they have moved onto promotions in other schools and wish them the best of luck with their new careers:



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- Mr Foxely, Head of MFL, has secured a Head of MFL with Teaching and Learning responsibility at a private school in Devon. He will be very sadly missed and we wish him all the very best.
- Ms Mosely, Teacher of English, will be flying off to Gran Canaria for a new adventure as an English Teacher. We wish her well on her travels.
- Mr Roberts, Teacher of Science, was here on a temporary contract and we wish him well in securing a contract in another school.

We are also excited to announce some fantastic new staff starting with us in September. The recruitment of so many new staff has been due to a huge increase in student numbers for our new Year 7's starting in September 2018 and we are delighted that this will continue to add capacity to our offer here at the Academy.

We will be welcoming to the Academy:

- Mrs Harrison, Head of MFL
- Mr Dickins, Teacher of Science/Maths
- Mrs Turner, Head of Year 8, Art
- Ms Cross, Maths Teacher
- Ms Trevorrow, PE Teacher
- Ms Clyndes, English Teacher
- Mrs Taylor, KS3 Team Leader, Science
- Ms Joce, Drama Teacher
- Mrs Lucas, DT Teacher
- Ms Gent, RS Teacher
- Mr Magnusson, Head of Year 9, Science

The final two weeks of term will see our new Year 7 and 12 having taster days to help them with the transition for September. All parents are invited to our Sports Day to be held on the 11th July, weather permitting, and also invites are extended to Plymfest, our own festival that raises money for the Academy and local charities. This will be held on the 13th July and doors will be open from 12.30pm.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Academy this year and I look forward to seeing many of you over the forthcoming weeks at the various events that are planned. Do keep your eye on the website, Facebook and Twitter to keep up to date with our news.

Best wishes



Lisa Boorman
Principal