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21 July 2022

Dear Parent/Carers

As the academic year comes to an end, it gives me great pleasure to reflect on some of the key events that took place during the year.

The year began on a difficult note with the tragic deaths of three of our much loved students. The three trees we have planted in the courtyard in their memory and the commemorative trees created by our students that are displayed in the academy library will always remind us of the positive contributions these students made to the academy. Thank you for all your support and words of encouragement. They will forever be in our hearts.



During the academic year, we have had many things to celebrate including the “EI Brunch” events to recognise our students who achieved all EIs in all subjects. Over 100 students attended the various events each time.



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After nearly two years of restricted times due to Covid-19 it was so lovely to be able to open up the academy once more and invite our community to celebrate with us in person.

These celebrations included the “Community Christmas Lunch” and the “Community Jubilee afternoon tea” where we had over 50 members of the community come to share in our celebration of the Queen's Jubilee event..



We were also able to celebrate:

- Our KS4 Awards Evening with parents/carers for the first time in two years
- Pride Month where students raised £150 for charity
- Publishing of our students work in a children's book, “Twisted Tales”
- Some of our students took part in national and regional competitions. This include Liam P who represented England in Ice Hockey
- Our students completing Duke of Edinburgh award





With the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the academy was also able to organise academic, cultural and reward trips for our students. Some of the trips include the Ski trip to Bormio, Geography trips to Hornsea and the 100% attendance trip to Xscape.



It was also pleasing to celebrate the achievement of our Y11 students during their Prom. It was the first Prom for two years due to Covid-19 restrictions. Our amazing students enjoyed the evening and left with so many memories. We wish them all the best for the future and look forward to seeing them collect their GCSE results on Thursday 25th August 2022.



I'm excited to share with you that during this year, we have been awarded the 'Gold Status' by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health Award for outstanding Mental Health and Wellbeing provision. This is a great achievement for the academy and we are very proud of the effort of students, parents/guardians, governors and staff in achieving this award.

Finally, I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Jenkins a well deserved retirement. Mrs Jenkins has been a teacher at the academy for the past 29 years, during this time she has inspired and motivated many students to

achieve excellence. Mrs Jenkins has been such an inspirational member of staff and her passion for drama and theatre has enriched the lives of our students, staff and community. She will be missed by us all.

In preparation for September 2022 return to the academy, I will be sending you a separate letter next week to give you information relating to when your child will return to school at the start of the academic year and a reminder of the expectations for September 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support. I look forward to celebrating more events with you during the next academic year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Godsway Dzoboku', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Godsway Dzoboku
Principal