

Excellence for all

3 April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers



RE PRINCIPAL UPDATE

This term has seen many successes in and outside of the classroom; we have seen our rewards system really take off with our first Diamond Certificate being awarded for achieving over 200 House points. We also have seen success through our enrichment provision; a huge congratulations to Katie Plaskitt for achieving the prestigious 'DRET Advanced Musician of the Year' and Ania Steer for becoming the 'UK Indoor Rowing Champion' for her age group.

Students and staff have also been recognised regionally via the Golden Apple Awards. I am so pleased to congratulate Mr Castle for winning 'Innovation of the Year' and Zac Nearney for being awarded the 'Outstanding Sporting Achievement' Award for his pursuits in boxing.

As we continue to have a focus on high standards and impeccable behaviour we have been in consultation with our staff about our detention procedure. Whilst we would always prefer to use praise instead of sanction, from time to time we have to issue a punishment. Please find attached a letter from Miss Manners who is responsible for Behaviour and Wellbeing at our Academy which outlines the changes we have adopted in addition to pertinent expectations we wish to remind you of.

I also enclose a letter regarding Pupil Premium funding. As an Academy we want to support our students and your child as best as we possibly can. If as a family you meet the criteria outlined, I encourage you to apply, as your child may be entitled to additional funding to support his/her education.

We have just seen the conclusion of our magnificent production of 'Les Misérables'. Our incredible cast of over 80 students performed to four sell-out audiences and received a standing ovation each evening. Watching the performance last week made me feel incredibly proud of the talent and commitment from students, staff, parents and volunteers. Hand on heart, this was the best performance I have seen in my teaching career. Thank you to all members of the community who took the time to communicate with the Academy regarding how much they enjoyed the performance.

Furthermore, I can now inform you that at the beginning of this year we completed a bid application through the National Lottery Community and I am delighted to announce we were successful and have been granted the maximum amount of £10,000 to spend on Performing Art resources for our hall. The plans will be to improve our lighting rig and sound system in order to enhance our performance for the future.



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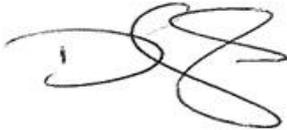
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This term we have also been informed that we have been 'long-listed' for the World Class School Quality Mark. This is a prestigious title that only a handful of schools in the UK are awarded. We have met this criteria due to our student-centred philosophy coupled with our academic outcomes that put us in the top 13% nationally. We have already had a visit from the organisation and will be shortly completing an audit with the hope of being short-listed. If successful, we should be identified as a World Class School in November 2019. I will continue to update you on this exciting venture.

Finally, the Academy will be open to Year 11 students attending intervention sessions during the Easter break. Please encourage your child to attend as these final sessions really could make the difference to his/her examination outcomes.

As always, thank you for your support and commitment to Humberston Academy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Shoubridge', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Shoubridge
Principal