

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to a brand new Academic year, a fresh start and a new chapter We hope everyone was able to enjoy a break over the Summer, despite the less than Summer like weather! It would appear Summer has definitely arrived this week though, it has been very warm in school and I hope students have felt the small benefit of the no ties and blazer rule for this week!

Welcome also to the first edition of our weekly newsletter, where we hope to share with you the highlights of what has been going on at the Academy and what we are looking forward, including any dates and information you may need to make a note of!

It has been a busy but exciting week at the Academy this week as we have welcomed our new Year 7's into the fold. We actually managed to briefly catch up with Head of Year 7, Mr Gain, who said:



*"Well.... what a hot week it has been so far!! It has also been one of the best first weeks I have had at a school so far in my career. So many amazing Year 7s started their Joseph Leckie Academy journey this week, taking on lots of information. I had the pleasure of walking around some of the lessons this week and WOW!!! Everyone was fully focused and ready to learn. What an amazing start and I cannot wait to see what all the students can achieve this year."*

We also welcomed back all our other year groups, who by all accounts have settled in really well and have been enjoying some of the improvements we have been able to make to the Academy over the Summer! Works are continuing in and around the Academy as we continue to try and improve the student learning environment.

Congratulations to all our students, staff and parents on a very positive start, we have high hopes for this year and your cooperation and support with uniform, punctuality and attendance are key to starting each day off in the right way.

### CLASS CHARTS

If you haven't already, please can I remind you to download the Class Charts app. This will be used daily to communicate your child's positive behaviour points and also to notify you if your child has been issued a detention. Your ongoing support and engagement in your child's learning journey is paramount to us working together successively and we thank you in advance.





**MOMENT OF INSPIRATION**



Our first week back has not been without its challenges, and you will recall the CEO's letter earlier this week informing you that our kitchen was temporarily out of action! Certainly not how we had hoped to start the year, but we did however, make the best of a less than ideal situation! Cold food arrangements were made for all students, free of charge and many students have enjoyed the lunchtime offerings!

To add to that, to ensure no food was wasted, all leftovers were delivered to or collected by local homeless charities

and the donations were VERY gratefully received. Our kitchens remain out of action at the moment, however rest assured you will be updated as soon as normal service resumes!



In the meantime, Catering Manager, Mr Hackett has been busy compiling and creating brand new, delicious menus ready for hit the ground running as soon as we are able. When we spoke with him earlier today, Mr Hackett told us:

*"Over the school holidays we have been very busy working to re develop a vibrant and exciting menu for all of our students, we are now priding ourselves on striving to use all local ingredients and local suppliers to support our community businesses and to build positive relationships."*

**LOOKING AHEAD**



The weather is set to cool down next week, so we are looking forward to seeing **all students in full school uniform, including tie, blazer and lanyard.**

Mr Ludlow is currently busy preparing his, not to be missed, start of year assembly, for all year groups in their usual morning assemblies in the West Hall!

Plus, we will be holding our first ever Extra Curricular Clubs Fair on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September! We want to see more of our students in school for longer and we definitely don't mean for detention! Students are welcome to come along after school on Thursday to see what clubs will be on offer for the 23/24 academic year, we are positive there is something there for everyone!

It looks like the warm weather is sticking around for the weekend so whatever your plans involve, I hope you manage to enjoy some sunshine and see you on Monday for another positive week of learning!

