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**Newsletter 11, Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Dear Families,

We've reach the penultimate week of the school year and our focus on hard work and standards continues all the way to the end of term. This is a really busy time of year and we have so many events and activities taking place in the academy on top of our usual lessons. An end of term letter from me and our Associate Principal, Miss Cook, can be found on the academy website. Please do take a good look at this letter as it contains important information about the end of term and the start of the next academic year!

**Key Highlights from Last Week....**

I started last week, by holding assemblies to reinforce our behaviour expectations with all students in Years 7-9. It was good to be able to spell out clearly what is expected and to recognise the fact that the vast majority of our students do have high standards and behave really well all the time. This week, I am holding meetings with a small number of students where behaviour issues have continued throughout the year. It is great that in the final week of term, all students who have met our behaviour expectations this year are being offered the opportunity to attend some fun end of year trips to theme parks and the seaside! Let's hope the sun comes out again by then!

Last week our Innovations Faculty and 6<sup>th</sup> Form Business Studies students hosted the final of the Year 6 Enterprise Challenge. The final took place on Thursday in the West Hall. Pupils from Whitehall Junior School attended to present their enterprise ideas with the winning teams receiving their prizes. Our staff and 6<sup>th</sup> form students have been out at Whitehall School over the past 4 weeks working with the pupils on developing their enterprise skills and it was great to see how enthusiastic the pupils were when they attended the finals last week.

We had some wonderful workshops for Year 8 last week organised by the History department and delivered by the Anne Frank Trust. 30 brilliant Year 8 historians did a two-day session with a representative from the Anne Frank trust about fighting discrimination. This was an absolutely brilliant effort by all and a fantastic session to work towards our Leckie values of empathy and kindness.

With the General Election taking place last week it seemed like a very good opportunity for our Y12 Politics Group and Mr Greaves to visit a number of our local Primary schools (Delves, Whitehall and Hillary) to speak to the Year 5 and 6 students regarding the election and democracy. The students spoke to over 500 pupils over the three days and delivered key messages on the importance of voting, the power of democracy, the choices of parties, the constituency system and the voting process. Staff at all schools were hugely impressed by the students.

On the same note, we also had our own General ELeckietion last week again hosted by the Politics Department and our 6<sup>th</sup> form Politics students. We also held our own assemblies focusing on the General Election. This was a really important way of promoting our academy values and the importance of democracy and how the electoral system works.

It was wonderful to welcome over 250 pupils from Year 6 who had a great experience of their 'soon to be' new school. The induction days were really well organised and the activities and talks set the tone for a really great start in September. Our new Year 7 students know they have done very well to secure a place at Joseph Leckie next year. We were heavily oversubscribed with more than 400 families requesting a place with us. We hope that all of our Year 6-7 students are looking forward to starting the next stage of their educational journey with us from September.

## **Key Reminders and Academy Expectations...**

Rather than add anything to this section, I will simply insert the link to the end of term letter for you to read. This is also available on our academy website. On the webpage below you will also find a letter about Activities Week and one about the new Management Information System that we are introducing from September:

<https://www.josephleckieacademy.co.uk/letters>

## **Upcoming Events in the Academy Calendar...**

Below are some remaining key dates for your diaries...there aren't many left now!

[Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July – Activities Week – trips and activities with an Olympic theme](#)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Academy closes for summer holidays

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – A Level Results Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August – GCSE Results Day

Next week will be the final week of term and, as you can see, it will be a busy one. Hopefully the sunshine will reappear at some point too, just to remind us that is actually the summertime! Thank you all for your support once again this week.

Best wishes

Mr Ludlow  
Chief Executive Officer