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## Newsletter 7, Week Commencing 10th June 2024

Dear Families,

I hope you are well. Thank you as always, for your support for the work we're doing here at the Academy. It makes a big difference and is much appreciated. I am hoping there will be a good turnout of parents this evening for the Year 9 Parents' Evening. This will take place between 5-7pm this evening (Thursday).

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

Congratulations and well done again to our Year 11 and 13 students who have retained their solid focus and outstanding behaviour all the way through their exams. The carefully planned drop-down revision sessions have continued to go well and students across the year groups are revising hard and seem to be really well prepared.

Last week students in all year groups had really positive assemblies delivered by their Head of Year. It's great to hear about the good news stories that are being celebrated across the board. Our whole school behaviour ratio is 93% positive (all parents who have accessed the Class Charts App will know what this means!) Furthermore, almost 36% of our students have a 100% positive behaviour record and 74% have a behaviour ratio of 95% or above. It is important that we recognise students who meet our expectations and work hard all the time.

Well done to the Year 8 cricket team who took part in and won (!) a tournament at Walsall Academy last week. Thank you to the PE department for arranging this and for taking the students to this competition. We beat St Francis and Brownhills in the group stage before going on to win the whole competition by defeating Streetly in the final. This is great to hear! Well done to everyone involved.

And finally from last week, it is great to see that we now have an extracurricular music club in 'full-swing' on Fridays after school. I heard some great sounds coming from the music department last Friday as I walked past! As a keen musician myself, it's great to see that our students have this opportunity to develop their talents in this way. Thank you to our music teacher, Mr Walton, for organising this opportunity.

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

Just a very short message this week regarding our uniform expectations. We are focusing on students wearing the correct uniform and implementing a system of immediate detentions where uniform standards have not been met. We are looking at all aspects of the uniform and appearance policy with a particular focus on shirts being tucked in, correct footwear being worn and blazers, ties and lanyards with ID badges being worn. Students have received clear reminders and advanced notice of this uniform focus so there should be no excuses for incorrect uniform being worn.

As a reminder, our uniform and appearance expectations can be found on the Academy website: Joseph Leckie Academy - Uniform

Please also be assured that we will continue to work closely with families and take a very understanding approach where there are uniform issues that cannot be resolved immediately. Thank you again for your support with this.

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

Below are some key dates for your diaries. There are no additions this week but please be reminded that the Academy is closed to students on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June for a Training Day.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 Parents' Evening **(TONIGHT!)**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Staff INSET Day - academy closed to students
Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 10 Careers Week
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Pride of Leckie Awards Evening
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Cultural Diversity Day
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6-7 Transition Days
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Academy Sports Day
Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 12 Work Experience Week
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Academy closes for summer holidays

Thank you as always for your support. I know that some families will be celebrating Eid al-Adha this weekend and into Monday as well. I hope you have a lovely time. We look forward to seeing all students in school on Tuesday morning at the usual time of 8.30am.

Best wishes

Mr Ludlow Chief Executive Officer