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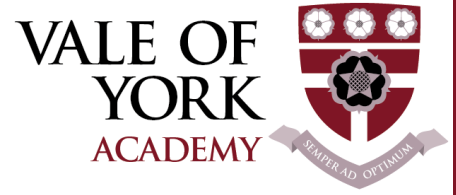
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Newsletter #4

15th December 2016



What an amazing Enrichment Day

Message from the Principal “ Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have helped support the pupils this term ”

This has been a really busy and productive half term and I hope that all our pupils take the time to get a really well deserved rest over Christmas. We kicked off the half-term with the Year 11 Mock Examinations, which were followed up with a Mock examination results assembly - take a look at the Key stage 4 focus section for details of all of the support in place to help Year 11 succeed. I would like to give my very deep thanks to the Friends of Canon Lee who ran an absolutely brilliant Christmas Fayre, this really started our Christmas Spirit and raised over £1200.

Take a look at the back page for a full summary of our brilliant Enrichment Day 1. This day was tailored to the specific needs of each Year group and wouldn't have been possible without the support of innumerable volunteers who gave up their time to present to our children, can I extend my thanks to them. The variety and depth of experiences were superb and the pupils really rose to the challenges given to them.

I was delighted to lead the school on the Meadowhall trip on Tuesday. This reward trip was offered out to all the pupils who had less than 10 Basic Expectations stamps (less than 1 a week). It was encouraging to be able to offer this invitation to 420 of our students; those who clearly have risen to our new higher standards and who are engaging in their lessons productively. We will be running a reward trip every term, I am really open to suggestions about what the next one should be and will be asking the newly formed student council for their opinions.

In every school the end of term sees staff moving on to pastures new and this term is no exception. I would like to extend my very best wishes and every success to the staff listed here who have given many years of dedicated service to the school: Mrs Boulter (Head of Year 7) - Mr Wilson will be taking over this role, Mr Hill (Head of Performing Arts), Miss York (Librarian), Mrs Dobbs (Pastoral Support Manager), Mr Yates (Head of Science), Miss Ringsell (SENCO), Mrs Marshall (MFL teacher) and Mrs Taglione (Receptionist). We welcome to the school Miss Farag (English teacher), Miss James (History teacher), Mrs Brady (Music Teacher) and Mrs Wood (PA).

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community a very happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Sporting Successes since the last Newsletter

Our Year 7 Rugby Union boys at the most recent festival, won 2 games and lost 2 games. The boys played extremely well as a team, using some of the skills they have learned from lessons and training. After Christmas we will continue to drive these boys forward to understand the game further and perform even better.



Our Year 8 Cricket girls have been really successful this half term, beating Millthorpe School 108—82 runs and then beating Fulford 97—96 runs. The girls are on route to qualify for Headingley which would be a great achievement.



Our KS4 Basketball team have beaten Manor recently at home and came very close against Archbishop Holgate's and Bootham. These boys are on route to the playoffs which would be another great achievement!



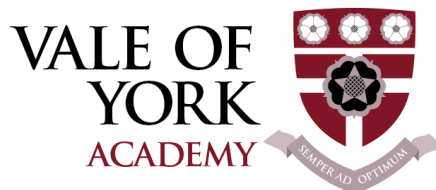
Duke of Edinburgh Award

There are now 48 students signed up to undertake their Bronze award from year 10 and a further 7 Silver students in Year 11 moving on to the next award.

Training has started at lunchtimes / afterschool on a Thursday. All students must attend each week!

Uniform Reminders—3rd January

When we return after Christmas we open as a new Academy. This is a significant milestone in the history of the school and parents will see a number of important changes as we move ahead, the most obvious of these is a change in uniform and signage around school.



Your children have already given in their blazers, thank you. **On the first day back all children will collect new uniform from the Hall.** Slip-overs and ties can be worn immediately upon receipt, girls will be expected to wear their kilt if they have opted for one from the 4th January. **Please follow the instructions below to ensure your child is fully compliant on 3rd January:**

YES PLEASE

Black Trousers or Kilt
White shirt or blouse
Slip over
Tie (optional with kilt)
Blazer
Black tights or black, grey or white socks
Leather/leather look shoes
Plain, low heeled boots with trousers only in winter
One pair of stud earrings only
No nail varnish
No make up

NO THANKS

Black skirts
Make up
Any other jewellery (apart from one pair studs)
Nail varnish
Pumps, trainers or canvas shoes including VANS or other brands
Boots with the kilt

There are no exceptions to the rules above except for those who have proven medical requirements.

Key Stage focus

Key stage 3

As we approach the end of the first term, our students have been reflecting on progress so far. With the end of a term comes the inevitable assessment period within many of the subjects we teach. Students reflect upon their progress so far, and work with their teacher to identify next steps and ways to improve. Our year 7 students in particular, can reflect upon their journey from primary to secondary—what has gone well? How can I be a better student? We hope this period of reflection will ensure they hit the ground running on their return to school after Christmas.

Key Stage 4

Year 11 have had an intensive term, and the mock results day had the desired effect for all the students. They are now ready for the challenges ahead with the help of extra classes or targeted interventions or just continued hard work and determination. Some students now realise that now is a time for change, reflection on what they have achieved and what they need to do to reach their goals. The enrichment day with the 6th Form Colleges helped them focus on their next steps and goals as well as how to write a personal statement and complete a successful application form. Next term will be the term that makes the difference, and as controlled assessments and courses are completed the year 11's will be focusing their energies on exam preparation. We will be communicating interventions with parents and asking for support with these extended days as it can only benefit students outcomes in August.

Year 10 have had their first assessments for their GCSE courses, and their teachers are planning challenging homework to test their understanding. Homework deadlines in Year 10 have been an issue for some and we welcome parental support with this. Mr Stancliffe and I will be looking at students who need extra support or intervention now in year 10 to help them reach their target grades. The trip to York University was very successful and gave year 10's the opportunity to see what the future may hold for them if they work hard and achieve their goals.

Partnership News Bringing the community together

It's been a busy half term for our young people and the community. In early November, Mr Orr and Gav from the RAF did a tour of the primary schools putting the Year 5's through their paces with a range of team work exercises.

Team Extreme, our resident horticultural club, travelled to Harrogate Pavilions to present their green space design for Kingsway North at the Green Plan It Challenge. Although not victorious, they did us proud and the experts commented on their superb presentation skills.

CLIC, our student community group, were recently nominated and in fact won the Community Champions Award at the Lord Mayor of York Shine Awards. In an evening filled with young people's achievements, their hard work and commitment was recognised and this is fully deserved.

The Christmas Fayre organised by the Friends of Canon Lee was a huge success. With many festive stalls and competitions, the Friends managed to raise a lot of money that will be put back into schools for projects involving our young people.

As part of the Christmas Fayre, Mr Orr ran a business enterprise competition for the primary schools. Three teams, Swag Santas, Christmas Devils and Money Magicians all had a stall with one aim—to make as much profit as possible! They were absolute stars and we look forward to seeing them again soon.

Mr Wilson did a superb job of organising a Christmas dinner event, where students were able to invite their parents and grandparents in to school for a festive feast. Mrs Shipley and the kitchen team did an incredible job, as they do daily, in providing delicious food that everyone enjoyed.

We had the pleasure of hosting the Quadkids Athletics competition this half term also. We had over one hundred primary students from all over the city come and compete, with supervision and support from our excellent Year 8 Leaders.



With the school soon to become The Vale of York, Academy we have also had a re-launch of the Student Council. Students across the school applied to be their form's rep and elections took place. We're delighted we have a very strong team ready and raring to go in 2017! In addition to the new Student Council, there are plans being drawn up for a fresh new approach to the House system within the school including house name changes, a new rewards structure and a competition calendar. More details to follow.

Dates for the Diary

School Closes— Friday 16th
December 1pm

School Re opens—Tuesday 3rd
January 2017 at 8.30am

Year 9 Options Event—Tuesday 10th
January

SLT Drop in

Meet the Senior Leaders

Your chance to bring things to our
attention

Library 3.30-5.30 pm

26th January 2017



CLIC Team



Quad Team



Grandparents' Lunch

Share the successes of the school on a daily basis and keep up to date with the latest news:

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Enrichment day 1—what a success—see what Year 7 to Year 9 got up to!

WOW!!! What an amazing day! Our students did us proud— such fantastic representatives of our school.

So why do we run enrichment days? It gives us chance to move beyond the constraints of the curriculum, and allow our students to explore issues around safety, health and relationships, team building, British Values, and careers. It allows us to take a break from the demands of our subject specialisms and see our students in a completely different light.

Year 7 were team building with STEM ambassadors—who could build the biggest tetrahedron? Dr Annie Hodgson from the University of York brought her chemistry showcase—and many of our year 7 students were actually able to take part in some of her amazing experiments!



Y7: Creative Chemistry—Dr A Hodgson

Y8: St John's Ambulance



Year 8 were 'Staying Safe' - learning about the hazards of rail, road and fire safety. Network Rail gave our students some hard-hitting facts about the consequences of playing near live tracks. Alive! focused on road and cycling safety, and delivered a set of 3 fantastic workshops where our students were given loads of amazing freebies to keep them safe on the streets—bike lights, hazard clothing and other awesome gadgets! We had some fire safety strategies from North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, and St John's Ambulance showed our students how to carry out basic first aid, and teach them what to do in the event of a choking accident.

Y8: Alive!



Our 'Healthy Lifestyles' focus for year 9 involved raising awareness about various health issues and about making safe and informed choices in regards to drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Our very own Mrs Brown and Mrs Peters delivered fantastic sessions on mental health awareness and safe sexual health. Our visitors from Hope UK and Lifeline York spoke to our students about the dangers of smoking, recreational and illegal drug use. The last lesson of the day was a mammoth fitness session for the whole year group— a fantastic effort by our very own PE team!



All in all an amazing day for both staff and students. We can't wait for Enrichment Day 2!

Y9: Fitness

