

18th December 2015

Dear Parent / Carer

Principal's Newsletter

It doesn't seem like five minutes has gone by since I wrote to you at the end of the first half-time, but here we are again and it's almost Christmas! It has been a busy and successful term once more for the students and staff at Sevenhills Academy and I am delighted to be able to write to you to tell you a little about it.

I would like to start off by thanking those of you who were able to attend our Review Days over the last couple of weeks. It was wonderful that so many of you came and were able to and to share your views and opinions of the Academy and the education and support we give to your children. The turnout at this round of reviews was as high as it has ever been since I have been involved with the school, both in terms of parents and schools who attended. I hope that you found it a worthwhile experience. I was delighted with the feedback we received from the parents and carers who attended through the survey we asked you to complete, the time you took to complete it is much appreciated. I will send a summary of the survey's findings to you in the new year so you can see the details.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education or progress, we want to hear from you. Please do not feel that you have to wait until Review Days for this. As you know we send out weekly reports about your child and staff try and call when things are going well as well as when we have issues we want to make you aware of. We are always trying to look to improve our communication with home. and to that end we would like to remind you that the Academy website can be found at: <http://sevenhillsacademy.co.uk>

I have been very impressed by what I have seen from our young people this half term, both in the achievements they have made their learning and the way in which so many of them are improving in their behaviour. Once again I have been amazed at the fantastic things they have accomplished, they make me proud every day. I will leave it to our Head of Centre to expand on this

An exciting and action packed term has been had by staff and students alike at Sevenhills Academy.

New additions to the curriculum have been positively received by KS3 students who have enjoyed additional ice-skating, swimming and music lessons - as well as the other energetic and engaging activities our tireless KS3 have prepared. The most memorable of these for students was a lesson exploring the different traditions and practices surrounding the Holi Festival, in which students dressed in white overalls threw powder paint in celebration - messy but great fun!

As well as participating in some exhilarating reward activities such as Go Karting and a visit to XScape in Yorkshire, students have excelled themselves in academic areas, already achieving admirable results in Finance exams and in subject wide coursework – including 4 As and an A*.

So, along with filming on location for GCSE film studies, cooking a variety of foods from different cultures, clearing our gardens in preparation for growing our own vegetables, Sevenhills has been a very busy place: not too busy however to enjoy a football game against Park House and beat them 8-3! C'mon Sevenhills!

The team at Sevenhills Academy are looking forward to the new year and wish all a very merry Christmas.

Ms Jenny Smith (Assistant Principal – Head of Centre)

It leaves nothing more for me to say than to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year !

We will see all pupils back at school on **Wednesday 6th January 2016** as we are closed for staff training on the 4th and 5th.

Kind regards and ho ho ho,



Scott Jacques

Executive Principal

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