



Dear Parents / Carers Welcome to our Newsletter

Autumn 1, October 2019

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019 – 2020 I hope you enjoy learning about all the exciting projects and work we have been involved in across our sites since starting back in September.

We have had a really busy start to term as our Academies are involved in a Trauma Informed pilot scheme. Our involvement in this pilot is hugely exciting and we have benefitted from attending training with Dr Karen Triesman. As a result we are reviewing many of our systems and practices to ensure we communicate and connect in a sensitive way and that we understand and support individuals needs in our Academies effectively.

I am pleased to report our new Pastoral team are improving attendance. This year's attendance is 15% higher than last year. Thank you for all your support with attendance, if there are reasons why attendance is difficult please contact us and our team will help and support.

For all the latest news and celebrations look on our websites.

www.phoenixparkacademy.co.uk

www.sevenhillsacademy.co.uk

Governors View

Hi I'm John Cottingham, Chair of Governors. The Academies are improving well and have set clear priorities for the new school year. Staff work really hard to engage and support students in lessons.

Last year's students achieved good results in their final end of year exams and tests. All of our year 11 leavers are going onto further education or training.

The leadership team are planning some improvements to the physical space of the school sites to make the environment for our students and staff even better.

J. Cottingham

I hope you enjoy the newsletter!

Phil Hutchinson

Executive Principal
Phoenix Park and Sevenhills Academies

Phoenix House

World Mental Health Day

Our students engaged in some extremely mature discussions about a range of sensitive topics on World Mental Health Day. We are very proud of their thoughtfulness for those who might be going through a tough time.



Macmillan Coffee Morning was a huge success, thank you to the families and staff that helped make the event so special. We raised a whopping £163!



KS2 staff have introduced the famous tuff tray & a whole lot of Lego to our students' breakfast routine and they love it!

Children have shown team work, perseverance and encouragement throughout the week before sharing their designs on a Friday with everyone.



Reading in the Dark

KS2 Students enjoyed a great reading event. They wore their pyjamas and read to their families with torches in the dark! This was a great way to engage children with their reading and gave them an opportunity to show off their reading skills to their carers and parents.



Our reward trips continue to encourage our learners!



Park House



This year we are trying a new approach to improve attendance and engagement through a range of activities and learning opportunities based off site. This has included Fishing, Forest Schools, Maths & English and orienteering. We have seen attendance improve by almost 50% for this group of students and we are so happy and proud of them!



We have a small group of students who have been attending The Nunny Farm where there have been tending to animals, building fences and helping to maintain the land.



In addition to the increased attendance we have had a record number of students going on our reward activities. One of our end of term reward activities was to The Beechwood Farm; in total we took 10 students who all enjoyed a carvery meal and the opportunity to eat together.



On Friday 28th September we hosted our Macmillan coffee morning to raise funds for this funds to support people affected by cancer, in total we raised £144.17. We'd like to thank everyone who supported this fantastic event.



As well as attendance improving we are seeing more students going on our rewards trips, our highest was to Infla-Nation in Beverley, in total 13 went and had an amazing experience.

Sevenhills

It has been another busy half term at Sevenhills. Throughout the weeks we have enjoyed lots of community activities and hosted several events which have allowed us to support some of our favourite causes. Follow them and us on Twitter to see more:

#worldmentalhealthday
#macmillan
#sevenhillsacademy

One of the key celebrations at Sevenhills occurs when our students make a success of their time with us and transition back into a mainstream setting.

To date this term we have 3 students who have passed their trials at mainstreams, 6 who are currently on trial at a school and 3 who are going to a mainstream setting in the new half term.

Huge congratulations to all the students and the staff who have worked so hard to support them.

We are also celebrating a big improvement in the attendance of learners on our site and would like to thank parents and carers for the important part they play in ensuring that young people are in school and on time. Every lesson counts towards our learners' futures and we are proud of the improvement. Thank you.

We spent a whole day this term respecting the wellbeing of our learners and learning about how important it is to look after ourselves. Activities Included: meditation, sports, arts and life skills tasks. This was a huge success and something the students would love us to repeat.

We hope you all enjoy the half term break and look forward to seeing you all again next term.

