

17th February 2023



Joseph Leckie Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the Academy closes at 2.50pm on Friday 17th February 2023 for the half term break. **The Academy will re-open at the usual time on Monday 27th February 2023.**

The last week of this half term has seen another array of events, activities, initiatives and developments that continue to move our academy forward in a positive direction. The largest and most flamboyant of those activities must be the Fashion and Culture show which took place on Wednesday evening at the Bescot Stadium. There was a great turnout of staff and students and a great deal of excitement and anticipation in the build-up. It was lovely to see so many students and staff having a great time together. There were several acts, some of them were new for 2023 and others have become part of Joseph Leckie folklore! This includes Mr Bhangal's now traditional 15-minute stage show where he showcases his impressive dancing skills. The same goes for Mr Khan, who excelled himself this year with a choreographed display involving a large number of Year 10 students and featured a surprise 'rabbit out of the hat' moment when Mr Bradshaw, who made a surprise return at the end of the routine. There were other exceptional staff performances throughout the evening, all of which entertained and engaged the large audience.

Ms Kumar and Mr Edge played a huge role in making sure the event could take place successfully. It has taken weeks, if not months, of planning and a lot of time and effort to ensure that the students were supported in running this event. And on the evening, it was the students who were taking the lead. There were lots of very good performances including rapping, dancing, choreographed walking and singing and the evening was compered by students from the 6th form. There was a lovely tribute at the start of the evening to Mohammed Hashim and I know that the money raised from the evening will go towards our chosen charity in his memory.

The evening also included decorations, chair covers etc. Mrs Richards and her team of helpers made the room look amazing. I know the staff who attended enjoyed the occasion and the positive interaction with our students filming via the Leckie News team, photography from Mr Gilbert and Miss Ahmed as well as a very fancy 360-degree camera. The evening required literally hundreds of different sound tracks and songs as backing and these were collated and by Mrs Richards and the excellent DJ that we had hired for the evening. Both require high praise for being so slick and professional in the face of an enormous logistical challenge! The room itself looked amazing and this included the gold walkway, some stage pyrotechnics, balloons, table. They also all played their part in ensuring the students were safe and that all went smoothly. For some this also involved a bit of toilet patrolling or door monitoring! I would like to thank everyone who attended for supporting this event as it could not happen without your input.

I know I will have missed some people out and not thanked them by name....it was a huge team effort and one that was very worthwhile. I know the students really appreciated the evening and will always remember it. It provided me with a lot of laughs and enjoyment. I believe the whole event has raised hundreds of pounds for Hashim's charity. A final total will be reported once it is confirmed. Thank you once again to everyone involved.



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Thank you to all those parents who support us in maintaining high standards of attendance, punctuality, uniform and equipment requirements. I would ask that every parent continues to work closely with us to maintain those high standards as this will continue to be an important focus for us when we return after half term. Please find a link regarding the uniform expectations for all students [Joseph Leckie Academy - Uniform](#). In addition to the above, all students are expected to follow our Student Code of Conduct, every day.



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Student Code of Conduct



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I will do my best to behave in a way which shows **Respect for Learning**. This means:

- Attending each day and arriving on time for school and lessons.
- Being prepared and bringing everything I need to lessons.
- Listening to others. One voice in the room, so that the thoughts and answers of all are respected.
- Behaving and being on task throughout the lesson, making it easy for everyone to learn and for the teacher to teach.

I will do my best to behave in a way that shows **Respect for Self**. This means:

- Wearing my uniform properly and proudly.
- Having integrity, always doing the right thing, even when others are not looking.
- Doing my best and taking pride in my work in all classes and through independent learning.
- Taking good care of myself, my property and my time.

I will do my best to behave in a way that shows **Respect for Others**. This means:

- Being kind, courteous, co-operative, friendly and showing consideration for other people's feelings and points of view.
- Being humble. Putting the needs of others before our own and being respectful in victory and defeat.
- Always speaking in a respectful way towards students and staff, never swearing or using racist, sexist or homophobic terms.
- Moving around the Academy safely and sensibly, taking care of other people's property.

I will do my best to behave in a way that shows **Respect for the Academy**. This means:

- Wearing the correct uniform on the way to and from the Academy and whilst on site.
- Taking good care of property and the environment, in and around the Academy.
- Not chewing "gum" at any time in and around the Academy.
- Not dropping litter at any time.
- Always giving the right impression of the Academy, by showing respect to visitors.

I will do my best to behave in a **Responsible Manner**. This means:

- Not acting in a way which may endanger the health and safety of others.
- Ensuring I do not bring any banned items into the Academy.
- Not using my mobile phone or other devices at any time during the Academy day.

I will do my best to use technology and social media in a **Sensible Manner**. This means:

- I will not use technology or social media to behave in any manner that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person.
- I will not use technology or social media to encourage or incite any other person to behave in any manner that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person.
- Not using technology or social media to share negative views of the Academy.
- Not using technology or social media to share inappropriate images or videos.
- Remembering that what I post today may affect my future.



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I would like to take the opportunity to remind all parents and students that several items are banned from academy premises and if a student is suspected of carrying a banned item or they are caught carrying a banned item, the student will face the appropriate sanction, in line with our behaviour policy. These items include but are not limited to vapes, lighters, cigarettes, drug related items and weapons of any description.

May I remind all parents that we continue to be concerned about some drivers who are stopping illegally and inappropriately in order to collect and drop off their child. Please do not stop on zebra crossings, on corners of roads or alongside where other cars are parked as this puts your child, our students, other pedestrians and road users at risk of injury. Please can I also politely request that if collecting a student from school that you park considerately and respect our neighbours. The Academy has recently received numerous complaints regarding their drives being blocked and abusive verbal exchanges.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and restful half term break.

Yours faithfully

Mr James Ludlow
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