

26th May 2023

Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer sunshine! As we approach the final half term of the school year, I am writing to update you with some important information and remind you of some of the activities and events taking place over the next few weeks.

Parking on Walstead Road West:

Thanks to a great effort on everyone's behalf, we have now seen a large reduction in dangerous parking outside the academy. You may remember that I raised this as a serious concern in my last letter to families and stated what we would be taking legal action against anyone who is parking near to the zebra crossing. Cones are now placed on the pavement near to the zig-zags and drivers are being asked to move on if they do park illegally. I am really grateful for the support I am receiving with this from many parents, some of whom are actually helping to put out the cones. This is really appreciated. Thank you and let's keep this going all the time so that we can have a safe space for our students to cross the road.

Parent Trustee Vacancy:

In my previous letter I also mentioned that we have a vacancy for a parent or carer to join our Board of Trustees. I would like to encourage you to come forward and speak to us if you are interested. The deadline for applications and expressions of interest is by the Friday after half term, 9th June. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact my PA, Mrs Richards via email (s.richards@josephleckieacademy.co.uk)

Training days 29th and 30th – Academy closed to students:

I just wanted to give you advanced notice that the academy will be closed to students on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June as these will be teacher training days.

Exams going well:

The A Level and GCSE exams are now in full swing and are going well. The feedback from our examinations team is that the conduct and attitude of students has been great - exactly what we expect and we are very pleased about this. The exam period is a challenging time for our students and there is a real sense of team spirit among students and staff which, I'm sure, will help to boost the grades



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Upcoming Events for the summer term:

Below is a reminder of some of the events and activities we have planned the next half term

- Thursday 15th June Year 9 Parents' Evening 5-7pm
- Thursday 22nd June Pride of Leckie Awards Evening
- Friday 23rd June Cultural Diversity Day
- Thursday 29th & Friday 30th June Teacher Training Days
- Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July Year 6 Transition Days
- Wednesday 5th July Year 6 Parents' Transition Evening
- Thursday 6th July Year 7 & 8 Parents' Evening
- Monday 10th July Sports Day Heats
- Wednesday 12th July Sports Day Finals
- Friday 14th July Rewards Trip Brean Sands
- Week commencing 17th July UCAS Week for Year 12

In addition to the above events and activities, there are trips planned for selected students and year groups to Richard III Museum, Alton Towers, Geography Fieldwork Trips, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, Natural History Museum, Black Country Careers Fair, Blackpool, Twycross Zoo and The Tower of London! Hopefully your child will be involved in one or more of these exciting events or activities.

Finally, I would like to wish you a restful half term break and remind you that school re-opens on Monday 5th June at our usual time of 8.40am (students to be on site for 8.30am)

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Ludlow

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