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## Newsletter 1, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome to our first Parent Newsletter of the summer term. This newsletter will be sent out to all our families on a weekly basis. The hope is that it will give you a flavour of some of the key events and activities that our students have taken part in each week. It will also give us the opportunity to send out some important reminders and updates as well as highlight our upcoming events and calendar dates. We are always looking to strengthen our partnership with parents and hopefully you will find this weekly newsletter both interesting and informative.

### **Key Highlights from Last Week....**

There was some great news from our academy library last week as we had the book fair in town. The display and sale of a wide range of amazing-looking books continues this week too. It's great that so many students want to spend their money on buying books and the real buzz that the book sale is creating.

At lunchtimes we are really fortunate to have the support of an amazing team of staff from 'Steps Together.' Michelle, Tyra and Dean are working with students every lunchtime, organising ball games, matches etc. They have implemented numerous ideas to inspire and motivate students during lunchtimes. Starting this week there will also be lunchtime sessions focusing on improving hairdressing skills using mannequin heads and designing and shaping eyebrows.

It was good to see so many parents at our Year 7 Parents' Evening last week. It was a busy and positive evening. Thank you to all parents who attended, I hope you found the information useful. We are aware that our booking system is a little complication and cumbersome and will be looking to make this a lot simpler from now on. Our next Parents' Evening, for parents of students in Year 10, will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Our Year 11 students did amazingly well in their 10-hour GCSE Art exams last week. It was a great effort all round and I know Mrs Nyirenda and her Art team are very pleased with the work that was produced and the excellent attitude of the students.

It was great to see a number of students in the Hall after school last Friday taking part in the House Quiz. It was so good to see students enjoying a lively after school activity, showing off their knowledge and just having a good time. Thank you to our Heads of House for organising this.

Well done to the Year 12 Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) students who completed their presentations last Friday. The research presentations varied from whether the 2022 Qatar World Cup was worth it, to topics such as whether celebrity status has an impact on court cases and why there are increased rates of substance abuse within American military veterans! Despite their nerves, all students showed fantastic maturity in their presentations. Well done to all.

### **Key Reminders and Academy Expectations...**

Last week we rolled out some very clear reminders of our behaviour expectations in assemblies last week. These set out positively what we expect to see from our students in assemblies, in classrooms, in corridors etc. and have been drawn up together by the students and staff and so they are shared expectations. We're going to have some posters made so that the expectations can be displayed prominently around the site. We know that most students don't need to be told how to behave well as they do it automatically however some

do and I think it's really good that we're setting out in a really positive way, the behaviour we want to see from everyone.

For this first newsletter, I have included the general expectations.



## Joseph Leckie Academy Expectations



Show respect to your peers, all members of staff, visitors to the Academy and our wider community.



Respect your learning environment; no litter, no vandalism, no graffiti, no banned items.



Follow all staff instructions at the first time of asking.



Always wear correct uniform with lanyards visible.



Mobile phones/headphones – never used, seen or heard.



Learn together, lead together.



In future weeks, I will share the expectations for lessons, corridor movement, assemblies etc.

Picking up on the 'no litter' aspect, we have had an issue with some students dropping drink cartons on the floor in the playground. This led to us having to stop the sale of drink cartons for a number of days this week. The cartons are now back on sale but we would ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of looking after the academy environment and keeping the whole academy site tidy at all times.

### Upcoming Events in the Academy Calendar...

Below are some key dates for your diaries:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Academy closed for May Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 10 Parents' Evening

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Academy closes for half term Holidays

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Academy re-opens at normal time

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Staff INSET Day - academy closed to students

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Pride of Leckie Awards Evening

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Cultural Diversity Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6-7 Transition Days

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Academy closes for summer holidays

Please look out for this newsletter each week. Hopefully it will really help to further improve the communication and partnership between the academy and our families.

Best wishes

Mr Ludlow  
Chief Executive Officer