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July Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

We have now come to the end of a very busy year for all of us at Central Academy. Obviously we are delighted that we have secured a positive outcome from our OfSTED inspection in March and that the massive changes that have taken place have been recognised.

Key achievements this year have been:

- Formally changing Sponsor in September – United Learning
- OfSTED: **Strong leadership have transformed the Academy**
- The quality of teaching has improved
- Behaviour and Attendance have improved
- OfSTED: **students...mature, polite and considerate**
- Care for students continues to be excellent
- Vast range of enrichment activities
- Contribution to both local and national charities

However, I was struck by a comment made by our recently appointed Head Girl – **Sophie Conley** – **“We need everybody out there to see how good we actually are”**. Changing a reputation takes time and needs us all to celebrate what

has been achieved and acknowledge the wonderful work of many of our students and staff. I hope this Newsletter will be useful in keeping you informed of these successes and developments.

The Proms for both our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now taken place. Staff and students celebrated the class of 2015 who all looked stunning. You can see photographs of the evening by following our Twitter page @academy_central. Many of our Year 11 students will be returning into the Sixth Form in September, but for the rest we wish them our very best wishes for the future. Our Year 13 move on - some into the world of work, others apprenticeships and others to Universities, such as Leeds, Liverpool, Newcastle and Oxford. We now all have the anxious wait for results which will be published in August – Year 13 (13th August), Year 11 (20th August). As ever, staff will be available on these days to help support students and to celebrate their achievements. For those staff that are moving on, we also wish them all our very best wishes.

Some of you may have seen the recent press coverage of the Community Heroes awards. We are particularly proud of **Matthew Peacock** who achieved the award for

his work with children in care, for which he was described as *‘an excellent advocate’* and *‘one of those young people who always make you smile’*. Well done, Matthew.

I had the pleasure of joining staff, parents/carers and students at the Old Fire Station, where we had an evening of song and music. It was a wonderful evening with performers singing and playing musical instruments. The wealth of talent was brilliant, as well as the confidence of many students in getting up on the stage and performing. By the time you have received this Newsletter, we would also have held another showcase of talent, with our production of **High School the Musical**, which was performed at the theatre of our sister Academy, Morton. Well done to all those involved and my thanks to staff for providing such opportunities for students.

Mr Gilby has now formally started at Central Academy and has already made clear his high expectations and standards. I know that he will play a significant part in securing the rapid progress of the Academy. As Associate Principal he will effectively be the day-to day Head of the Academy and so you will get to know him soon. Message from Mr Gilby: **Thank you for the warm**

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welcome from both staff and students and I look forward to working with you all in the future. I am sure that together we will achieve a great many things, making this Academy all that it can be.

Students in Years 7 and Year 8 who took part in the UK Junior Maths Challenge have received their certificates this month. This is a national competition in which over 250,000 students participated. Well done to all students who were involved, with particular congratulations going to **Joe Riley** of Year 8 and **Josh Sloan** of Year 7, who both received Silver Awards, in addition to being the top scorers in the Academy in their respective year groups. The competition will be widened next year to include Year 9 and 10, who will be invited to participate in the Intermediate Challenge in February, with Years 7 and 8 again taking the Junior Challenge in April.

A reminder please if you have not already registered your email address via the Insight Parent Portal. If you don't have an Insight registration letter, please contact Reception and we will send one out to you. Those parents who have registered will be receiving the newsletter via email. Once you are signed up to Insight, this is an ideal way in which you can access securely

your child's current school information – such as progress, attendance, awards, etc.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I started working with the Academies (Central and Morton) in September 2013 and feel proud to be part of the improvements that staff and students are making. There is still much to be done and I look forward to working closely with Mr Bird at Morton and Mr Gilby at Central in driving these improvements further. Have a good (and safe) summer holiday.

With best wishes

Mr Davies
Executive Principal

Calendar:

- Academy opens for students: 07.45, Monday 7th September, 2015
- Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th – Friday 30th October, 2015

The Academy welcomed local writer and performance poet, Nick Pemberton, who created a poem with our Year 9 and 10 students:-

WORDS GROWN WILD

We are the dance that starts the music

We are the words that write the pen

We are the head inside the voices

We are the sea that skims the stone...

And here is the bullet that fires the gun

And here is the gun that fires the man

But here is the smile that tells the joke

And here is the joke that tells the man

But we are the landscape that looks in your eyes

And the leaf that holds up the tree

And we are the stars that darken the skies

And the door that unlocks the key

And beneath the stars that hold the sky

At the end of the road that drives the car

Under the roof that holds up the walls

Where the ball hits the bat

Where the plant grows the seed

Where the pen draws the paper

And the students teach teachers

And the grass leaps over your feet...

...we are the picture around the frame

And the minutes that wait for the clock.

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