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February Newsletter

This is such a busy time of year! We're already a long way into planning for September and with another increase in the number of applications we are busy preparing the Academy to receive our new Year 7 students already. This means getting our curriculum in order, looking at staffing and considering the facilities and resources we have.

There are some exciting developments on the horizon and once we have more formal details we'll share them with you in our future newsletters and on social media.

Years 11 and 13 are taking advantage of the additional sessions we are putting on during the school day, after school and at the recent half term break – keep encouraging them to do so and to keep up to date with future plans via the website.

Once again, my thanks to all of you for your ongoing support in making sure every one of our students is in school for 100% of the time, attendance is one of the corner stones for success and as we've previously shared – **you have only failed when you stop trying.**

Everyone is well aware of our ambition to continue to improve, we are always looking to build upon our high expectations and changing the

way the Academy works inside and outside the classroom. Our students are becoming more resilient and independent and our Sixth Formers are leading the way with their preparation for their exams.

We are still trying to spread our field of influence further out into the community, it's important the students show the same level of behaviour, respect, confidence and determination outside of school as they show within it. Please keep us informed of what is happening and if we can be of help in anyway.

Don't forget you can keep up to date with things and what's going on at the Academy by liking us on Facebook and following us on twitter @academy_central.

Other News:

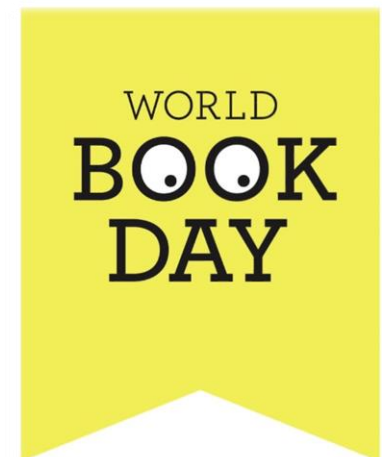
Reminder: Year 7 Parents' Evening is taking place on Tuesday 5th March, if you've not already done so please log on to Insight to book your appointments. Thank you.

World Book Day - World Book Day is fast approaching! On Thursday 7th March, schools around the world will be celebrating reading and a love of stories.

During the day, students will get the chance to hear extracts from their teachers' favourite books; get

snapped with their favourite books in our pop-up photo booth; Year 7 will be able to go head-to-head in our Harry Potter quiz; and there will be prizes for the best costumes! Oh yes, we are hoping students will want to bring their favourite characters to life and come in dressed up for the day!

Every student will also be given a token that will give them the chance to purchase a book for £1.



Year 10 – The Year 10 Parents' Evening was well attended with students accompanying parents and discussing their current progress and of course their next steps working towards achieving their target grades.

Year 11 - Well done to all our Year 11 students who attended the

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intervention and revision sessions over half term, allowing them to continue with their learning, it was good to see so many of them each day.

Currently students are sitting their PPEs across a range of subjects including Maths, English and Science. Again, the majority are focused, taking advantage of all the intervention sessions on offer after school each day.

Carlisle Foodbank - Carlisle Foodbank, our charity collection for the last half term focussed on collecting donations of tinned and packet food as well as toiletries and household basics for the Carlisle Foodbank.

This is a local charity who support needy and vulnerable families and individuals in our community. We have had an overwhelming response from students and staff with hundreds of items being donated and ready for collection by the charity.

As always, we are incredibly grateful for your support for our charity endeavours.



Mental Health Awareness

Assemblies – Last week all our students attended The Lily Jo Project assemblies.

Lily Jo said *“It’s been lovely to spend time with the brilliant young people from Richard Rose Central Academy today. As someone who is passionate about mental health, talking to the young people about ‘how to maintain good mental health’ and ‘what to do if you are struggling’ found me in my element. The young people were engaged with the key messages that I delivered, and my reinforced message with lyrics such as ‘you are*

unstoppable’ and ‘You’re worthy, don’t let anybody take it away.’

For your reference I have created an online mental health resource called The Lily-Jo Project. On there you can find top tips, information, podcasts, blogs, and more all around the subject of mental health and well-being. Feel free to check it out. The link is: www.thelilyjoproject.com

Over on my YouTube channel you will find all my songs for free:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAXpYISQi_cRa1EpN0wOpA

Thank you for having me in the school. I hope to see you guys again soon.”

Instagram: @xxlilyjoxx

Twitter: @lilyjoproject

Facebook: /thelilyjoproject

Snapchat: @xxlilyjoxx

Art - A group of Year 9 and 10 boys visited the University of Cumbria’s Institute of the Arts, along with a group of students from Trinity School as part of a ‘Boys into Further Education’ program. The visit involved a welcome by the Head of the Institute, a tour of the university facilities, and a practical graphic design with illustration workshop.

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The students worked in small groups to produce their own pop inspired, collaged, portraits. The students thoroughly enjoyed their visit!



Sport – Please see below some photos taken from the Wednesday evening coaching sessions with the Newcastle Falcons.



This was a fantastic opportunity for our students.



Uniform Shop – Please note there is a sale at The Uniform Shop between 4th and 30th March.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gilby
Principal

Calendar:

- **Mon 4th – Fri 8th Mar**
Y11 UL Science Exams
- **Tues 5th Mar**
Y7 Parents' Evening
- **Thurs 21st Mar**
Y8 Parents' Evening
- **Thurs 28th Mar**
End of Spring Term
- **Fri 29th Mar**
UL Planning Day
- **Fri 29th Mar – Fri 12th Apr**
Easter Holidays
- **Mon 15th Apr**
- **Mon 17th Jun – Fri 5th Jul**
KS3 & Y10 End of Year Assessments
- **Thurs 20th & Fri 21st Jun**
Y5 Open Days
- **Thurs 20th Jun**
Y5 Open Evening & Art Show
- **Fri 21st Jun**
Y13 Formal
- **Mon 1st Jul**
Y6 Induction Day
- **Fri 5th July**
Y11 Prom
- **Fri 19th Jul**
End of Summer Term

Summer Term Begins

- **Mon 15th – Fri 19th Apr**
Y7, 8 & 9 Assessments
- **Fri 19th Apr**
Good Friday
- **Mon 22nd Apr**
Easter Monday
- **Tues 23rd – Fri 26th Apr**
Y7, 8 & 9 Assessments
- **Fri 26th Apr**
Big Dance
- **Junior Maths Challenge**
Tues 30th Apr
- **Mon 6th May**
May Bank Holiday
- **Tues 7th – Fri 10th May**
Interim Reports
- **Mon 13th May – Fri 14th Jun**
GCSE, AS & A Level Exams
- **Mon 13th – Fri 17th May**
Y10 Work Experience
- **Thurs 16th May**
Y9 Parents' Evening
- **Mon 27th – Fri 31st May**
Half Term

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