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June Newsletter

Hello and welcome to our June newsletter. This is always a productive time of year and the sport and long evenings provide a welcome distraction from all of the hard work students continue to put into the school day.

As we now approach the end of the formal examinations for Years 11 and 13, I am delighted to say that we have had excellent attendance and the attitudes of students has been exemplary. We will now wait until the results are published in August. Staff will be available on results days to support progression onto Sixth Form, college, university, apprenticeships and employment.

It was wonderful to say goodbye formally to students with our usual 'walk-out' ceremony and, of course, the Year 11 Prom and Year 13 Celebration Meal.



We are still working towards our ambition of continuous improvement, looking for the best in everyone and being a place where

everyone can be safe, happy and successful.

For our students that remain, they will be getting ready to progress into their new year groups and for Years 10 and 12 it will be time for them to begin to prepare for their final exams. We are in the midst of the year end exams and there will be the usual mock exams throughout the coming year. We now call these pre-public exams and students will need to be working hard in order to get the best out of them.



As one year leaves, another is getting ready to join us. We welcomed our new Year 7 students early in July for their taster days at the Academy and we have enjoyed meeting them and their parents.

Other News:

Year 5 Taster Days - We were delighted to recently welcome almost 300 Year 5 students into the Academy to have a taste of secondary school life. Students took part in lessons across all subjects

and many impressed us so much that certificates of excellence were awarded in assemblies at the end of each day. Several of the students returned with their parents for our Open Evening where they were given a guided tour of our facilities and had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Mr Gilby before being able to speak to staff and students. Parents were invited to one of three coffee morning tours if they wished to see the Academy and our students on a typical working day.

Student Leadership Team – This year we have remodelled the Student Leadership Team and increased the roles and responsibilities given to the KS3 and KS4 students. All students in Year 12 were invited to apply for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. After interviewing some fantastic candidates, it was decided that the following students would be selected to run the Student Leadership Team:

Head Boy: **Kacper Paszkowski**
Head Girl: **Sophie McNichol**
Deputy Head Boy: **Oliver Toomey**
Deputy Head Girl: **Martyna Migawa**

Communications and Community Secretary: **Hannah Dwyer**

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Excellence and Careers Secretary:

Amber Robinson

Student Transition Secretary: **Oliwia Zagrodna**

Charities Secretary: **Ruben Burt**



In addition, we hope to appoint Senior Prefects from Year 10, 11 and 12, as well as Prefects from Year 9 in the near future.

Maths Challenge - The results of the final Maths Challenge of the year arrived in school this month. The students of Years 7 and 8 took the Junior Challenge, with none able to emulate their peers from the Intermediate and Senior Challenges by making it through to the Kangaroo rounds. Nonetheless, they should be proud of their achievements, notably the six students who were awarded Bronze certificates. This roll of honour is **Jaimes Scott, Ella Kershaw, Alexander Tryka** and **Louis Matthews** of Year 8, and **Ella Ashurst** and **Jake Hall** from Year 7;

the latter in particular deserves a dash of sympathy mingled with the praise, as he was a single mark away from being graded Silver! The best performing student, however, was **Neve Groombridge** of Year 8, who was successful in obtaining a Silver Award. Our congratulations to all; they will doubtless be sharper for their experience this year, and we look forward to seeing how they fare in the Mathematical challenges ahead.

United App# 2018 - IBM, London, 8th July written by **Sadia Asha, Asha Sathi & Keisha Pattinson**

Mr Barratt and Mrs Ellsworth took us to London and we felt very privileged to have had this opportunity. We travelled to London by train and arrived at Euston Station on the Thursday. We were immediately tasked with navigating the group to our hotel for the night in Southwark! We managed to do this and took us all onto the underground system! Once we found our hotel we left our bags and went to do some sight-seeing. As it was the first time two of us had really been to London we decided to do all the big sights and managed to do most of it on foot. We walked and had lunch by the Thames, saw the Globe Theatre, St Pauls, the Monument, the Tower of London,

Tower Bridge, Buckingham Palace (the Queen was home) Trafalgar Square, Whitehall, Downing Street and the Houses of Parliament! We did a little shopping for souvenirs and then with our feet hurting went for some tea at a nice restaurant in North Lambeth.



We went to bed tired, having walked a long way and had just one more practice for the next day. We got up early and prepared for the event at the IBM Headquarters on the Southbank and took our 'Inspiration' app with us! It is an App designed to help all those undecided minds make that crucial decision towards a career. We had a task to complete, building a marshmallow tower, we came a close second. We then had to present our ideas to the judges and the other schools. It was a great experience, though very nerve racking!!! There were some great ideas and in the end we finished fourth which was an amazing result

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when we consider there were over 500 initial entries!



Paris Trip – Once upon a time (25th May at around midnight to be more precise) 67 student and 8 staff set off on their magical trip to Paris. Their horse drawn carriages (or Reays coaches to be exact) were waiting and once all aboard off we set off with the hope of magic and adventure in our hearts. A long voyage was ahead, but the students and staff were gallant and we eventually arrived at the princess tower of Chateau Grande Romaine. Once we had dined, we retired to our accommodation to think with trepidation and excitement as to what was to lie ahead over the next few days.

The sun rose on Saturday morning and grumpily so did the 67 students and 8 staff and we set sail on the days adventures. Some time cruising down the River Seine, alighting the Montparnasse Tower, seeing the

beauty of the Louvre, Notre Dame and other Parisian beauties. The magnitude of the Stade de France followed. After a sun filled, enjoyable but exhausting first day, we returned to the Chateau once again.

After a restful sleep (no peas in anyone’s mattresses) we set sail on Sunday yet again to see more of perfect Paris. Sunday finished in the beautiful area of Montmartre with stunning views of the Sacre Coeur and all of Paris.

Alas one final night’s sleep and then back home but en route, what all the students had been waiting for... a touch of Disney magic. So with great excitement and a lot of Mickey ears, we waved the Chateau goodbye and welcomed all that Disney had to offer. A truly magical day was spent at Disney, including a storm that could only have been created by magic!



The trip was a true success, the children behaved amazingly well and were a credit to themselves, their families and the school.

The trip’s main objectives were to allow students to explore other countries and cultures and to learn how to get along with a lot of students of different ages. The trip was the highlight of Mrs Lown’s year at Central and she hopes that of the others who went on the trip. Mrs Lown looks forward to being able to do more trips to Europe in the near future.



Music Concert – On Wednesday 20th June, students from Central Academy took part in our end of year concert at the Old Fire Station.

The concert was well attended by parents, students and staff alike. For many students this was their first performance in a professional venue and they certainly rose to the occasion. The students were

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professional throughout and gave some fantastic performance.



Special mentions go to our amazing rock band, made up of students from different year groups, who have met on Mondays after school to rehearse. Also to **Adam Bulman** and **Alex de Freitas** for their performance of a Joe Bonamassa song, **Ethan Horne** and **Jack Weston** for their confident singing performances and **Mitchell Davidson, Sam Clark, Jonny Boileau** and **Jaymie Stewart** who make up one of our Year 10 bands.



The students were a real credit to the Academy and we look forward to future performances and seeing more students take part.



Sport - On Friday 29th June, Central Academy and eight other secondary schools from across Cumbria took part in a brand new Cumbria School Games Go-Tri Festival, aimed at students new to triathlon, held at Keswick Leisure Centre.

This festival provided a unique opportunity for some of our students in Years 7 and 8 to take part in a Go Tri event, and as a result of the success of the event, the organisers are keen to incorporate it into the Cumbria School Games calendar moving forward.

They swam 80m, cycled 3k along the Keswick to Threlkeld old railway path and finally ran 1k with a sprint finish in Fitz Park.



I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gilby
Principal

Calendar:

- **Mon 2nd – Fri 6th July**
Y10 Mock Exams
- **Mon 2nd & Tues 3rd July**
Y6 Induction Days
- **Mon 2nd July**
Y6 Transition Parents' Eve
- **Tues 3rd July**
Y9 Parents' Evening
- **Thurs 5th July**
Step up to Sixth Form Day
- **Wed 18th July**
Y10 Parents' Evening
- **Friday 20th July**
Summer Term Ends
- **Autumn Term Begins**
Wed 5th Sept, 2018

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