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May Newsletter

I am delighted to say that so far we have had fantastic attendance at all examinations; students have been on time with large numbers attending the morning revision sessions, which have been great for settling last minute nerves.

Once again, we have been holding revision classes during the Whitsun break. The students have benefited a great deal from the additional support and I pass on my thanks to staff, parents and other relatives and carers for their ongoing support throughout. The first week back after half term will be very intense, with further examinations in English, maths and science as well as many other subjects, at AS and A2 level, alongside GCSE.

With the examinations for Years 11 and 13 well underway and continuing until the end of June, parents please remember **we do not operate study leave** for students. All students are to attend up until their last examination. Once the examinations for a given subject have taken place we will provide an alternative timetable to focus on additional revision for those subjects that have not yet been examined.

At the end of this very busy period, we will say a formal goodbye to the classes of 2018 when we hold our annual Year 11 Prom at the Halston

and Year 13 celebration at The Last Zebra on Friday 22nd June. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to celebrate the end of their examinations and their time together as a year group. I have been delighted with our current Years 11 and 13 who have approached their final term with so much determination to succeed; they have tried their very best - they really do deserve to do well.

Soon our focus will shift to Years 10 and 12, as they start their final 12 months; for all students there will be end of year examinations. These formal exam opportunities are becoming more and more important as changes, such as the further removal of coursework and the move to grades 1-9 take place. Learning how to deal with examination conditions is a key skill to achieving the best results you can.

Over the coming half term we will begin welcoming our new Year 7 students. We all know how significant saying goodbye to your primary school, old friends and teachers that you have known for a long time is - but it is also a time for new beginnings and new opportunities. The main aim of our transition programme is to ensure that all our students feel familiar with the changes that are ahead of them and confident that they will get the support they need. I am sure

our current Year 7 students will remember vividly how they were feeling this time last year and how quickly they settled into life at Central Academy.

We will also be hosting **a Year 4/5 Open Evening on Thursday 21st June**, feel free to come along and ask any questions in relation to the coming term/year and I very much look forward to seeing you there.

Other News:

Year 10 Work Experience – A large proportion of our Year 10 students completed a weeks' work placement in a wide variety of local businesses. The vast majority found this a relevant and worthwhile experience, providing them with an insight into career pathways they may consider in the future.

Year 11 - Our Year 11 students have commenced their GCSE examinations. They are to be congratulated on their conduct within the exams and their application and engagement at the intensive revision sessions prior to each exam. Over the half term break we have a programme of revision sessions taking place and look forward to welcoming as many of them as possible to these sessions in order that they can benefit from

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input from their teachers so their learning continues over the holiday. Our **Year 11 Prom** for many students will take place on **Friday 22nd June** in the Halston where they cannot only celebrate the end of their exams but the end of 11 years of education.

Maths Challenge - Toby Matthews of Year 10 followed up on the success of **John Wightman** earlier in the year, through qualifying for the Kangaroo Mathematical Challenge in his age group, which in Toby's case was Intermediate. This places him squarely in the elite group of Mathematicians for his age group and, like John, it is the first time a Central student has attained this opportunity. His reward was to sit a further, more advanced set of mind-bending mathematical problems and enigma, which he did with aplomb, thoroughly earning his Certificate outcome. Well done, Toby!

Health & Social Care: Years 10 and 12 Health and Social Care students spent an excellent Discover Health Day at the University of Cumbria.

The purpose of the visit was to raise students' awareness about the wide variety of health-related careers and to excite and enthuse students in a particular subject through taking



part in a number of engaging academic workshops.

The areas students could select from were; Radiography, Nursing, Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Psychology, Physiotherapy and Working with Children & Families; each student attended three sessions.

The workshop sessions gave students a hands on experience which will support their decisions around progressing into a career within the health sector. They also learnt about the skills and qualifications required in the specific areas they attended.

The taster sessions were all very informative and inspiring, designed to illustrate to students the process around progression into higher education.

On their evaluations, each student felt that their day had been very informative. They had learnt about

pathways required for specific health related careers, skills necessary for the sector and a few students discussed looking for volunteer opportunities that would help them secure a job within their chosen area.

U16 Boys Football - Well done to the U16 boys for reaching the City Cup Final at Brunton Park this week. A good five years of football at Central for this team and thanks to all of the staff who supported on the night.

Cricket - U14 Cricket v Lime House - After a tough game against Nelson Thomlinson U15s the Year 9 cricket team took the bus to Lime House School, looking forward to some more practice in another competitive game. Lime House won



the toss and elected to bat first. After a good opening over by **Ben Troughear** without giving many runs away, **Louis Burn** took the first wicket of the day with a fine ball

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which was hit to mid-wicket and straight to **Owen Reid** who took a super catch. Despite this start Lime House continued to pick up runs until **Lewis McDougall** took two quick wickets in his over by bowling out the batsman hitting middle stump on both occasions. **Elliott Routledge** was on top form as wicket keeper and helped limit the runs before coming on to bowl with an accurate fast over, which troubled the batsmen, giving little away. **Ben Troughear** capped a fine performance in the field taking three wickets with some fast and accurate bowling which left an achievable total of 57 to try and win the game. **Elliot Routledge** and **Louis Burn** went in to open the batting for Central and despite a positive few opening runs Elliot was out by hit wicket. The runs continued to rack up however with some more fine bowling from Lime House which saw more wickets fall.

The game reached an exciting finale with **Craig Johnson** and **Ben Troughear** facing the last over with six runs needed for the win. As they approached the final two balls of the game the Central team were on 56 needing one to draw and two to win. Both boys stepped up to the challenge with **Craig Johnson** hitting a fine forward drive to pick up one

run and **Ben Troughear** hitting the winning run on the final ball. Congratulations to all involved for a fine evening of cricket.



Summer Concert – We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Concert which is taking place at The Old Fire Station on **Wednesday 20th June at 7 pm**. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased from Central Academy Reception.

I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gilby
Principal

Calendar:

- **Half Term**
Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June
- **Mon 11th – Fri 15th June**
Assessment WK7
- **Mon 18th – Fri 22nd June**
Assessment WK8
Y7-10 UL Exams
- **Wed 20th June**
Music Concert
- **Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd June**
Y5 Taster Days
- **Thurs 21st June**
Y5 Open Evening / Art Show
- **Fri 22nd June**
Year 11 Prom
- **Mon 25th June**
Y6 SEN Transition Day
- **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**
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