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May Newsletter

4th May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin our latest newsletter by thanking you all for your kind wishes and comments during my first weeks as Principal of Morton Academy. We have hosted two 'Meet the Principal' events over the last fortnight, both well attended. I'd also like to say welcome to parents of our new students starting in September who we are including in newsletters for the first time, I hope you find the information useful.

Uniform

Our new uniform consisting of a blue blazer, grey jumper, shirt and tie, grey trousers or skirt and black shoes is **compulsory for all new Year 7** students joining us in September 2018. All students can wear the new uniform next year, however, it will still be acceptable to wear the green uniform next year, but it has to be worn in full. Students must wear the jumpers/cardigans and any girls who wish to wear skirts must ensure they are suitable for school and at least knee length. In September 2019 we will expect all students to be wearing the new uniform.

We have been given the price lists for the new uniform by The Uniform Shop in Denton Holme:

- Girls'/Boys' Blazers (Royal Blue with Logo) Sizes 28-52 from £32.50 - £39.50
- Grey V Neck Sweater Size 28-48 from £18.99 to £21.99*
- Grey Girls' Cardigan Size 28-42 from £19.99 to £22.99*
- Boys/Girls White Shirts/Blouses (Twin Packs) from £11.99 to £15.99
- Clip on Tie £4.50
- Boys' /Girls' Grey Trousers from £13.99 to £22.99
- Girls/Boys' PE Top from £13.00 to £17.00
- Shorts from £7.00 to £9.00
- Skort from £14.00 to £17.00*
- PE Socks from £4.50 to £4.99

**Students do not have to wear RRMA branded sweaters/cardigans. Other non-branded sweaters and cardigans can be worn instead. Girls do not have to wear the skort for PE.*

Year 11

It has been another busy month here at Morton Academy despite having a few weeks off for Easter. Our Year 11 students worked throughout the holidays in and out of school and I'd like to thank both staff and parents for supporting these sessions. We held our final SLT Parents' Evening for Year 11 where we looked at the March Mock grades and made final revision plans. We are getting closer and closer to the start of the summer exam season. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 11 students the best of luck and to remind them to keep working hard until the 19th June when the final exam takes place. The provisional dates for Leavers' events are:

- Friday 15th June –Shirt Signing Day after their Science exams that morning
- Wednesday 20th June (PM) - Leavers' Assembly



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Year 10

Year 10 have also been working hard and have had their SLT Parents' Evening last week where we discussed the results of their March Mock exams and started sharing revision tips and resources. The sooner students start to work through revision guides and the apps we have provided, such as Hegarty Maths and PiXL resources, the easier and less stressful students will find the exams. The 50 Mile Walk will be taking place on Friday 22nd June at Talkin Tarn, it is an important milestone in the experience of our students and we welcome any parents who want to come and support their children during the day (and night).

Key Stage 3

As you will be aware Mrs Rigg is now the Senior Leader overseeing the performance of students in Key Stage 3. In the run up to the final end of year assessments we will be putting in place some revision sessions and some targeted work with students to ensure they are ready to achieve the best they can in the assessments. We will be confirming Year 9 Options shortly. Once again we are holding Project Week in the second last week of term. More details of events you can attend will be sent home soon.

Year 11 Interview Day

Our Year 11s completed their final Morton Milestone – Interview Day on Wednesday 28th March. All Year 11s had interviews with local employers and education establishments. The interview panel could not have spoken more highly of our students and I'm very proud of their achievements. Particular congratulations go to:

Girls:

- Best CV – Raven McKnight
- Best Interview – Claudia Dally
- Best Overall Impression – Abigail Miller
- Best Dressed – Molly McNamara
- Most Likely to Succeed – Taylor McLean
- Special Award - Soairse Brown

Boys:

- Best CV – Steven Storey
- Best Interview – Ryan Mackenzie
- Best Overall Impression – Kieran Sharkey
- Best Dressed – Brian Watson
- Most Likely to Succeed – Ronal Nemal
- Special Award - Callum Steele

Little Shop of Horrors

On Tuesday the 17th March our students performed the musical *Little Shop of Horrors*. I'd like to say thanks to all the students who gave up their time to rehearse for the performance and to Miss Cuthbert and the team who supported them. Special thanks go to Josh Bell in Year 11 for operating the lighting and sound. Thanks to all parents and staff who attended and supported also.

Year 7 Footballers

Our Year 7 football team took part in the finals of the ESFA National 5 a side finals in Birmingham. They did incredibly well to be in the last 8 of the tournament. After several matches against the top teams in the country they finished third. Thanks to Mr Devlin and Mr Tyler for supporting our students and well done to Kieren Bain, Hayden Rae, Jake Allan, Cavan Dand, Tyler Laird, Robbie Wilson and Charlie Parker.



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Artist of the Month

Congratulations to Charlotte Wilding for achieving 'Artist of the Month' for her outstanding ink drawing of Carlisle Cathedral. Charlotte's superb drawing can be seen on the Morton Art Department Facebook page.

Year 11 English Presentations

Year 11 recently showed amazing commitment to their English Language Speaking Assessments. Each student prepared a speech, lasting for between two and five minutes, which they delivered with minimal prompts – and without any scripts. Every student was recorded for this element of the English Language requirement, so many students were very nervous to begin with. To their credit, every single student responded with maturity and determination to this challenge. Every student spoke confidently and answered a range of further questions after their speech. The English department felt tremendously proud of Year 11's achievements.

Find the book that could change your life!

Mrs Mulholland has declared *Divergent* by Veronica Roth our current book of the week. All students can go to the Library and take part in the test to find out which faction they would join if they were a character in the book. It is also one of our reading challenge books so all students should get a copy from the library before we run out!

Year 8 Fundraising

The themes of my assemblies with students over the last few weeks have been centred on the key words **community** and **character**. I'd like to recognise three Year 8 students who have exemplified these traits in recent weeks at the academy. Well done to Leah Sanderson, Iona Sutton and Ellie-Mae Hetherington in Year 8. They received a lovely thank you letter from the Eden Valley Hospice for raising £238 by walking round Talkin Tarn earlier in the year as part of their Year 8 Morton Milestone. Well done girls!

So, as you can see we continue to be very busy in school. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the academy is closed on Monday 7th May, 2018 for the Bank Holiday and that half term starts on the week commencing Monday 28th May, 2018. If you haven't already, please follow the academy on Twitter @morton_academy or Facebook (The Richard Rose Morton Academy) to see the latest news, pictures and events at Morton Academy.

Yours faithfully

Richard McGuire
Principal



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