

24th May 2017

Dear Parent / Carer

As I am sure your child has already reminded you, the academy is closed next week for the half-term holiday and will re-open on Monday, 5th June at the normal time (this is a timetable Week 2).

During the half-term holiday a number of booster / revision classes have been arranged for Year 11 students. If your child has been invited to a booster class, please strongly encourage them to attend, as boosters can have a significant impact on exam results.

As we enter the final half term of this academic year, we are preparing for our new Y7 students to join us on Monday 3rd July. On this date all students will move into their next year (i.e. Y8 will move into Y9, Y9 into Y10 etc.), and all students will be issued with their new timetables. Arrangements for the first day of the new timetable, on Monday 3rd July, will follow in due course and will be on the academy's website and Twitter feed.

From 3rd July we will no longer be having P50 on Mondays of week 2, when students currently leave at 2:15 pm. This means that students will have an additional lesson each fortnight and will leave at 3:15 pm every day.

On the reverse of this letter you will find a Newsletter with updates on what has been happening in the academy since Easter, and some diary dates for the coming few weeks. I hope you and your family have an enjoyable break.

Best wishes

C. J. Waugh

Mrs C. Waugh
Head of School

NEWSLETTER

STEM Event 12th May

A number of Year 7 pupils, who had been nominated by their science teachers, took part in a nationwide energy and engineering event. During the event pupils worked in teams to problem solve, evaluate energy consumption data, and design, build and test solar powered cars. It was a really enjoyable morning and all pupils involved were exceptional! Well done Year 7!

Rye Hills Academy - Mastery League

Lights, camera, action...

On 26th April The Mastery League and their parents attended the world premier of their film, **'The Film Fanatic'** at the Arc cinema in Stockton. Each student was presented with a certificate from *Into Film* and enjoyed watching their final creation on the big screen. The film will be available to watch on the *Into Film* youtube channel shortly. **'The Film Fanatic'** has also been shortlisted for the North East Young Filmmakers Awards 2017 which takes place at The Customs House in South Shields on 1st June. Students involved in the film project will attend the red carpet event hosted by comedian Jason Cook and will get the chance to mingle with industry professionals - film makers, directors and actors who are also judging the competition. We wish them the very best of luck!

See Mrs Rose if you're interested in joining The Mastery League and would like to get involved in future events.



Diary Date

The music department is putting on a concert on **Thursday, 15th June**. It is a student choice concert where students pick and prepare their own pieces. There will be 20 pieces of music. As always it will be a very entertaining evening. It starts at 7.00 pm in the main hall.

The Art Department are also having an exhibition of Y11 GCSE artwork on the 15th June; the exhibition opens at 6:00 pm. Please see the poster below.

Y10 Oxford pathways visit – On 4th May six Rye Hills students, along with their Careers Officer, and staff and pupils from other local schools and colleges visited St. Hugh's College and Oriel College, Oxford. For full details of the visit, please visit our website news page.

Author Gabrielle Kent Visit - On Thursday 11th May author, game designer and game design lecturer Gabrielle Kent visited school for the day. She held assemblies for Y7 and Y8 about her Alfie Bloom book series and then explained how she came up with the concept and the process she uses to create and name her characters. Pupils were encouraged to participate in the assembly and share their ideas. She also held a series of small group, creative writing workshops. Staff and students thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

Student Librarian Training Scheme Awards - 10 Rye Hills Academy students received certificates at the recent 18th Annual Student Librarian Training Scheme Award Ceremony held at Northfield School And Sports College. 17 schools from 4 boroughs took part this year. For more information, please visit our website news page. Well done to the students involved!

Year 9 Computer Science – Y9 students who have opted for GCSE Computer Science, visited Redcar & Cleveland College to spend the day with the college's Computer Science students at their Ambitious Apps Day. Students helped to develop and test a number of apps and games. There were many interesting and interactive activities for the students to participate in which showcased some of the projects completed by the College. It was a very successful day and our students were a credit to the academy.

The poster features a background of abstract, colorful brushstrokes in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red, set against a black silhouette of a city skyline. The text is bold and black, providing details about the event.

**GCSE Art Exhibition
&
Music Concert**

Thursday 15th June

Art 6 - 8 pm Music starts at 7pm

Refreshments available

Please come and celebrate student success!