

November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I write to remind you that the academy will be closed to students on Friday 23rd November for INSET training. We will re-open as usual on Monday 26th November

I would also like to take this opportunity to share some of the wonderful achievements I have been privileged to share with our students during my first weeks at the academy.

Students have been working extremely hard across the academy. We have seen some exceptional achievements with Year 7 accelerated reader; and Year 11 are committed to their exam preparation with some huge gains in recent trial exams, and the number of students attending enrichment is growing considerably.

Our GCSE Photography students visited Doncaster town centre, the Minster, Doncaster train station and then went onto Cusworth Hall. They focussed on photographing buildings/structures and nature to influence their coursework portfolio.

It was extremely moving to see how students actively participated in our remembrance activities to commemorate the end of the 1st World War. On the 9th November students from all year groups dedicated a poppy to every man who was killed on the same day in 1918, which were added to a poignant display of fabric poppies that had been created through enrichment. At 11:00am the whole academy observed a two minute silence to honour the fallen.

We were also privileged to host two time world champion boxer Jamie McDonnell who is working with our BTEC Sports students in developing sports leadership and coaching skills and inspiring the commitment to training and sporting success.

As a note for your diaries, I would like to offer an early invite to our academy community Christmas carol service on Wednesday 12th December at St Laurence Church - Adwick -le-Street starting at 6.00pm.

Yours faithfully



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Associate Principal