

Tuesday, 19th July

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your support over the last couple of challenging days for us all at TCA. Friday's incident showed the very best of our staff, students and systems in supporting a student in a medical emergency, and the response to the weather on Monday and Tuesday has been really positive. Having said that: it's been *hot!*

Incident on Friday

I am really pleased to report that the young man who had the medical emergency on Friday is recovering well. Obviously, it's really important that he takes some time to rest and recover. It has been great to get regular updates from his parents. His brother and sister have been back in the Academy since Friday, though, and are shining examples of what we expect from our students.

Uniforms back to normal

The weather forecast Wednesday looks like it should be returning to normal summer weather. As a result, full uniform is expected from all students for tomorrow and Thursday (Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st July). It will still be warm, though, so students must remember to keep hydrated. Every student must attend – there can be no excuses and attendance remains exceptionally important.

End of term – Friday, 22nd July

At the end of a busy week, we'll be breaking up for the summer on Friday, 22nd July. It will be a non-uniform day, and students can dress as they wish to celebrate the end of a fantastic academic year of being nice and working hard. There may be a few surprises to bid our students a fond farewell and to celebrate their magnificent achievements this year. Students will leave after lunch, for 2pm, on Friday.

Fundraising – Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Given the outstanding work we witnessed on Friday, we will be fundraising for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance on the last day of term. Should any students or families want to make a contribution, we will ensure that prefects collect money during the morning. The YAA costs around £6,000,000 to run for the year – I hope we can raise a little to help keep it in the sky, and keep us safe if we need it.



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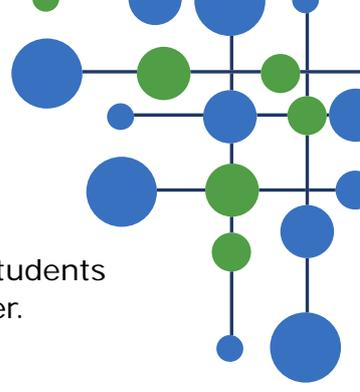
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Start of term – Tuesday, 6th September

Not to wish away the holidays, but we look forward to seeing all our students getting back to working hard and being nice on Tuesday, 6th September. Students will be expected to return at the following times:

Year 7 (new starters): 10.30am

Year 8 – 11 (current year 7 to 10): 11am

The first day is hugely important in setting the tone for the rest of the year, so it is vitally important that everyone attends and gets off to a good start.

Our exceptional team of TCA staff

If you have a message of thanks you'd like passed on to a member of staff at the end of the year, it would be lovely to be able to help you do that. Our staff work tremendously hard to support your children and make sure they get the very best deal. I am really proud of them, and I know they are appreciated by our families too.

Please email Thornhill.Thanks@sharemat.co.uk and I will distribute your messages to anyone who you think deserves one!

Summer holiday support

As the holidays approach, it's important that those families who need support know that it is there. Whilst we can't run Summer School this year owing to building work on site, there are local charities and organisations available to support individuals and families who would benefit from meals, food parcels or day-to-day help.

The safeguarding page of the TCA website has lots of information about other agencies that can help with safeguarding, wellbeing and welfare concerns. This can be found under Key Information.

If you are struggling financially, Kirklees Council have a page on their website to help you with finances, energy bills and food:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/cost-of-living/index.aspx>

Kirklees Schools Out is a programme of summer activities suitable for children of all ages. You can find information on their Facebook page or by registering on their app.

Farewell Mrs Griffiths...

She has told her year groups already, but I am sad to say that the brilliant Mrs Griffiths leaves us on Friday, after nine years of outstanding service to TCA. She has played a vital role in keeping our medical provision strong as Welfare Officer,

and then subsequently as an excellent Head of Year and Student Manager, this year supporting year 8 and 10 through their first post-pandemic academic year in three years. She leaves us with our best wishes, and will always be a special part of the TCA family as she takes her career to its next step.

And finally...

Thank you so much for your support through what has been another challenging, brilliant year at TCA. At the start of the year, our aims were to focus on our ABC, and I'm really proud that our attendance has been the best it has been in many years, and significantly above national average. Our clear systems around behaviour are driven by the mantra that students can always learn, and teachers can always teach. Students buy into this, and we are really proud of their conduct in and around classrooms.

Whilst I'm looking forward to some time with my family and friends, I am already looking forward to 2022/23 with a new group of students, a brand new canteen being built, and another year of doing what we all do best: working hard, and being nice.

To all students, parents and carers: have a great summer!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MCB' followed by a stylized flourish.

Mr Burton
Headteacher

