

# #TNHA WAY



## March 2021

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# PRINCIPAL'S POST

March has seen the return to the academy for all students and it has been a real pleasure to welcome all our students back for face-to-face lessons. Things have not been as straightforward as they might be with the need to still work in 'bubbles' and the added complication of testing for COVID, but all our students have handled these changes brilliantly and have adapted to coming back incredibly well. There has been much said in the media about a lost generation of young people due the global pandemic over the last 12 months but what we have and are witnessing in the academy are a generation of young people who are showing resilience and determination to overcome the difficulties and challenges that they have faced. We are looking forward to times that are more normal over the coming months where our students can put to use some of the skills that they have developed away from the academy to support their learning in the academy. We look forward to seeing them continuing to make progress and enjoying their learning in their academy. *Mark Woodhouse*

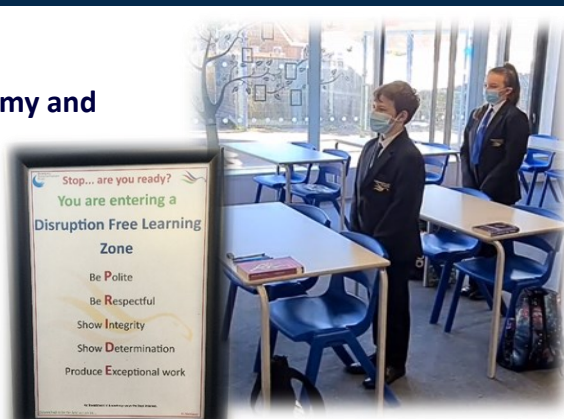
# CHAIR'S CORNER

The agenda for 17th March meeting of the Local Area Committee of Governors included presentations from two of the senior leadership team at the academy. Vice Principal, Emily Thomason provided a comprehensive update on the curriculum with governor scrutiny focusing on the assessment plans that are in place for Y11; Assistant Principal, James Morris, explained the initiatives in place to promote good behaviour and positive attitudes both inside and outside of lessons across the academy. Governors were impressed by the evidence provided by the Principal and his senior team of the shared preparedness and commitment of the academy staff to keep improving and to follow the academy ethos. The governors have been fortunate in having Jill Hambright as clerk for the last 9 years. From the beginning of April, a change in ATT policy requires all governing boards to use a clerk appointed centrally and so the most recent LAC meeting on 17th March was Jill's last one. Michelle Eaves will be the new clerk. Jill will continue in her role as PA to the Principal at TNHA and as such she will still provide a pivotal link to the academy for the LAC. I would like to thank Jill formally on behalf of the current governors and also on behalf of all previous governors who have benefitted from her outstanding support. Apart from performing her clerking duties professionally over 9 years to a very high standard, she has been a constant source of accurate advice and assistance throughout to all governors. Her patience and good humour never wavered, whatever administrative tasks were asked of her. *Phil Anderson*

# WELCOME BACK!

## **Returning to our routines!**

We were delighted to see our students return to the academy and welcome them back to class for face-to-face teaching. Students who remained with us throughout the lockdown, made a video to be shown to classes on their return, reminding them of the simple routines in place to ensure readiness to learn with equipment to hand. Posters have been added to classroom doors to further promote a productive learning environment.



## Testing

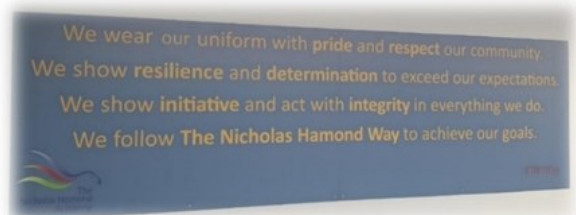


Following Government guidelines we set up an area in our gym to test our students on their return. The take-up was phenomenal at well over 90% and we would like to thank our parents/carers and students for this excellent response, affording us the opportunity to keep our academy as safe as possible for all concerned.

Students acted with maturity whilst the tests were undertaken and responded well to instructions. We have now sent home kits for testing over Easter for those students with the necessary parental consent.

## Updating our corridors

Responding to a questionnaire during lockdown our students mentioned that they would like to see our corridors updated. We value our student voice here at TNHA and agreed that a 'face lift' was in order.



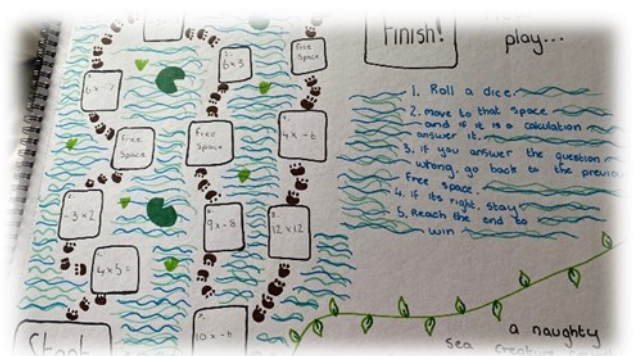
Students now see signs with positive messages and mottos displayed around the academy, along with celebration of rewards given, examples of excellent work, photographs of students taking part in lessons and sport as well as new signage identifying subject areas.



# TESTING THE 'LITTLE GREY CELLS'

Our Year 7 students have been busy designing board games including questions on calculating negative numbers being one of their recent areas of study.

What a great way to have 'fun with maths' as well as getting those 'little grey cells' working!



## A WELL EARNED TASTY TREAT

What better reward than a tasty breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolat, muffins and even some spicy chorizo!

These students were celebrating being the top 6 students of the term in their Year Group receiving the most reward points from staff.



## JUST FOR A LAUGH

Students in Year 10 and 11 have worked on their 'Challenge Cup Competition' this included taking part in the 'Send a Smile Red Nose Day Appeal'. Students shared some of their best jokes with each other and with their form groups by displaying these on their classroom noticeboards. Some of our favourites are:-



"What did one snowman say to the other?" *"Can you smell carrots?"*  
"What is the Easter bunny's favourite game?" *"Hopscotch!"*  
"Why did the skeleton not cross the road?" *"He didn't have the guts!"*



## STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAMME



We have relaunched our Year 11 mentoring programme, so that students are able to meet with their mentor alongside their tutor once a fortnight, to discuss their future steps and we are moving to a focus on their teacher assessed grade assessments which are coming up shortly.

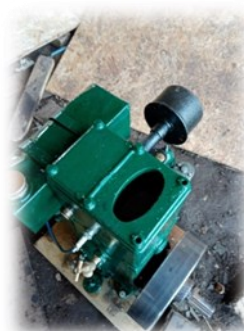
Year 10 students are also looking towards the future focusing on their next steps by researching careers and courses to study after their final year, encouraging thoughts on their future career paths.

## HOBBIES AT HOME



We are always delighted when students share their hobbies and interests with us and this is certainly no exception. One of our students has been working on a project at home involving a Lister D type engine, cleaning, painting and getting it to run!

This type of petrol engine runs at 1½ hp and was built between 1926-1964 by R A Lister and Company of Dursley. The engines were used to power water pumps, generators, cement mixers and much more.





# WELCOME DONATIONS RECEIVED



It was wonderful to hear from the family of one of our alumni recently who approached us as they had a piano to donate to our students at the TNHA. Their son, was a musician at the academy some years ago, and immediately thought of his old school when he decided he no

longer required the instrument. After very careful delivery it has been set up in our music department for our students to put to good use!

We were also very pleased to have been approached by Asda in Swaffham who have kindly donated several laptops to students at the academy together with equipment for our catering students including mixing bowls and utensils.



This kind donation will certainly help our students with their studies and we are extremely grateful for their generosity.

## GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW STUDENTS



Our Year 6 Transition Team have started the process of contacting the families of our new students who will join us in September 2021! Information will arrive via the post shortly and will include a welcome letter and Parent/Carer Guide to TNHA .

Our staff plan meetings during April and May with students and their families allowing them to ask any questions and give us the chance to learn a little about our new students before they join us.

## ..... AND FINALLY



We wish you all a very Happy Easter break and leave you with some signs that spring has 'sprung' around the academy site.

***We return on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
to Week B of the timetable.***

***Stay safe!***

