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PRINCIPAL'S POST

I think this final issue of the #TNHAWay Newsletter, for the academic year, demonstrates best the way in which our students have made the most of every opportunity that they have had in the academy since they have returned from the lockdown in March.

Despite being into the last few weeks of term there has been no let-up in what the students have been doing and how they have approached the time they have left in the academic year. They continue to progress both academically and more widely in the skills and attitudes that the past year has shown that we all need. It is without question that students will need a break this summer and I hope that they alongside their families they get a chance to relax and think about more 'normal' things. Not wanting to wish the summer away but we look forward to the academy re-opening in September and seeing our students continue to strive for greater successes.

Have a great summer!

Mark Woodhouse

CHAIR'S CORNER

It has been wonderful to see how many different activities and events have taken place during the summer term, many of them requiring significant effort and commitment from the staff and students involved. The range of extra-curricular activities taking place and the positive attitudes being displayed reflect positively on the academy as a whole and are indicative of the progress being made academically.

Our best wishes for the summer holiday go out to everyone and we are looking forward to the prospect of starting a new academic year in a more stable environment.

Phil Anderson

NEWS FROM OUR YEAR GROUPS

Year 7: These students have completed their first year with us and will now be welcoming our 'new Year 7 cohort' in September and helping them settle in to academy life. They have been incredibly mature and sensible during a time where they have been busy with end of year exams. Students have also been finishing the activities set for the Challenge Cup including a 'class story' and a tug-of-war event.

Year 8: There has been a definite buzz in the air, with the Euro 2020 tournament taking place, and students in Year 8 becoming ever more competitive! Each form group held a sweepstake for the countries playing, and every morning there was another debate about who was 'going out' next. There was a competition for the real fans amongst the year group, with predictions for the top 3 teams in the Euro's, which also became a big talking point!

Year 9: Students are looking forward to starting their GCSE topics after the summer term. They have thanked their pastoral team for supporting them during the academic year and expressed their gratitude to staff involved in the Duke of Edinburgh expedition who gave those involved this wonderful opportunity.



Year 10: During their penultimate year at TNHA students have completed a range of mock exams to give them an idea of what to expect next Summer. They were able to blow off 'steam' at Sports Day along with those from all years. Welcome to your Senior Year - Year 10!

MEETING THE MAYOR

Our student leaders were delighted to meet the Mayor of Swaffham, Cllr Judy Anscombe. They discussed various topics such as entertainment opportunities outside school to include leisure and sport and what they would like to see in the town going forward.

They were very keen to see a rock climbing wall, basketball hoops, more recycling, further bins for dog waste, cinema and a swimming pool. They were delighted to hear of the tree planting programme and to have an input into where they may be planted.

In turn they were able to inform the Mayor that a woodland hedge is to be planted at the academy, a 'new' school tie is being investigated (made of recycled plastic) along with further recycling opportunities.

The meeting was productive, informative, and enjoyed by all.



SPORTS AT TNHA

As you would expect at this time of year, sports has played a huge part in the lives of us all at the academy. One of our key events this year was 'National Sports Week' aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle and mental health. Our team of 'Football Activators' were split into 'Marketers' and 'Deliverers' in order to plan and organise a Year 7 Girls Football Festival and to produce a brand for themselves.

The event was a resounding success with over 70 students both engaged and enthusiastic about playing football in school. The event included both 'fun' and competitive activities to suit all abilities.



Their ultimate goal (pardon the pun) is to ensure that all girls have the same opportunities as boys when it comes to football both within school and beyond, with plans to run a number of girls clubs in September.

TNHA rounded off National Sports Week with a Fun Run around the academy field organised by our P.E. staff. This was greatly enjoyed by staff and students of all abilities either running or walking after paying £1 to take part. The weather did not do anything to dull spirits and there was a great 'turn out'. The proceeds of £493.84 will be donated to the local Day Care Centre supporting people affected by mental health problems including dementia and other disabilities in Swaffham and the surrounding area.

Needless to say we are hugely proud of our students taking part in this charitable venture (topped up by staff wearing 'silly hats to work') and paying for the privilege. Certainly a talking point amongst the students!



Student Leaders will present the TNHA cheque to the Merle Boddy Centre shortly which will enable them to purchase a 'fall and rise' chair for their clients. What a great effort for a wonderful local cause!



Continuing with the 'sports' theme our annual Sports Days caused great excitement as always together with a healthy competitive spirit between 'houses' with Falcons the overall winner.

Two records were equaled and a further 10 smashed by our determined competitors!



There was also time for some slightly less traditional events such as the tug of war and space hopper event (taken no less seriously).



Congratulations to all those who took part and who gave their supporters the opportunity to witness some amazing achievements!



PLATINUM AWARDS

Celebrating pride in themselves and their achievements are these students who have achieved the Platinum Award for Reward Points (the highest possible).



In addition to spending their 'points' at the Rewards Shop they were treated to a Celebration Breakfast and 'treats and a movie' at the academy. Well done all!



DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION



The long awaited TNHA's Duke of Expedition took place with the weather largely in our favour and although warm and muggy at times, the walking conditions were good.



These included studying the flora and fauna en route, litter dispersion, the difference in urban and rural areas and playing competitive games along the way.



The determination, resilience, teamwork and camaraderie of the students was amazing and reflected in the successful completion of the expedition.

We would like to say an enormous ‘thank you’ to all staff and parent/carers for supporting the expedition. It will certainly be a proud moment when the 21 students receive their Bronze Award in the autumn.

Ready for our return in September, TNHA are re-launching our current 'house' system giving students the opportunity to vote on what these new names should be.

Form Groups will vote for one famous role model from each category to include the Environment and Science, Literature and Journalism, Military and Organisations, Politics and Activists, Sport and the Arts.



We are very excited to hear the results shortly!

As the term ends, we say a fond farewell to Mr. Parker and Mr. Newton (Student Transport Officers) along with Mrs Newton (Student Support Leader) and wish them a long and happy retirement.

Off to pastures new are Miss Plaza Coca & Mr. Woodruff (Teachers of MFL) and we extend our appreciation of their dedication to TNHA in their time with us.





In September, we look forward to formally meeting Ms. Garwood (Assistant Director of English), Ms Roache (Teacher of English), Ms Allen & Mr. Janes (Teachers of MFL), Miss Morgan (Teacher of Maths), Mr. Singh (Student Support Leader) & Mr. Hancock (Student Transport Officer) - new members of the TNHA Staff Team. We also extend a belated welcome to our new SENDCO Ms. Crumpler who joined us in July!

Finally, we are looking forward to meeting our 'new' Year 7 students from the surrounding primary schools in the area. Our excellent Transition Team have been working hard to ensure that the new students and their families are confident and well informed and ready for the big move to High School.



They will arrive in their smart new uniforms at the academy gate in September and can be assured of a big TNHA welcome by all!

**We wish you all a summer filled with fun,
laughter and good weather.**

Stay safe!

