



TNHA Academy Update

Date: Monday 23rd September 2024 (Week B)

TNHA Vision

Inspiring every student who comes through our doors by providing them with the best educational experience we can and by giving our students every opportunity to be the best that they can be.

Be Ready, Be Ambitious, Be Safe, Be Kind

Dear Parents and Carers,

Establishing Routines!

As we move through the second two-week timetable cycle of term it is clear that the everyday routines are being established across the academy. This ranges from the start of day routines and students checking their uniform and equipment through the learning expectations and routines in the classrooms. We are really grateful for all the support that you provide in helping with these expectations.

We have been delighted with the way that our new Year 7s have been getting used to their new surroundings. I have had the pleasure of supporting some of the duties in the Year 7 area of the academy and from talking to the students there is lots they have enjoyed, there are also elements that they have found challenging. However, I have been encouraged through these conversations by the determination they have already shown to tackle these challenges.

The focus for all our students at the moment must be about engaging fully with their learning. We want students to take more responsibility for their learning. Our staff are being encouraged to support the students in this by ensuring they have key knowledge and then helping the students to apply this to the contexts that they are learning. Students hopefully can then take this into their home learning and into more independent contexts. This in turn will help them when faced with new ideas and concepts in all aspects of their lives.

Kind regards, Mr Woodhouse, Principal

Upcoming Key Dates

(Dates may be subject to change)

Thursday 26th September
*Duke of Edinburgh Award
Parent's Evening*

Wednesday 2nd October
Year 11 Academic Evening

Tuesday 8th October
Year 5/6 Open Evening

Tuesday 15th October
Year 7/8 Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 16th October
*Year 7 Settling-In Parent's
Evening*

Tuesday 22nd October
*Year 9/10 Flu
Vaccinations*



TNHA Leadership Team Updates

From Miss Thomason, Vice Principal

Be ready. Be ambitious. Be safe. Be kind.

We have been talking to students about our key values in assemblies over the last 2 weeks. In our 'Be ready' assemblies we reminded students of the expectations in the academy. Being ready to learn is important- students should have with them a black pen, pencil, and ruler as a minimum. We would also expect students to bring a bag to school to carry their equipment and any homework sheets. Please support your child by making sure they bring these items with them every day.

Our 'Be ambitious' assemblies encouraged students to 'be the best they can be' in all of their lessons. We began our rewards programme last week, celebrating the Year 11 students with 100% attendance. Heads of Year are celebrating student success too- Year 7 are leading the way with over 3500 reward points! Well done Year 7.

From Mrs Atkins, Assistant Principal

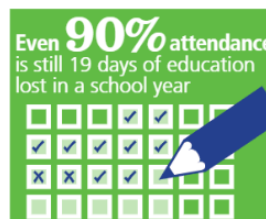
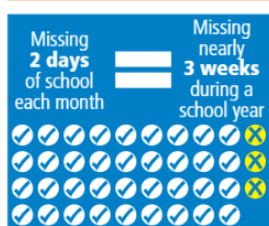
Attendance

At TNHA, we take pride in our attendance. Records are monitored regularly, and patterns of absence identified. We communicate with parents/carers to offer support to overcome barriers and uphold regular attendance.

Poor attendance at school inevitably leads to poor attainment and reduced outcomes for our students. When a student's attendance becomes unacceptably low, contact is made with parent/carer to discuss reasons for non-attendance. Strategies are put in place and where necessary outside agencies can be used to offer guidance and support. Home visits and meetings will be offered to discuss how the school can support this too.

We are required, by law, to address poor attendance at school. This process involves sending letters home to parents/carers explaining the steps that we as a school may have to take if no improvement in attendance is seen. To avoid reaching this stage, we ask for your full engagement and a commitment to supporting your child in attending school.

Why is school attendance so important?





Safeguarding

Next week I will be delivering a safeguarding assembly to all students. In this assembly I will be speaking to them about how to keep safe and the importance of safeguarding each other in school. This is something we introduce at the beginning of every year and discussions continue further through their learning in Lool (Lessons of our lives).

The students understand that every adult working in school is a trusted adult as well as knowing who the DSL's (Designated Safeguarding Leads) are.

In the assembly we will covers topics such as online safety, bullying and harmful sexual behaviour, both spoken and physical. All these topics will be delivered in an age-appropriate way to reassure our young people that we are here to support and listen if they have any worries or feel unsafe.

From Mrs Abrahams, Assistant Principal

Just a reminder that you will be contacted if your child arrives to school in the wrong uniform. If you cannot bring the missing item of uniform into the Academy, we will expect your child to wear a clean replacement item. Please support us by ensuring your child is in the right uniform before they leave the house.

Many thanks to the parents that have bought their child clear plastic retainers to wear so they can continue to enjoy their social time with friends. This really does support us and ensures your child does not lose their social time. Please continue to remind your child to remove their piercings before they enter the Academy.

School skirts are looking much better. Please keep reminding your child that it is not appropriate to have a skirt rolled up to an inappropriate length and if they continue to do this, we will request that they change into trousers.

Many students have been awarded positive points this week. Below are the names of our top performing students as well as top performing tutor group, by year and the students chosen by their Heads of Year that deserve special recognition:

Highest performing tutor group by Year

Year 11 – 11-PSE with 115 points!
Year 10 – 10- CWR with 126 points!
Year 9 – 9-TBA with 220 points!
Year 8 – 8-MBL with 236 points!
Year 7 – 7-MAT with 388 points!

Highest performing student by year group – most positive points

Year 11 – Kensei (11-PSE) and Gabriel (11-PSE)
Year 10 – Kadie (10-CWR) and Kieran (10-DKE)
Year 9 – Natasha (9-TBA)
Year 8 – Libby (8-BJA) and Libby (8-SCO)
Year 7 – Ellie (7-KWA)



Student of the Week – The student who has been awarded special recognition for their conduct and/or hard work this week:

Year 11 – Fin (11-CCO)
Year 10 – Fenton (10-JBR)
Year 9 – Charles (9-DMS)
Year 8 – Toby (8-MBL)
Year 7 – Ashden (7-ABU)

Year 11 students with 100% attendance were rewarded with hot chocolate and biscuits at the end of the day on Friday. It's important that every child in Year 11 is maintaining a high attendance rate, especially with the start of the 2025 exam season only 35 weeks away. Year 11 students who continue to maintain a high standard of attendance will be rewarded throughout the year. Any Year 11 student who still has 100% attendance by Friday 25th October will have their name put into a draw to win a free 2025 leavers hoody. Any Year 11 student who still has a 100% attendance by Friday 20th December will have their name put into a draw to win a free 2025 prom ticket. Please support us and your child by making sure they attend every day.

From Mrs Smith, Assistant Principal (SENDCo)

Exam Access Arrangements

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th some students in Year 11 will be tested for Exam Access Arrangements. This is for students that we have identified as needing support in their GCSE exams and is their normal way of working in the academy. An email would have gone home before the Year 10 mocks exams (July 2024) if your child were being considered. We will be following up in October with testing for Year 10 students.

Interventions

Week Commencing 23rd September see's the start of our in-school interventions. We are fortunate this year to be offering a range of interventions across most areas of need. We have an amazing team of TA's that have worked tirelessly hard to prepare for this academic year. In class support for some students at the higher end of need started last week.

Staff Professional Development

We have already delivered several professional development sessions to staff to look at one-page profiles of students with need so that staff have the most up to date information around your child. In addition to this we are adopting the Judith Carter model of the 7C's looking at 7 areas of need. If you wish to read about this, please follow this link:

<https://www.willowtreelearning.co.uk/7cs>

As always, please ensure that if you have any concerns or worries about a need of your child either diagnosed or not you let us know so that we can work together to support in the best way that we can.



Holiday Dates for the Autumn Term

Autumn Term Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Academy close for Christmas Break at 3.10 pm on Friday 20th December

Trust Staff Training Day on Friday 29th November. The academy will be closed to students on this day.
