



15th March 2018

Dear parents,

Thank you for your support and patience during the adverse weather conditions. We hope that the worst weather is behind us now and we appreciate your understanding that the safety of our students and staff remain paramount when monitoring conditions and making difficult decisions.

It has been a busy half term nonetheless with many achievements and significant progress made by our children. The Year 7 students excelled at the residential this month, engaging in a wide range of challenging and collaborative activities designed to build self-confidence, improve team working skills and communication skills.

We have relaunched the Flexible Learning offer which has seen over 45 extra-curricular clubs available to students. Students showing commitment to any of these exciting opportunities will receive rewards and recognition as well as developing host of new skills and experiences.

Some of our Year 11 students have been involved in an intensive 'High 5 maths' masterclass over the course of several days and they have fed back how useful and supportive these sessions have been. Additionally, high numbers of KS4 and KS5 students continue to access the broad range of support available to them outside of lessons to ensure that they continue on good track for their summer examinations.

We welcomed a Year 8 Musical Samba Day in school earlier this term. Every child in the year group was involved in a full day of learning more about this aspect of music and we look forward to working with ArtForms and additionally organisations over the coming weeks to continue to broaden the musical experiences of our students.

Our annual visit from various touring theatre companies has made sure that every child in Year 10 and Year 11 has had the opportunity to see a live performance of the GCSE set texts, including Macbeth and An Inspector Calls. Please ensure your son or daughter has these set texts from which to revise. Details are available from their English teacher should they still need to purchase a text.

Our pledge and commitment to ensure that **every child gets every chance** to develop and achieve their academic and personal potential is at the heart of our work and we are appreciative of the staff and parental support that enables so many rich and diverse activities to be attended and so significantly.

Recently our parent governors wrote to you to make you aware of an important consultation which is asking for local residents' and parents' view on an issue which will directly affect the education of our current and future children.

Leeds City Council has produced a document outlining the long term need for provision of secondary education in our locality and is proposing one school in the Outer North East, based here on our current site. This will involve a rebuild, thus creating a new, state of the art school for our town and surrounding areas, designed to provide first class resources for children and the wider community.

I would reiterate the need for us to respond as a school community to the consultation. Although no proposal by LCC threatens Wetherby High School with closure, we must take this opportunity to support a plan that would enable a new build for this area and all the children in the locality. Therefore please support the school and complete the consultation document online at <https://surveys.leeds.gov.uk/s/QZHQK>

Finally thank you again for your ongoing support. We have been very humbled and touched by the numbers of families contacting me to reiterate why they chose our school with our ethos, and how successful their choice has been for their child.

Key dates:

29 th March	Half term break – school closes 12 noon
16 th April	Start of Summer Term 1
19 th April	Tutor 2U Conference - 6 th form
30 th April – 4 th May	Trueman Charity week
1 st May	Y8 Careers Event
7 th – 11 th May	Y8 Final Examinations
w/c 14 th May	GCSE and A Level Examinations
w/c 21 st May	Y5 'Day in the life' primary visits
25 th May	Half term break
4 th June	Start of Summer Term 2

May I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Easter break.

Many thanks



Lucie Lakin
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