



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

17TH MAY 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK – WELLBEING

WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – DISPLAY EMPATHY / SPEAK HONESTLY

BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9

We have had a very busy week this week at St Edward's. We have continued our work with the Anne Frank Museum Trust and our leaders took other children around the museum and gave detailed accounts of the story. We have had inspirational stories and videos presented in collective worship focusing on mental health and how to promote positive mental health and support those that need it. Finally, some of our Year 7 students set off on Wednesday for their residential at Kingswood Dearne. Some of their adventures have been posted on X and I am sure we will have an update in the newsletter next week.

I am just working on the timings and final plans for opening the new school in September. I know you will appreciate that I want to make it a special occasion and ensure that all children do not feel anxious or worried about the move, including our new Y7 cohort. I am aiming to look at an extended opening and transition period to make this possible. Once I have planned this and had everything confirmed, hopefully before we break up, I will communicate this to you. I want to ensure we give all students the chance to transition fully to the new build and celebrate moving into it in style.

I hope you have a great weekend. Please keep supporting your child with equipment and attendance for the final week of what has been another superb term.

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OFSTED

We were delighted to welcome three OFSTED inspectors to the school this week. They completed what is called a Section 5 graded inspection. As we are a free school and new, this was our first inspection. During the two days the inspectors spoke to staff, students, governors and went into lots of lessons and observed morning line-up, break and lunchtime and INVOLVE clubs. They looked at the parent view survey results and they surveyed students and staff too. We were very proud to show off our school and our children were all very keen to talk to the inspectors. The next steps are that the lead inspector will write up the report and then issue this to school. Once we have this, we will be speaking to the children about it and sending the report to yourselves. It normally takes around six weeks. Thank you to all of you who passed on messages of good luck and support and for those of you who completed the parent survey.

UPCOMING CELEBRATION EVENTS

Key Stage 3 Graduation – Year 9

We are delighted to be celebrating our Year 9 students' achievements at our Key Stage 3 Graduation event held at the Civic Centre in July. The celebration will take place over two evenings, students will be invited to one of the evenings dependent on which form they are in. Students invited to their graduation on Tuesday 9th July are 9JST, 9AMY and 9HME. Students invited to their graduation on Wednesday 10th July are 9SVE, 9EBL and 9ECN. Please check your emails over the coming weeks for further correspondence in relation to timings and confirmation of your attendance at the event. We look forward to seeing our Year 9 students and their families on the evening to celebrate their achievements.



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YEAR 7 GRANDPARENT'S EVENING

Our wonderful student council are organising a Year 7 grandparent's evening on Thursday 13th June. The community event will run in the school cafeteria between 4pm and 5pm. The event is a chance for our student's grandparents to visit TASE and see some of the wonderful work their grandchildren are producing. The evening will also include performances from our school choir, a game of bingo in addition to other smaller competitions. Please check your emails over the coming weeks for further correspondence in relation to timings and confirmation of attendance at the event.

ASSESSMENT WEEK YEAR 7 AND 8

It is the second assessment week for our Year 7 and Year 8 students week beginning 3rd June. Students are already aware of this, and staff have been giving them clear areas to revise. We will be handing out sheets that indicate when their assessments are and areas to focus on as normal. Please encourage them to work in small chunks and prepare well for them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 21st May

Masters of Recall Big Quiz – all years

Wednesday 22nd May

National Numeracy Day

Wednesday 22nd May

South Yorkshire Athletics selection trials

Friday 24th – Tuesday 28th May

Y8 French/History trip to Paris

Friday 24th May

School closes for half term

Monday 3rd June

School reopens

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