



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

27TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Word of the week – Collective

Worship Theme of the week – Community

Core value of the week - Display empathy

Biblical reference of the week – Acts 2v42-47
(NT)

British Value - Individual liberty

I hope everyone has had a lovely week. We have another eventful week at TASE with so much superb learning going on and amazing experiences such as European day of Languages, more sporting fixtures, chess restarting and staff focusing hard on delivering amazing lessons. I have had the pleasure of showing around visitors from Horizon and Notre Dame School in Sheffield this week. They have heard about the superb things we are doing and wanted to see what we do. All our visitors were blown away by the children, their focus, their behaviour and our calm school. They have taken away ideas for how best to support SEND children and how we use literacy across all lessons. It fills me with immense pride when I see our children working hard and then having the confidence to say hello and speak to visitors. Our wonderful MLF team organised a great European day of Languages and as always, our staff dressed accordingly. It was great to see all the activities going on throughout the week and at home too. French and languages is such an important part of our offer, and I have said many times how we have the most impressive French team and leader I have ever worked with.

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EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Each year we celebrate European Day of Languages with different tasks, competitions and events. This year students have been listening to mystery staff speaking different languages that they are fluent in and guessing who they are. It was great to enable our children the chance to listen to such a variety of languages. We have had lots of children bake at home to receive House points, our staff dressed up to celebrate all the different styles and cultures and tying in with our Christian theme of the week children have been designing 'Languages of Peace' posters. Thank you to everyone for their involvement.



PE

We are moving at a fast pace with all our fixtures this term. Our ethos at the school is to encourage as many students as possible to play and represent school. It has been brilliant to see all the children representing school in competitive sport. We have had girls' and boys' football matches this week and our first boys' rugby tournament too. It was great to see how proud the Y7 boys were for their first match against Oakwood School this week. Keep enjoying your sport everyone!



MCAS

As part of the MCAS app there is lots of information available for parents and the app allows you to top up school meal funds and to pay for various other items and future events. We now have several items available to buy on the MCAS store. These include new badges, ties and ID cards. These items only need purchasing as a replacement for lost items. Your child should have been provided with their first ID Card and badge free from school. Parents only need to purchase these if they have lost their free one.

PARKING

Thank you to parents for continuing to support our drop off and pick up systems. Thank you for your patience and ensuring everyone is safe at these times. Please remember that if you turn up early at the end of day and take a parking bay to turn off your engine. If you are in a bay, then please stay in one and do not move out once other cars arrive. If you don't want to wait your turn, then don't arrive early. When you enter the car park please don't let your child get out of the car early, please pull up to the furthest away bay so we can keep traffic moving. Please do be considerate and do not park in the private residents' car parks nor on the Kingstone housing estate opposite. It is not fair that homeowners cannot access their roads or drives due to inconsiderate parking.

Finally, my staff have been verbally abused on a few occasions by parents when they are being asked to wait or not enter site. This is totally unacceptable and if it happens again, those parents will be barred from site. It has been lovely to see more children cycle and walk to and from school to support these busy times too and once again a big thank you to the vast majority of parents who support our system and respect our staff.

ROAD SAFETY

We have delivered some road safety messages in form time and assemblies this week and will do so again next week. Please can I ask that you speak to your children too about being safe. Please remind them not to cross over Keresforth Close in between cars in a morning and at the end of the day and to wait patiently for the crossing to turn green at the top of the road. Some children are trying to cross Broadway at the top of Keresforth close instead of using the pelican crossing next to the fire station. Please remind them how fast the cars move on Broadway and to use the safe crossing point.

YEAR 7 SETTLING-IN EVENING

We are delighted to welcome new Y7 parents to the school next Thursday. This is a chance to have a five-minute discussion with your child's form tutor to check how they have settled into life at TASE. I have been delighted with how well the children have adapted and I'm sure this message will be relayed in your discussions. Please do raise any issues or concerns you have and there will be chance to leave any feedback at the end of the night. You were sent the text below in an email earlier in the week, so hopefully you have managed to book your slot already.

The School Cloud booking platform will be used to plan the evening.

You must use this to book your appointment. Please use the link provided below to book an appointment slot with your child's form teacher. Only one appointment per parent, per student. For parents that are separated there is an option in School Cloud to share a booking link via email with your child's other parent. Appointments will be on a first come first served basis so please ensure you book slots at your earliest convenience. The booking platform will be open for appointments from Wednesday 25th September at 12 noon. Please use the link <https://tase.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to access the platform. Parents will need to input:

Parent title and first name

Parent surname

Child first name

Child surname (legal surname rather than preferred surname)

Please also enter your email address so that you receive confirmation of the booking.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 30th and Tuesday 1st October - Assessment days for our
Inclusion Quality Mark**

**Tuesday 1st October – Y10 assembly with Greenhead College,
Huddersfield – post-16 pathways**

Thursday 3rd October – Y7 Settling-In Evening