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Phoenix Park Academy

14th December 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Principal's Newsletter

It has been a busy and successful term once more for the students and staff at Phoenix Park and Sevenhills Academy and I would like to share with you some of the highlights.

I would like to start off by thanking those of you who were able to attend our Review Days over the last couple of weeks. It was wonderful that so many of you came and were able to and to share your views and opinions of the education and support we deliver. I was delighted with the feedback we received from the parents and carers who attended.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education or progress, we want to hear from you. We are always trying to look to improve our communication with home and to that end we would like to remind you that our websites can be found at: <http://phoenixparkacademy.co.uk/> and <http://sevenhillsacademy.co.uk/>

I have been very impressed by what I have seen from our young people this half term, both in the achievements they have made with their learning and the way in which so many of them are managing their own behaviour. Some headline achievements are:



60 Shoeboxes for charity



Attendance at the cenotaph and civic offices for Remembrance day



Operational motor vehicle workshop



A range of fantastic Art work



£300 raised for Children in



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Christmas greetings from Park House!

This has been an exciting term marked by the exceptional achievements of the students and the hard work of staff to support and nurture the talents of these young people.

A huge success has been a concerted effort to encourage and foster a love for reading in all our students. I am pleased to report Aaron Isherwood and Rhiannon Stevens have made exceptional progress in reading, improving their reading ages by more than a year. Other notable success stories in reading are Kevin Krauss, Lewis Knox (Y11), John Lowe, Harry Woollis, Roy Garrod, Sophie Lester, Aiden Pearce, Jack Felton and Dylan Newman. Well done to all!

In other English matters, the recent Challenge Award has produced some wonderful work. Individual class winners, for completing the most work, were Kearon Hatfield in Mr Connor's class, Lewis Knox in Mr Knight's, Kerry Marper in Miss Philip's and Zack Roberts in Mrs Stockdale's. The winner for the whole school was Lewis Knox (Y11) who worked extremely hard. Well done!

In all subjects exceptional progress has been made. Here are just some of the examples of hard work, effort and achievement our students have made:

In (the newly revamped) Mechanics, Kearon Hatfield has shown great aptitude and attitude towards the subject.

In Cooking, Josh Eden has impressed all and sundry with his caring attitude and willingness to co-operate in and around the kitchen.

In Key Stage 3, Mr Bone reports how much Aiden Pearce has improved in terms of behaviour and academic progress. This pleases me greatly as Aiden is one of our youngest students, so to see him do so well makes me especially happy. Keep up the good work, Aiden!

In Maths, Lewis Knox (Y11) and Lewis Knox (Y9) have produced work of extremely high quality. Lewis Knox (Y9) is already completing GCSE work a year early. It must be something to do with the name which lends itself to success in the fields of Mathematics and Science as Lewis Knox (Y11) is also working towards a GCSE in Astrophysics.

In Art, Megan Richmond continues to dazzle with her work. Of particular merit were her portraits of music and screen icons Jimi Hendrix and Audrey Hepburn.

Two students who have shown good progress in Science are Leo Tuplin and Ben Allen. Leo managed to complete three pieces of coursework in a day! All our Y11's are proving to be brilliant scientists as the impressive coursework already produced clearly demonstrates.

Zack Roberts' attitude and kindness to staff is always nice to see. I was also particularly impressed by the School Council's efforts. Leading member Elle Mae Downes has played a pivotal role in encouraging others to wear the correct school uniform by setting an example in recent weeks with her immaculate dress. Also a special mention must go to Brandon Dable who has proved to be the most punctual student.

However, of all our students, Roy Garrod has impressed us all with his new found positive attitude to his school work. Well done, Roy! Other students whose efforts have been notable are Kerry Marper and John Lowe. Congratulations to all!

As the term closes, there remains one sad task which is to bid a fond farewell to Tomas Cook who is returning to mainstream education following his successful time here at Park (and Sevenhills). However, we also welcome back Sophie Nicholson in time for the New Year.

All in all it has been a great term and one of the ingredients of our recipe for success must surely be the support of the parents and carers. Many thanks to you all!



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During this first term we have witnessed some exciting and positive achievements, both academic and vocational.

In September we had 11 students successfully transition into mainstream, these included six year six students, three year nine and two year eight students.

Students raised £57.03 for Children in Need; during the week we covered Pudsey Bear in spare change, students baked cakes and biscuits to sell and wore non-uniform as a way to raise money. Students and staff took part in The Mannequin Challenge, which can be viewed on our Twitter page @PhoenixPark_.

In November Pupils attended the Knoll in Cleethorpes to pay respect and lay their hand made wreaths, they also wrote poetry and prayers.

Throughout the term students and staff were bringing in items for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal, in total we completed 30 shoe boxes. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who participated in this, this would not have been possible was it not for the generosity and support of the staff, students and their families.

We also donated a number of gifts to Viking FM for their Christmas appeal; this provides gifts for children who live in the local area that will wake up on Christmas morning with no presents. These gifts were made possible through donations and staff and students raising money by wearing non-uniform on the last day of term. Again the generosity of student's families is very much appreciated.

A sad point of the term will be saying goodbye to Jack Fox and Harrison Welsh who are both moving on to another school. They will be sadly missed by all and will leave a huge gap in Key Stage Two; we wish them all the best for the future.

Key Stage Three have participated in a six week programme with Safe Relationships for Young People (SR4YP). They have been looking at positive relationships, Self Esteem, keeping safe online and self Confidence. These sessions were very successful and we are beginning to plan for next year.

We have also had a number of new appointments at Phoenix House this term. Mr Le Bon, Mrs Hodkinson and Mr Turner have settled in well and strengthened an already established team. We are more able to provide our students with a mixture of academic and pastoral support using a variety of methods.





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We will see all pupils back at school on **Wednesday 4th January 2017** as we are closed for staff training on Tuesday 3rd January.

Thank you for your continued support, have a great Christmas.

Kind regards and ho ho ho,

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