

Principal's Newsletter
May 2023

Principal's Update

It never fails to astound me how quickly an academic year flies past....and this year is no different. I hope you enjoy reading about all the tremendous work that has been taking place in the Academy over this last half term. Despite the bank holidays we have packed so much in. The Kings Coronation in school was a wonderful experience, Union Jack bunting adorned the halls and pupils really got stuck into the 'street party'. As part of our celebrations we had a Great British Menu at lunchtime which included a visit from the Ice Cream van!

It has been a pleasure to watch how our amazing Year 11 pupils have embarked on their GCSE exams. They have been a credit to themselves and their peers. Subject Masterclasses will continue at 8am before all exams with breakfast made available to all pupils. We are also encouraging pupils to attend the May half term and afterschool intervention classes.

I recently sent a letter confirming our changes to the uniform for September 2023. The main changes include a new Blazer and school skirt. All other items will remain the same. These changes will affect all new Year 7 pupils and those families replacing uniform items throughout the next academic year, as such these will be the only options to newly purchase.



We have made a number of new appointments to our support staff team recently, I'd like to formally welcome our new Site Manager, Mr Headingham; Mrs Livesey, Business Manager; Mrs Ward, PA to SLT and Mrs Lea, Attendance and Admin support. As our pupil numbers on roll continue to rise and as we improve outcomes, we have made some fantastic appointments for the next academic year. We look forward to welcoming new teaching staff within Humanities, Maths and Science.

A reminder that Key Stage 3 assessments start on our return after the half-term break, Monday 5th June. Pupils have been provided with revision lists and their results will be published as part of Assessment Point 3.

Finally, I wanted to say a huge congratulations to all 30 pupils who have received the Principal's Award this half term for their outstanding commitment to school life. We post the recipients of the award on the Fulwood Facebook and Twitter pages each week so please follow us to receive regular updates about the day-to-day Academy life.

Have a restful May half-term break, stay safe and well and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back to the Academy on Monday 5th June 2023.

Mr Galbraith
Principal

PE Update

It has been a fantastic half term in PE with many highlights. Our Year 11 BTEC Dance and BTEC Sport pupils have been extremely busy with final amendments to coursework ready for moderation.

Lessons in Core PE now focus on Athletics in preparation for **City Sports on 21st June and Fulwood's Sports Day on 6th July.**

Earlier in the term 8 Year 10 Sports Leaders helping at the **SPAR Lancashire School Games Swimming Gala for Special Schools.**

The feedback we received from the organisers of the event was highly complementary. The Sports Leaders played a huge role in supporting children with SEND to ensure they were enjoying themselves and also played big role in the event running smoothly.

Last week 9 Year 8 girls took part in the SPAR Lancashire School Games Active Festival. The activities included: Climbing, Bouldering, Spinning, Dance and Boxing. They even had their picture taken with world champion Boxer and Thai Boxer Rachael Mackenzie . (See pic below).

Extra-curricular clubs continue into our last half term before summer. Rounders, Cricket, Softball and Athletics clubs will all start first week back.

Trips and Events Highlights

This term we have provided one to one Career Guidance for our Year 10 and 11 pupils. Our Careers Advisor has offered guidance with preparing CV's, job applications and interview techniques. This support has proved invaluable in preparing the pupils for their next step.

Year 10 pupils are looking forward to a very busy summer term with the opportunity to access several taster days at local colleges such as Preston College, Cardinal Newman and Runshaw. They will have the opportunity to experience college life and take part in a variety of different sessions relevant to their future career interests.

We are very delighted to reintroduce Work Experience Week in the summer term. Year 10 pupils have been working hard on planning their placements with local businesses and organisations. This will take place during the week commencing 10th July.



Trip to UCLan

The Science Department took students to experience STEM at the University. They took part in practical activities using state of the art DNA resources. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to experience Science at the university facilities.



Attendance

This term over 350 pupils have achieved 97%-100% attendance. Those pupils will have the opportunity to attend the reward assemblies on Friday. Well done, keep up the great work.

Update for parents and carers: The Government have now changed their statutory guidance. After Half term morning registers will now close at 09.30am. **Any pupils who arrive after this time will get an unauthorised mark.** 10 unauthorised absence marks could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice or legal proceedings.

Food Technology

This term has been such a busy time in Food Technology! Year 11 triumphed in their WJEC Practical Examination in Hospitality and Catering. Year 10 cooked a delicious authentic Tapas meal for the English Faculty Staff, showing off their wonderful culinary skills in preparation for their mock exam in June.

KS3 pupils are learning about the nutrients in a healthy diet and discovering how to cook and prepare meals within a balanced diet. They have been producing recipes such as Cottage Pie, Chicken and Chorizo Paella and Chicken Tikka Masala, all beautifully cooked and presented. The pupils at Fulwood Academy have really demonstrated their talent, it is a pleasure to be teaching them.

The food displayed below is from our Year 11 pupils.



Drama Trip

Year 9 pupils this term were involved in a trip to the Winter Gardens in Blackpool to watch Roddy Doyle's adaptation of *The Commitments*, the "story of Jimmy Rabbitte, a young working-class music fan who dreams of starting the finest Soul Band Dublin has ever seen", directed by Andrew Linnie. Pupils participated in a backstage tour, with the Assistant Director, before watching the show and got a real insight into how the set works and the responsibilities of jobs backstage. The pupils were fantastic from start to finish and a true credit to the Academy. Well done all! Looking forward to future trips!

Miss Binns - Teacher of Music and Performing Arts



Subject Showcase – Modern Foreign Languages

Year 11 pupils have been working particularly hard this half term within Modern Foreign Languages with speaking exams taking place in school at the start of the GCSE written exams period. As well as the Year 11 French group, we are proud to celebrate the cultural and linguistic diversity that we have within our school community and to provide the opportunity for speakers of other languages to be able to take GCSEs in their home language. Pupils have completed exams in French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Urdu and Arabic.

Our current Year 10 cohort have also shown enthusiasm in many linguistic areas in order to do the same next year.

Girls In Tech

It has been another exciting and busy time for Year 9 pupils who are completing the “**Girls In Tech**” programme. This term the girls have continued to learn about the amazing opportunities that are available to them in STEM subjects. The term kicked off with a visit to the **TalkTalk** headquarters where the girls had the opportunity to work with **The & Partnership**, an award-winning digital marketing agency. The girls developed their understanding of how advertising works and received talks from experts in marketing campaigns. Collaborating with The & Partnership, the girls then continued to develop their App ideas and started to design their final Apps as part of the **Girls In Tech App Competition**. The & Partnership were impressed by the girls' creativity and teamwork.

The girls have also been involved in an **Interactive Day** at the school where they were mentored by leading female employees at TalkTalk to build their skills on pitching and presenting, confidence in leading a pitch and soft skills such as building resumes and interpersonal skills. The girls were a credit to the school and the mentors were fantastic in building their confidence and encouraging the girls to aim for careers in the tech industry. The girls have also had the rare and exciting opportunity to take part in a career talk and Q&A session with British Media Executive Rebekah Brookes. The girls were eager to know more about a career in the media and technology sector that involves journalism and writing.

Next term we look forward to some more interactive sessions where the girls will continue to work with mentors from TalkTalk and have to present their App ideas to Sir Charles Dunstone. As the **Girls In Tech** Co-Leaders, we are continually impressed by the girls' dedication to the programme and to themselves.

Miss Patel and Miss Isaji

Assessments Update:

Assessment point 3:

- KS3 Pupils – assessments begin 5th June
- Y10 Mock Exams – exams begin 12th June

Year 11 Exams

- GCSE Exams start on 15th May
- Last exam is 30th June

Summer Term Important Dates

- 16/06/23 Manchester Uni Trip YR 10
- 22/06/23 Runshaw College Trip
- 27/06/23 Year 10 Mock Results Day
- 28/06/23 Year 10 Parents Evening
- 03/07/23 Newman College Trip
- 04/07/23 Preston College Taster Day
- 06/07/23 Sports Day
- 06/07/23 Year 7 Parents Evening
- 10/07/23 Work Experience week YR10
- 11/07/23 YR 10 Art Trip (& 13/07/23)
- 17/07/23 Rewards Trip week
- 20/07/23 Rewards Assemblies

Useful Numbers

Preston Safeguarding Hub: 0300 123 6720 or out of hours 0300 123 6722 (5pm - 8am)

Food banks: Salvation Army - 01772 555425, Luv Preston - 01772 298107 Noor Food Bank - 07921 887383 or 07764 432643

Kooth is an anonymous site which helps children and young people to feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support. Log on to Kooth.com

Childline - Get help and advice about a wide range of issues, call us on 0800 1111, talk to a counsellor online

Shout offers confidential crisis support 24/7. Text SHOUT to 85258

Trustees Update - The Dunstone Values – We Care, We Challenge, We Commit

In 2021, the trustees and governors met at Talk Talk in Manchester, the telecommunications company, where Sir Charles Dunstone, our Sponsor is the Chairman. The purpose of our meeting was to reset the identity and vision for the Dunstone Education Trust. We wanted a common set of values and behaviours which could be embedded across the Trust.

As part of our discussions, we looked at Talk Talk’s company values: **We Care, We Challenge, We Commit.**

We were aware that Talk Talk’s values had a strong business focus, for example, their definition for We Care is: ‘We care about each other, our customers, and our community. That’s why we’re laser focused on our mission to bring simple, affordable, reliable and fair connectivity to everyone.’

However, during our meeting, trustees and governors were increasingly convinced that the values were completely accurate for the Trust and what we wanted to achieve.

Trustees and Governors agreed to adopt Talk Talk’s values and set out how they applied for the Trust and each governing body. Schools are able to develop the values for their pupils, parents and community. The Trust is pleased with how well everyone at Fulwood has shaped the values for Fulwood’s pupils, staff, parents and community. The values are really part of everyday life.

We Care Value

The table below sets out how the trustees and governors have agreed to live the Dunstone values.

	Trust	Governance
We Care	<p>We care about education and making a positive difference to the life chances of young people</p> <p>We care about our community and the environment</p> <p>We care about each other – we’re kind, warm and respectful of each other</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our core purpose will always be the young people we are proud to educate. Every decision will be driven by their collective needs. • We recognise that the health and wellbeing of our staff and students is central to our success and will do all that we can to support this. • We will consider the environmental and community impact of all the decisions that we make. • We will support those most at risk of being marginalised, and diversity and inclusion at the forefront of our thinking.

Trustees and governors are committed to these values and work hard to demonstrate them in all we do.

One of the great pleasures for me as the Chair of the Trust is to host the Chair’s lunch each term, when I take a group of pupils out for lunch. Pupils are chosen by the school for demonstrating our Trust values. On most occasions, Sir Charles will also attend. Pupils will let us know if trustees, governors and teachers are doing a good job!



The students chosen for the Spring lunch with Sir Charles included: Louise, James, Hayden, Aaron & Mia. At the lunch, we had a great discussion about our values, with the group telling me how much the school has improved and that parents and the community can all see the difference. A key message from the pupils was the importance of challenging ourselves to be the best we can be. So, a brilliant lunch, but I was left bemused by Hayden’s choice of pizza and hot chocolate with marshmallows!

Joan Dean

Chair, Dunstone Education Trust

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Monthly Drop In Sessions

Housing advice.
Employability support and benefit queries.
Funded nursery place eligibility checks available.
Opportunity to discuss
Financial advice/ budgetting/ funding Grants.



Ribbleton Neighbourhood Centre
22/05/23 10:30 - 11:30

Preston Central Neighbourhood Centre
14/06/23 11:00 - 12:00

Preston East Neighbourhood Centre
15/06/23 13:00 - 14:00

Preston West Neighbourhood Centre
21/06/23 13:00 -14:00

 Call **01772 539 420** or email **cfwprestoncommunity@lancashire.gov.uk** for more info

Preston East CFW Service Brookfield Primary School Wating St Road PR2 6TU	Ribbleton CFW Service Ribbleton Hall Drive Preston PR2 6EF	Preston West CFW Service Ashton Primary school Ainsdale Drive PR2 1TU	Preston Central CFW Service Brieryfield Road PR1 8SR
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Support for You

Lancashire County Council are offering an opportunity to discuss any queries with our partner agencies.

This will take place at locally at:

Preston Central Neighbourhood Centre

Date: 14/06/23 **Time:** 11:00 - 12:00

Preston East Neighbourhood Centre

Date: 15/06/23 **Time:** 13:00 - 14:00

Preston West Neighbourhood Centre

Date: 21/06/23 **Time:** 13:00 -14:00.

If you need support or advice with housing, employability, training, benefit advice, debt advice/ budgeting or funding grants, or want to know if you are eligible for a free funded nursery place, please try to attend any of the centres on the dates on the poster.