

NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2012

Dear All

Attention all Year 11 Parents/Carers and Students

With less than 20 weeks to go to the end of Year 11 we are working hard with students to make sure that everyone achieves the highest grades they possibly can. On Monday 14th January 2013 there is a Year 11 Parents/student event to support our students.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting our Academy Standards. As a reminder, all students are expected to wear the academy uniform. This is:

- Blazer
- White collared shirt (top button fastened)
- Tie
- Black trousers/skirt - knee length or below
- Black shoes – not trainers and not Ugg style boots

We now have academy cardigans and jumpers. These can be ordered from Mrs Rennison at Student Services prices £10.99 - £13.00 (depending on size). Please pay when you collect your order.

Hoodies are not to be worn in the academy. Hoodies will be taken from students who wear them in the academy and will be available to be collected at the end of the day.

Student Review Day

Thank you for the time you gave to join us on our Student Review Day. The attendance at this event was beyond anything we have seen before. It is by working together with you as parents/carers that we are able to best support our young people.

Period 6 Clubs and Activities

We would like to thank you for the support and interest you showed on Student Review Day with regard to the period 6 activities provided by the academy. To ensure your son/daughter doesn't miss out on the great enrichment activities which take place during period 6, you will find after-school activities on our website (www.tsla.org.uk) under Extra Curricular for both Years 7-9 and Years 10-11.

If your son/daughter is interested in taking part in any of the activities, please fill out a permission slip and ask your son/daughter to return it to Ms Winn in the Library.

An extra bus has been organised to pick-up outside the academy at 3.25pm Mondays to Fridays for pupils who stay to period 6 activities and the route/times are as follows:-

From South Leeds Academy

From John Charles Way, Middleton Grove, Dewsbury Road, Hunslet Hall Road, Lady Pitt Lane, Malvern Road, Beeston Road, Cemetery Road, Top Moor Side, Domestic Street, Top Moor Side, Cemetery Road, Beeston Road, Town Street, Wesley Street, Elland Road, Ring Road Beeston, Cottingley Drive.

TIMETABLE – Estimated Times

The South Leeds Academy	DEP	15.25
Lady Pit Lane at Coupland Road	DEP	15.35
Cemetery Road at Fairfax Road	DEP	15.45
Domestic Street	DEP	15.50
Beeston Road	DEP	15.55
Elland Road	DEP	16.00
Cottingley Approach	DEP	16.05

Attention all Dads/Male Guardians!



Pop Quiz

1. Are you a fan of Leeds Rhinos?
2. Do you like playing or watching sport?
3. Or are you one of the 74% of dads that wish they could find the time to spend with your kid(s)?
4. Or are you one of the dads that sees only 8% of your child's homework/school work?

If any of the above is true of you and your son, you are not alone. As a result, Leeds Rhinos' Sam Horner and our very own Ryan Thomas (Whole School Literacy Coordinator) have created a Lads and Dads Programme for Y7s that gives you a chance to work with your son more. Beginning in December, the project hopes to get male role models/Dads involved in their boy's High School education early. There will be:

- some sport
- some education
- a Rhinos stadium tour
- free tickets to a match
- an opportunity to meet some Rhinos players....

It's going to be good so watch out for your invite. Ultimately, the project's aim is to give pupils a chance to engage fully in their education and improve their literacy. Something we all want for our children.

Unfortunately, men getting a chance to play an active part in their son's education is really very rare in Britain. This is for a number of reasons. Whether it be because of work or other commitments, men often don't get the chance to be involved.

We want to make learning together fun and the Lads and Dads Programme is a major step in the right direction so watch this space. More information will be coming via this newsletter and the school website www.tsla.org.uk. As previously stated, invitations to Dads/Guardians will be issued shortly so watch the post too. A bit like Lord Kitchener's poster would say. Your son needs you!

The Winter Show

Thank you to everyone involved in our festive fun on Tuesday 18th December in The Winter Show. It was an evening to remember. The South Leeds Academy talent is something to be proud of!

Wishing you and your families a Merry and Peaceful Christmas and every good wish for the New Year.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Colette Jones'.

Colette Jones
Principal

DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Friday 21 st December 2012	School closes at 12.15pm for Winter Break
Monday 7 th January 2013	School re-opens at 8.30am
Friday 1 st February 2013	Staff Training Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 15 th February 2013	Sixth Form Taster Day
February half-term	Monday 18 th - Friday 22 nd February 2013