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# Newsletter

25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the Easter break I would like to remind you all of the closing and opening dates for students for the upcoming holidays. The last day of term for students is Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 3:00pm. The Academy will open again for students on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8:30am.

Students at the Academy have been working hard on their mock exams. The Year 11 students are now in their final preparations for their examinations this summer. A final Year 11 SLT Parents' Evening is being held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00 to 6:00 pm where the recent mock results will be reviewed with a Senior Leader. If Year 11 Parents have not yet made an appointment, please do so by calling reception on 01228 822644. Similarly, a Year 10 SLT Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019. We would encourage all parents to attend to get as much information as possible as to how to support your child as they move towards their final year at the Academy.

As always, it is not just in academic terms that we have been busy. Our students and staff have been busy rehearsing for the performance of 'Grease' that will be performed later in the summer term. Further information will follow in due course.

We have had many things to celebrate this term, including two of our year 9 students, Olivia and Leah, who continued the tradition of a Morton Academy group reaching the grand finals of the United App competition. With over 450 ideas submitted from over 2,000 students, their submission and subsequent video stood out

as a great idea and a team which had clearly worked well together. Olivia and Leah came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall at IBM Southbank, developing and delivering a 3-minute presentation to the panel of judges in a very professional and calm manner. The students were a credit to the Academy and to themselves, displaying exemplary behaviour and attitudes throughout the experience. Well done Olivia and Leah.

The Academy welcomed abstract painter Hamish McLain to the Academy a few weeks ago to continue the after-school master classes in Art. The Academy's super talented students created some outstanding and thought-provoking pieces. The Academy is so pleased to be working in partnership with Tullie House to bring these wonderful experiences to our students.

Earlier in the month, the year 7s and 8s welcomed Andrew Gordon, Head of Relationships, from the Cumberland Building Society, who talked about his career from school to university and then returning to Carlisle. He made students think about what they were good at, what they had already achieved, what they wanted to achieve in life and their dream ambition. It was an active assembly and certainly one which the students really enjoyed. They went away with the clear message to work hard in life, to not to give up and to have high aspirations. Andrew has recently joined Morton Academy as an Enterprise Advisor, a voluntary role co-ordinated by Inspira. The aim is to increase schools' links with businesses. As an Academy we are very appreciative of the time Andrew has already given.



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The Student Council organised a non-uniform day in aid of Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019! Students had to wear something red in honour of Red Nose Day and donate £1 to the worthy charity. A total of £461.52 was raised. Well done to all Student Council members.

A huge congratulations to Ashton in year 10 for completing The Scholars Programme with The Brilliant Club. Ashton collected his certificate at Rheged earlier in the month. Well done Ashton.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to wish all of our students and their families a good Easter break.

A reminder that the Academy will close to students at 3:00 pm on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and will re-open to students at 8.30am on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Kind regards

Richard McGuire  
Principal

## Key Dates for Summer Term 2019

- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April – Year 10 SLT Parents' Evening
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April – Big Dance at the Sands Centre
- Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 7 University Trip
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – My Money Week
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – Art Exhibition
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Year 10 50 Mile Walk
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 Induction Day
- W/C 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Work Experience Week
- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> July – Grease Performance
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July – Celebration of Success Event



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