



To All Parents and Carers

31 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome families back into the Academy over the past couple of weeks. Families of new Year 7 students due to join us in September attended our Welcome and Information Evening on 10th March to find out more about the next stage of their transition journey from primary to secondary education. We received positive feedback from this well attended event and we look forward to the next stages of our transition calendar over the coming summer months.

Working with our local Primary Schools

We invited local primary schools to a special performance of the school production, Aladdin, last week, as this wasn't possible before Christmas due to the impact of Covid on the Academy at that time. Our students wowed over 150 primary pupils with their excellent interpretation of the traditional tale. This has been a very successful production and a credit to all the students and staff involved, both performing and behind the scenes.

Children from St John's CE Thornham Primary School stayed on following the performance to experience life at St Anne's for a day and sampled our excellent sporting and catering curriculum. We look forward to welcoming more primary school children into the Academy throughout the course of this year and beyond.

Year 11

Parents and carers of our Year 11 students attended their first face to face Parents' Evening since the start of the pandemic on 24th March. Again, this was a successful and well attended event. Any Year 11 parents who were unable to attend the event can still arrange phone calls with subject teachers by contacting us via email on admin@stannesacademy.org.uk or by phone on 0161 643 2643. Information packs distributed at the event were posted out to parents and carers who were unable to attend on 28 March so please contact us if you have not yet received your copy.

GCSEs are nearly upon us and our Year 11 students continue to work hard in preparation. Students are being fully supported for the return to sitting formal external examinations this year, which includes the ongoing provision of many regular extra-curricular tutoring sessions delivered both by our staff and staff from external organisations. We would like to send our best wishes to all Year 11 students for this important chapter of their lives and also say a huge thank you on their behalf to staff who have taught and supported them throughout their time at the Academy leading up to these important examinations.

Focus on Literacy

As part of our focus on improving students' literacy skills across the Academy, we would ask parents and carers to encourage your child to read for pleasure at home. This could be books from the library here at school, the local library or literature on an electronic device.

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40 Acts of Kindness – Lent Project

Our 40 Acts of Kindness project is going well; you may have seen our regular progress and news postings on Twitter and Facebook. 40 Acts is about doing Lent differently and making it more than just giving something up for that period. All the random acts of kindness have been created by the student leadership team here at St Anne's. Several local primary schools also accepted the challenge to participate with us in this project which links well with our fundraising initiatives for the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal led by the Ukrainian Centre in Manchester.

Over the past two weeks, our students and staff have collected a host of items to help Ukrainian people in need and raised the remarkable sum of £575 through a chocolate bouquet raffle, monetary donations and a Sponge the Teacher event on Friday afternoon. Thanks to those staff who were very sporting and agreed to be sponged and to Mrs Thorp, one of our parents, who kindly created and donated the chocolate bouquet raffle prize.

Future Letters and Communications from School

This will be the last letter to be physically posted out to the whole school. Feedback from parents and carers supports our view that we need information to be delivered to parents and carers quickly, electronically and in a more environmentally friendly and cost-effective way. All our letters and communications to parents and carers continue to be available on the website and are sign-posted via text messages and social media.

Please keep us up to date with your phone, email and correct address details. This will ensure that you receive text messages and letters from school by email in future. A Microsoft Form is now available on the website for you to complete and let us know whenever details change. As ever, we wish to be inclusive, so if you don't have access to the internet or a device on which to access electronic communications from us, please contact us now so that we can make sure you don't miss out on important information from school in future.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter break when it arrives. The last day of term is Friday 8th April and I look forward to welcoming all our students safely back to school on Monday 25th April at 08:25 ready for a new term of learning.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher

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