

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas Newsletter

Once again, I cannot believe how quickly this term or indeed the year 2018 has flown by!

It has been an extremely exciting year for our academy. The Wellspring Trust is providing more significant investment into our site and facilities with over £90,000 committed for 2019.

We have been informed that we will be over-subscribed for Year 7 joining us next September with applications to join us in other year groups coming into the academy on a weekly basis. Parents however, have my assurance that I have capped class sizes at 25 in Ks3 and less than 20 in Ks4. All students/parents have their GCSE option choices guaranteed when their student is in Year 9.

There are no full-time supply teachers in Beacon Academy, all classes have a consistent fully qualified teacher, especially in English, maths and science where I believe we are one of a few secondary schools with complete departments of specialist teachers in these 'core' subjects. In early 2019 we will be recruiting to further add to our staff team as we take the academy progressively to the next level in terms of staffing, facilities and site developments. I am genuinely excited about the future journey of our academy, which once again is the best performing secondary school in Cleethorpes.

More national success!

In addition to our students' exceptional performance in the areas of Performing Arts and Engineering, Beacon Academy students have recently been crowned as National Champions in the Sky Arts 50 School Britannia Project. The written poetry Beacon students submitted was judged to be the best in the entire country! The winning piece of poetry submitted by a Beacon student will be displayed publicly at the prestigious Barbican Centre in central London and will be made into an animation which will be broadcast on the Sky Arts television channel in March. More details to follow.

Headteacher's Drop-In

Every Thursday I am available between 3:30 – 5:00pm for any parents who have any feedback, queries or concerns however big or small. If you have time, please give Mrs Farr a quick call on 01472 328888 to let me know you are planning to attend. Sometimes my drop-in sessions are attended by prospective parents from other schools who want to move their children into Beacon. Beacon parents always come first and always have priority in the drop-in sessions.

2019 Global Rock Challenge

Auditions and rehearsals have now started. Please contact the academy if you require more details.

2018-2019 Term Dates

Please note the academy generally follows the North East Lincolnshire term-dates, these are available on our website.

Friday 21 December 2018	The academy closes for Christmas. Normal time 2:50pm.
Friday 4 January 2019	Staff training day School is open to all Year 11 students only between 12:50 to 2:50pm.
Monday 7 January 2019	The academy re-opens for students at 08:30am.
Friday 15 February 2019	The academy closes for half-term
Monday 25 February 2019	The academy re-opens for students
Thursday 4 April 2019	The academy closes for Easter
Friday 5 April 2019	Staff training day
Tuesday 23 April 2019	The academy re-opens for students
Friday 24 May 2019	The academy closes for half-term
Monday 3 June 2019	The academy re-opens for students
Friday 19 July 2019	The academy closes for Summer

End of term dates

Event	Date
Y7 – Y8 Reward Trip	<u>Tuesday 18 December.</u> Letters have already been sent to parents whose students met the criteria. The chosen film is 'The Grinch'.
Y9 – Y11 Reward Trip	<u>Wednesday 19 December.</u> Letters have already been sent to parents whose students met the criteria. The chosen film is 'Aquaman'.
Christmas Dinner	<u>Thursday 20 December.</u> Please note: no hot food other than Christmas Dinner will be available on this day. Sandwiches will be available to order at break time.
End of term & Christmas Disco Non-Uniform Day	<u>Friday 21 December.</u> Please note the academy will close at 2:50 as normal.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us on 01472 328888 or via the following e-mail office@beaconacademy.co.uk.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish all students, parents and carers a merry Christmas with very best wishes for 2019. I look forward to seeing all the students on **Monday 7 January at 08:30am.**

Yours sincerely



Mr J Thurley
Headteacher