



11 April 2019

## Easter Newsletter

It has been another extremely busy term at our academy. Students winning regional and national awards in Poetry, Sports and Performing Arts. Students appearing on national television, achieving success in maths competition and organising events for over 1,200 primary school students. We also had time to squeeze in an OFSTED Inspection!

Department of Education performance tables confirm that Beacon Academy students make 'Outstanding' progress in the 'Open'/option subjects students choose to study at KS 4.

OFSTED confirmed students' progress as '**Significantly above the national average**' in their short inspection on 6 February. Beacon is rated as the 2<sup>nd</sup> best performing secondary school in North East Lincolnshire in the Ks4 option subjects:

|          | <b>Academy</b>               | <b>Progress 8 Score</b> |
|----------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1        | John Whitgift Academy        | +1.04                   |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Beacon Academy</b>        | <b>+0.80</b>            |
| 3        | Humberston Academy           | +0.65                   |
| 4        | Healing Academy              | +0.28                   |
| 5        | Toll Bar Academy             | +0.14                   |
| 6        | Oasis Academy<br>Wintringham | -0.09                   |
| 7        | The Academy Grimsby<br>(TAG) | -0.36                   |
| 8        | Havelock Academy             | -0.46                   |
| 9        | Oasis Academy<br>Immingham   | -0.63                   |
| 10       | Cleethorpes Academy          | -0.64                   |
| 11       | Ormiston Maritime<br>Academy | -0.75                   |

## Staffing Update

We have been informed that we will be full for Year 7 joining us next September with applications to join us in other year groups coming into the academy on an almost weekly basis. Parents as always, have my assurance that I have capped class sizes at 25 in ks3 and less than 20 in core subjects in Ks4. Year 9 students moving into Year 10 will have no more than 20 students in their English, maths and science classes.

To maintain low class sizes I am pleased to report the academy has made the following appointments for September 2019:

- Miss K.Lodge has been appointed to the post of Teacher of Maths. Miss Lodge is currently a Teacher of Maths at The Academy Grimsby.

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- Miss D.Sibbick has been appointed to the post of Teacher of English. Miss Sibbick is currently Assistant Curriculum Leader of English at Toll Bar Academy.
- Ms Rufus-Issacs has been appointed to the post of Teacher of English. Ms Rufus-Issacs is currently at Bishop Grossteste University.
- Miss E.Wilson has been appointed to the post of Teacher of Science. Miss Wilson is currently teaching science at Basildon Academy in Essex.
- Miss E.Connor has been appointed to the permanent post of Teacher of Art & Design.
- Mr B.Milne has been appointed to the post of Teacher of Physical Education. Mr Milne is currently at Bishop Grossteste University.
- Mrs Palmer will also be joining the admin team with effect from 23 April 2019.

### **More national success!**

Beacon Academy Year 10 student Jamie Knapp produced an extended piece of poetry judged to be in the top 5 in the entire country in the Sky Arts 50 schools project. Jamie's poetry was displayed in the Barbican Centre in Central London. His final, animated poem was televised on national television on Sky Arts on Thursday 28 March.

### **Golden Apples Regional Teaching Awards**

Beacon Academy teacher Mr Burnett was voted 'Inspirational Secondary School Teacher of the Year' at the Golden Apples awards on 28 March. Our Head Boy Bailey Greetham-Clark was voted 'Under 16 Student of the Year'. Beacon has now won 3 Golden Apple awards (with 2 finalists in addition) in the last 3 years. These awards recognise the fantastic work between staff and students on a daily basis.

### **2019 Global Rock Challenge**

The students won 6 awards in the regional finals of this prestigious national performing arts competition. The Beacon performing arts squad won awards in the following categories:

- Educational & Cultural Achievement
- Best Lighting
- Excellence in Stage Use
- Best Soundtrack
- Best Entertainment
- Best Stage Crew

### **Sport Leaders**

Beacon Academy Sports Leaders in Year 9 and Year 10 organised the Primary Schools Annual Cross Country event. Beacon students organised and ran the event with over 1,200 primary school children taking part!

### **Key Stage 4 Sports Studies Residential.**

Our Key Stage 4 Sports Studies students spent 2 nights away from home on a 3 day residential PGL trip to Claythorpe Court in Grantham. The students developed employability skills such as teamwork, communication and problem solving, whilst having a fantastic time participating in a number of outdoor pursuits such as: Kayaking and Zipwire challenges. As always the conduct of our students was impeccable.

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## Sports Teams

The achievement of our sports teams are too numerous to mention in this letter. The PE department has its own twitter account @BeaconAcadPE. Of particular note this term are the achievement of the Y10 girls dodgeball team who were crowned North East Lincolnshire champions. The Boccia team came a fantastic 2<sup>nd</sup> in the regional championships against 14 other secondary schools.

## Beacon Academy Website

We are changing our website supplier with the intention of significantly upgrading our website to make it more user friendly for parents.

## Beacon Academy Twitter

Twitter is our chosen form of social media. Parents/carers can follow the academy on twitter without needing an account. Just google '*Beacon Academy Cleethorpes twitter*' and you can access information, follow news/events taking place. Parents/carers with accounts are welcome to join the 425 people who follow us on twitter. Our account is @beaconacademycl.

## 2018-2019 Term Dates

Please note the academy term-dates are available on our website.

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| Tuesday 23 April 2019 | The academy re-opens for students at 8:30.    |
| Friday 24 May 2019    | The academy closes for half-term at 2:50      |
| Monday 3 June 2019    | The academy re-opens for students at 8:30     |
| Friday 19 July 2019   | The academy closes for summer holiday at 2:50 |

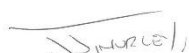
## Headteacher's Drop-In

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 let give Mrs Farr a quick call on 01472 328888 to let me know you're 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.

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](mailto:office@beaconacademy.co.uk).

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish all students, parents and carers a happy Easter weekend. I look forward to seeing all the students on Tuesday 23 April at 08:30.

Yours sincerely



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