



As we approach the Christmas holiday, we wanted to share with you some academy updates and information. In November, we were very proud hosts of the Diana Award for Anti-Bullying. Our own students were heavily involved in this event, as were students from 17 other primary and secondary schools from across Doncaster. Also in November, we played host to our annual presentation evening, during which we were able to celebrate and reward the efforts and achievements of past and present students. It has been very exciting to see the continued focus on raising standards in reading and literacy across the Academy and more details have been included in this newsletter. During the autumn term, our students have been busy preparing for and completing their subject assessments. Our Y7, Y8 and Y9 students worked hard to perform as well as possible on the new-style subject assessments in October. More recently, our Y10, Y11, Y12 and Y13 students have completed a very intense set of PPEs (trial exams). Our Y11 students will receive the results from these exams in a mock results day as part of the Y11 Progress Evening at the start of next term. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our Academy and wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and New Year!

Mr I Midgley
Principal



KEY DATES

Christmas Holidays: 19th December – 3rd January 2023

INSET Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School Reopens: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Year 11 Progress Evening: Thursday 12th January

Holocaust Memorial Day: Friday 27th January

KS5 Progress Evening: Thursday 2nd February

School Closes: Friday 10th February 2023

February Half Term: 13th February – 19th February

School Reopens: Monday 20th February 2023



#TEAMCAMPSMOUNT

This half term has seen students across all year groups rewarded more regularly than ever before for their outstanding ATL, great attendance and commitment to after school clubs.

To recognise their achievements students have experienced the cold of open water raft building to the warmth of luxury hot chocolate, bake at home cookies as well as sweets and treats in a Christmas Eve movie box. We'll look forward to rewarding more of our amazing students again in the New Year.



Governing Body: Have you ever thought of becoming a school Governor? Being a Governor can be an extremely rewarding experience and you will develop different transferrable skills which is great for your personal development. Please contact heads.pa@campsmount.com for more information.



ASPIRE UPDATE

The ASPIRE programme supports all students with their Personal Development and highlights the importance of Ambition, Support, Pride, Inspiration, Resilience and Effort. The theme of this half term has been Resilience and students have engaged in activities during their ASPIRE time to support them in remaining focused on their goals. During their ASPIRE Current Events session, students had the opportunity to learn about and discuss headline topics that affect all of us in life. Examples of questions from this half term are:

- Should we be worried about vaping?
- Was awarding the World Cup to Qatar a mistake?
- Do we underestimate the impact of food banks?
- Should there be strikes during the festive period?



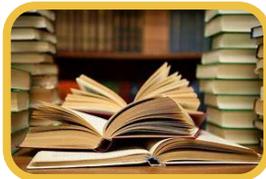
The message of resilience has been reinforced this half term by external visitors from Kooth Mental Health and Wellbeing service and HEPP (Higher Education Progression Partnership).

In the lead up to the festive period, all students had the opportunity to participate in the Campsmount Christmas Bauble competition. Several students were selected to visit Highfield Christmas Tree Farm to pick out a Christmas tree for our Dining Hall.

Year 11 students have started their 1-1 careers advice sessions to support them with their Post 16 and Post 18 options and choices. This service has been provided by Opportunities Doncaster.

DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

This academic year, students are dropping everything and reading about our subjects over time. Last half term, students celebrated the 1600s with many subjects exploring their subject during Shakespeare's time. This half term, we looked at the 1700s and the Georgian period. In History, they explored who the Georgians were; in French they looked at The French Revolution and in English students read about the role of women during this period - to name a few! Keep reading! #DEARDAY



TEACHING AND LEARNING

All students at Campsmount Academy have been tested on Literacy Assessment Online this term. This programme allows us to see every child's reading age. These results have been shared with parents. Over the Christmas holidays, please encourage your child to read as much as possible!

To help our year 7 students with this, they have received a special surprise this week. Keep asking your child what they are reading!

After the Christmas break, to keep the momentum up in relation to reading, we will be issuing BookBuzz books to all year 7 and 8 students. This will be treated as part of their equipment. At the start of all English lessons, students will be reading for 15 minutes. Please remind your child to bring their book with them every day!



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