



29 March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Easter and to confirm our arrangements for the start of the summer term:

Monday 24 April - Start of term, all students to attend at 08.50.

As we start the new term we welcome the warmer weather and students look forward to wearing their summer uniform! As is our tradition when Easter is early, we change to our summer uniform the day after May Day bank holiday, which means the TSS polo shirt can be worn from **Tuesday 2 May**.

As we look forward to a welcome break and hopefully more good weather, I am mindful of our students who are preparing for examinations which for Year 11 begin next week and for Years 12 and 13 begin the first week after Easter, with the main body of examinations starting on 15 May. I have no doubt that many students will be taking the opportunity to complete courses of study and carry out revision; I appreciate this is a particularly pressurised time of year with meeting deadlines and carefully planning the priorities of what needs to be done, to alleviate anxiety, to be prepared as much as possible so as to be as confident as possible about what you are able to achieve. I wish all our students the very best with their examinations.

Calendar: The following gives an indication of additional key events in the summer term:

- 24 April-26 May, Year 7 Readathon
- 28 April, Year 13 Geography trip
- 1 May, Bank holiday
- 2 May, Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 4 May, Year 7 History trip
- 6 May, Year 11 Geography trip
- 15 May, Examination period starts
- 19-20 May, Bronze DofE expedition (A)
- 29 May-2 June, Half term
- 5 June, Summer Arts festival starts
- 7 June, Year 8 Humanities trip
- 9-10 June, Year 10 Bronze DofE expedition (B)
- 11-18 June, Year 10 German exchange trip
- 12-22 June, Year 12 Enrichment/work experience
- 19-23 June, Year 9 Core subject examinations
- 20-23 June, Year 8 Bewerley Park residential
- 23 June, Year 13 Induction day
- 26 June, Year 13 Lessons start
- 26 June-7 July, Year 10 Examinations
- 27 June, Year 11 Leavers' lunch
- 27-30 June, Year 12 Geography residential
- 29-30 June, Year 12 Taster days
- 30 June, Sixth Form Prom
- 3-7 July, Year 10 Examinations
- 2-4 July, Year 13 Gold DofE expedition
- 5 July, Year 6 Transition day
- 6 July, New Parents' Evening
- 6 July, Art & Technology Exhibition (evening)
- 7 July, Year 11 Prom
- 10-14 July, Year 10 Targeted work experience
- 10-11 July, Year 10 Bronze DofE expedition (A)
- 10 July, KS3 Awards event
- 12 July, Summer show
- 12 July, Year 7 Geography trip
- 13-14 July, Year 10 Bronze DoE expedition (B)
- 13 July PD Day
- 14 July, Sports Day
- 17 July, Sports awards event
- 18-21 July, Year 13 Gold DoE expedition
- 21 July, End of academic year

As you can see, we look forward to yet another very busy and productive term. This is always a good time to look back on the events and achievements of the previous term with staff, students and parents/carers involved in a host of events. The following are a few of the achievements of our students:

Next Steps - Employers from different business sectors offered valuable advice to Year 9 students to help them make better choices for their next steps in education at our Next Steps event. The event was a success with parents' feedback being very positive.



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Solutions not Sides - Sixth Form students met two young Palestinian and Israeli speakers to better understand perspectives on conflict. They heard first-hand viewpoints and needs of those who want peace. Abigail and Ibrahim outlined their experiences of growing up in Israel and Palestine and then took part in a lengthy question and answer session culminating in group work activities looking at possible solutions to the conflict.

Erasmus Phase 2 - Work has begun on the second stage of our Erasmus programme. Collaborating with undergraduates at Bradford University, 22 students are creating an alien in 3D motion capture for a mobile app. Next year, students will then add a third level, potentially using Augmented Reality.

NHS work placement - Seven Sixth Form students have been selected for work experience placements within the National Health Service in Bradford. The one week placements will take place in Radiography, Cardiology, Elderly care, ENT and Renal specialisms.

First Story - We are delighted to be working with First Story – a charity dedicated to raising literacy in schools via creative writing programmes. Our Writer in Residence, rap poet Andy Craven-Griffiths, has been delivering weekly after-school workshops and First Story will publish the students' best work in an anthology.

Mental health art exhibition - Some excellent artwork was showcased at an exhibition at Salts Mill. In a bid to raise awareness of mental health, Year 12 and 13 Health and Social Care students were asked to support the 1in4 Art Exhibition run by the NHS Bradford & District Care Trust. Their artwork explored key concepts linked to positive and negative mental health.

Bradford Sports Awards - Matty Wilson received a Highly Commended Award in the Young Disability Sportsperson category at the Bradford Sports Awards. Matty plays wheelchair basketball for Yorkshire and the Sheffield Steelers.

Diving - Holly Waxman represented Great Britain in France. She led the way for the girls in the individual events, coming home with Gold and Silver medals.

Climbing success – Eliza Cottrell placed third in her category at the Leeds Wall Inter Schools' Climbing Competition. This was an excellent achievement as the standard of climbing was very high.

Fencing success - Thomas Baildon and Kieran Goodall, Year 8, both members of the TSS Fencing Club competed in the Yorkshire Youth League and came away with three medals between them.

Reading mentors - Nine Sixth Form students are to become reading mentors in local primary schools. After a rigorous application process with the Shipley Learning Partnership and local headteachers, Amy Gilligan, Abbie Speechley, Beth Tomlinson, Georgia Briggs, Kelsey Ransley, Rachel Sutcliffe, Hannah Martin, Becky Holdsworth and Tyler Moore were successful in gaining these much sought-after posts. They all hope to pursue careers in education.

STEM summer camp - Five GCSE students have beaten off stiff national competition to attend prestigious summer schools hosted by Russell Group universities. Elizabeth Ajala and Isabelle Wright will go to the University of Edinburgh and Esha Sagar, Isobel Lawrence and Cherri Chan will be at the University of Southampton.

Swimming gala - Students competed for the first time in over a decade in the Bingley Amateur Swimming Club Schools' Gala. Titus Salt was in joint third but narrowly missed the bronze medal as the swimmers achieved fewer first and second places than the other team.

Chemistry competition - Four, Year 13 Chemistry students completed the first round of the 49th Chemistry Olympiad organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. Harriet Frost and Francesca Li received Bronze certificates; Jake Ejraee, Silver and Nicole Mitchell, Gold. Nicole's score was one of the highest in the country and takes her to the next round, at the University of Cambridge.



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London calling - James Weedon, Year 12, has secured a place on a highly prestigious media course. Over 3000 students sent portfolios to the National Youth Film Academy and James was then interviewed online to act as Director for a short film. He will spend two weeks in London with other aspiring filmmakers and industry professionals.

Golf - Dan Clark-Coates won the West Yorkshire Schools U18's Golfing competition. Dan has successfully qualified for the Nationals and the North of England Finals.

This newsletter showcases some of the vast range of opportunities and achievements that have taken place in just one term; only going to show what an active and forward thinking school we are. It has been another very enjoyable term as Headteacher and my thanks go to the overwhelming support of all the staff. On their behalf, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support throughout what has been another successful term for Titus Salt School.

Yours sincerely

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