



Dear Parents / Carers Welcome to our Newsletter

Summer 1, May 2021

Welcome to our Summer 1 newsletter. The team have been working hard at Phoenix, Park and Sevenhills and we have lots to share. As always I would like to express my thanks to the staff team who are truly exceptional and provide consistently high quality learning.

We are moving towards transition time for our Year 11's, who leave on 25th June. We are proud of their achievements but want them to remember a piece of paper with grades on does not represent how kind they are, what their beliefs are and all the good they can do.

We recently had the Children's commissioner – Dame Rachel De Souza visit our Academies to speak to our students as part of the big Ask National survey who showcased their work and feelings superbly.

A quick reminder for those wishing to respond to our term dates consultation the

deadline is Monday 7th June so please email the school your feedback.

For all the latest news and celebrations follow our twitter and visit our websites.

www.phoenixparkacademy.co.uk

www.sevenhillsacademy.co.uk

Governors View

I was thrilled to be able to back visiting the sites and have been impressed with the students work and progress. It was lovely to see our new cohort at Phoenix interacting positively. It is good to get back to a new normal and will be visible across sites when we return after half term.

With kindest regards

John Cottingham, Chair of Governors

hope you enjoy the newsletter and thank you for your ongoing support

Phil Hutchinson

Executive Principal

Phoenix House

KS3

Students in KS3 have had a settled full first term since returning from pandemic lockdown. Routines are in place and high quality learning is happening since we have moved on from our Recovery Curriculum. As example, KS3 students love practical science; this term we studied how rainbows are made and the importance of white light. We also dissected pigs eyeballs to understand how we see light! Thank you to our Governor, Louise Cass, for helping with this.



KS2

There has been lots going on in KS2, both in the classroom and with new students. Firstly, we want to welcome all the new KS2 students to the Phoenix House family and hope that they continue to settle. It has been a positive and busy start. In the classroom, students have been studying hard; notable topics enjoyed by the children are magnets and forces in science alongside measurements and mass in maths. Looking at progress, well done to all students as each has made progress in Literacy & Numeracy this term – 100% progress to be precise.



Reading

Reading remains a priority across the centre. Any reading is always welcome, from magazines to recipes while not forgetting the traditional newspaper. We enjoy the school newspaper - First News.



Theraplay inspired interventions

We have been using a lot of Theraplay inspired interventions this term. This is a structured form of **play therapy** supporting children to feel more connected. Staff and students enjoy it each day.



KS2 Theraplay sessions



KS3 Theraplay sessions

Park House

This term students from Park House have made great use of the weather and competed in a number of football matches against Sevenhills and other AP settings from Leicester. After a great start and an amazing goal from Cam, they won two and lost two; finishing third overall!



There were also football matches and Beach Games taking place in Cleethorpes. Students from KS4 spent the afternoon competing in a variety of challenges.



During County Lines Week 2021 #NotInOurCommunity, students spent time watching Alfie's Story and learning about the risks associated with CCE.



Students in Parkside have been learning about the menstrual cycle. Each student was engaged and participated in a range of activities to support the theory sessions.



Sevenhills

KS3

Students in KS3 have worked extremely hard this term. A reward trip to Hull Karting followed by a picnic in East Park was enjoyed by students who met all of our school values; Respect, Responsibility, Perseverance, Above and Beyond. These students demonstrated our values not only in their academic work but in the kindness shown towards their peers and staff. It rained heavily on the day, however this did not dampen their spirits and there was laughter all around and it was great to see staff and students' relationships grow.



KS4

KS4 at Sevenhills have been working incredibly hard to gain all the required evidence for their Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs). They have done themselves and all of the staff so proud! I must also mention the hard work and dedication of the staff team, they have continued to give so much time and effort for the benefit of our learners. Well done everyone!

Learners enjoyed a 'day of fun' with activities including: toilet roll wedding dress making, cooking with five ingredients, 'minesweeper' and marshmallow tower building! Great fun was had by all students and staff.



KS4 students from Phoenix Park visited Sevenhills this week for a football fixture. Great respect was shown by both sides with amazing perseverance evident from the side trailing in the second half! Well done to Phoenix Park for coming out on top this time around.

The Sport group at Sevenhills also organised a staff vs students dodgeball event with great success as part of their NCFE Level 2 qualification.



School closes for half term on Friday 28th May 2021 and we open on Monday 7th June 2021. Please keep safe and we look forward to seeing you after a well-earned rest.