



28 March 2018

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 16 April - Start of term, all pupils to attend at 08.50.

As we start the new term we hopefully welcome the warmer weather and pupils 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 Titus Salt School polo shirt can be worn from **Tuesday 8 May**.

I am mindful of our pupils who are preparing for A Level and GCSE examinations which start on 14 May. I have no doubt that many pupils will be taking the opportunity to complete courses of study and carry out revision. I appreciate this is a particularly pressurised time of year; there are deadlines to meet and careful prioritisation required in order for pupils to feel confident of their abilities going into their examinations. I wish all our pupils the very best with their examinations.

Aerosol ban - Recently we have had a few incidents of the school alarm system being triggered due to the use of aerosols; when used extensively in confined spaces the propellant gas triggers the alarm. Although our evacuation procedures have proven to be effective, these 'false' alarms have caused unnecessary disruption to the school, therefore, the decision has been made to ban aerosols – we appreciate your support in ensuring your child does not bring aerosols on to the school site. As such, any pupil known to be in possession of an aerosol will be sanctioned; the aerosol will be confiscated and disposed of; your child will also be given a whole school detention.

ParentMail - Our new communications and information system is now in place and I wish to thank Mariska Peers, our Marketing and PR Officer, for the organisation and co-ordination of the process; she has ensured this has been a successful and smooth transfer of services. At this time we have 71% of families registered for a ParentMail account; 94% of families receive emails and 35% of families are using the mobile app (we recommend downloading this free app to your smartphone or tablet). Many thanks for your support with this improved service; our aim is for 100% of families to be registered with an account which brings additional benefits of online payments and processing permission forms electronically; we are planning that in the future we will also offer online booking for parents' evenings.

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

- 16 April-25 May, Year 7 Readathon
- 17 April, Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 25 April, Year 11 Inspector Calls
- 1 May, Year 10 Parents' Evening
- 7 May, Bank holiday
- 8 May, Year 9 immunisations
- 10 May, Year 7 History trip
- 14 May- 25 Jun, external examinations
- 18-19 May, Year 9 DofE practice
- 22-25 May, Spanish exchange to Madrid
- 25 May, Year 13 Leavers' Lunch
- 28 May-1 June, Half term holiday
- 7 June, Year 8 Humanities trip
- 8-9 June, Year 9 DofE Bronze expedition
- 11 June, Healthy eating week
- 17-22 June, German Erasmus exchange
- 19-22 June, Year 8 Bewerley Park residential
- 2 July, Arts Week
- 2-6 July, Year 12 examinations
- 5 July, New Parents' Evening
- 5 July, Art & Photography Exhibition Evening
- 6 July, Year 11 Prom
- 9 July, Year 12 Enrichment Week
- 9 July, KS3 Awards Event
- 9 July, Year 7 Geography trip
- 10-13 July, Year 13 DofE Gold expedition
- 11 July, Salt's Got Talent, 19.00
- 12 July, PD Day
- 13 July, Sports Day
- 16-20 July, Year 10 targeted work experience
- 16-20 July, Year 12 work experience
- 16 July, Year 7 Literacy Awards
- 19 July, PA reward trip
- 19-20 July, DofE Bronze (A) expedition



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- 25-29 June, Year 10 examinations
- 25-26 June, Sixth Form Taster Days
- 26 June, Year 11 Leavers' Lunch
- 27-29 June, DSP residential
- 27-29 June, Year 12 Geography residential
- 29 June, Sixth Form Prom
- 23-24 July, DofE Bronze (B) expedition
- 23 July, Year 12 Results Day
- 24 July, Post-18 career planning
- 24 July, End of academic year - school closes 13.00
- 16 August, A Level Results Day
- 23 August, GCSE Results Day

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, pupils and parents/carers involved in a host of events. The following are a few of the achievements of our pupils:

Eco Club - Members of the newly formed Eco Club are working towards a Bronze Eco Schools Award. The weekly club, run by Mr Trusselle and Mr Doughty, has already seen members plant over 200 trees in the school grounds, in an effort to save the habitat of woodland creatures. Other projects include looking at how to reduce the use of plastic in school and litter picking.

Solutions not Sides - Sixth Form learners discussed the Palestinian, Israeli conflict with an Israeli and Palestinian who grew up during the current conflict.

Cross Country Championships - Seventeen runners represented school at the Bradford Schools' Cross Country Championships at Northcliffe Park. The conditions were atrocious with ankle deep mud, snow and freezing rain but our pupils showed fantastic resilience and good humour in the tough conditions.

Year 7 Inventors - An array of amazing creations was showcased at our Inventors Challenge final, including a remote controlled suitcase, ready-made tea, translator earplugs, a jet phone, an edible toothbrush, a door diary, a weather reading drone and an ocean rubbish filter. The two worthy winners were the ocean rubbish filter and the Weatheriser.

Oxbridge - This year, five learners applied to study at an Oxbridge institution and Emily Brown secured an offer to read Mathematics at Cambridge University. Emily still has a lot of work ahead but we are confident Emily will succeed.

Careers in Medicine - Ten ambitious Year 10 pupils went to the University of Leeds to spend a day exploring future careers in medicine. Pupils were able to experience the university labs and equipment first-hand; testing DNA for diseases and designing microbubbles to deliver medication.

STEM Carousel - Local STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) employers and Higher Education establishments visited TSS to offer valuable advice to pupils to help them make better choices on their next steps in education. The event for Year 9 and Year 11 showcased local businesses including, Morrison's Engineering and Manufacturing, Yorkshire Water, Produmax, Curtins, Bradford College and Bradford University.

Safer Internet Day - Titus Salt School joined the global Safer Internet Day campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology. This year's theme was 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'. Each form group created a pledge to do something positive online.

Engineers - Selected Year 9 and 10 pupils are working with Arris Engineering; a global innovator in consumer electronics to create a consumer electronics product for the home. The product must solve a problem, or meet a need and be based on real science. The potential GCSE Engineering pupils have six weeks to develop the product, consider the economics of product development and prepare and present a plan following the product lifecycle framework, whilst working effectively as part of a team with peers and mentors.

Charity - We are very proud to have raised £867 for Cancer Support Yorkshire



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Special Olympics - Ella Curtis has been selected to represent Team GB at the Special Olympics World Games in Abu Dhabi in March next year. DSP pupil, Ella is a member of the cycling team and hopes to raise around £3,500 to fund her trip. Ella said she hopes she can ride to gold.

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 staff members. 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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