

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

From everyone across the Federation we wish all our students, parents, governors and staff a restful holiday, whatever it is that you are doing.

We work at the heart of our communities, preparing our students to thrive in their future communities.

Well done to everyone for the fantastic work that has gone into providing so many opportunities for all our students across the Federation this term to engage in the world around them.

- Our feeder primary schools have been involved in our Primary Support Days, focusing this term on PE, Science and Spanish amongst others.
- We have run our careers fair to support Y10/Y11 students considering their next steps and welcomed Gen 2 into school who have presented to all students.
- Students have enjoyed taking part in our weekly inter-house completions.
- We have recently run an Easter Egg 'Decorating and Dumping' competition.
- Y11 have received their GCSE mock results and re-sat a second set of mock exams towards the end of the term. They are now expected to be the first year group to sit external exams since our 2019 cohort. Staff and students are working hard to ensure they are successful.
- Students have visited a local Imam and learned about the Islamic faith.
- Student in KS3 have been involved in 'brass' music lessons. We hope, in time, students will go on and support our local brass bands. It has been excellent listening to them learn, if a little noisy!
- Students have visited the local libraries, we also joined in world book day, and held a masked reader competition as well as launching our 'root-word' initiative to improve literacy and reading.
- Lord Campbell Savours, an ex-Workington MP spoke to students in lessons.
- PE staff have arranged a Federation 5-a-side football completion and in January we were fortunate to run a school visit to Newcastle United Football Club, to watch them and Watford play each other in the Premier League.
- Students have visited and worked in lessons with Forth Engineering, a local engineering firm.
- John Crouch, a local chef, has been working with the students in Food Technology.
- Our Cumbria Award students at Beacon Hill have visited Whinlatter. We are excited that Cumbria Award will launch at Solway from September.
- Students attended and supported the annual Commonwealth flag raising ceremony on Silloth Green.
- We were also very proud to celebrate Autism Acceptance Awareness week.

Some of the list above you may have seen on the school Facebook pages, others you may be finding out about now. It all goes to show how wonderfully busy our two schools are at engaging with our vision to become even more involved at the heart of our communities.

#### Ukrainian Crisis

We have all been aware of the very sad unfolding situation in Ukraine this term. These can be very confusing matters for school aged children to understand, as well as ourselves as adults, which has prompted many questions. We have delivered assemblies to student to engage them on this topic in a way that they will hopefully understand and help answer their questions. You have also supported the effort to collect food and resources for those suffering from the developing crisis. Thank you for your kindness and compassion shown for this cause.

I hope you have an excellent break and return ready for another excellent term starting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Have a happy Easter!

Kind Regards



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