

7th April 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

As term 2 of the Academic year draws to a close I am writing to inform you of a few updates and to highlight some of the events we have had going on this term.

It has been another busy and non-stop term with some fantastic successes and experiences for many of our students. Our students in their final year at the Academy continue to amaze us with their commitment and drive to succeed. Students continue to improve in English, Maths and Science mocks. There has been a relentless push on improving coursework/projects in technology and attendance at interventions across the curriculum has been fantastic.

Celebration assemblies have been shared with students in all year groups and school attendance continues to improve overall. I am really pleased to share with you the news that we are now above the national average of 95%. As I am sure that you have seen in the press Jon Platt lost his case in the Supreme Court with regards to authorised absence. Can I just clarify that the Academy will not be authorising term time holidays. *In the case of an unauthorised holiday the Local Authority will be notified of the holiday taken and a Penalty Notice may be issued.*

Literacy

On Thursday 2nd March Manor Croft celebrated literacy with a day of book related activities including a spelling bee during form time. Staff discarded their usual work clothes for the day and dressed up as characters from well-known books! Other English based activities have included a Year 8 visit to West Yorkshire Playhouse to see a modern production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. We have also hosted a theatre production group who put on fantastic performances of Macbeth and Jekyll and Hyde to support Year 11 with their literature exam.

Uniform

For pupils joining us in Year 7 in September 2017 Manor Croft Academy uniform will be changing slightly to that currently worn by pupils who already attend the academy. This new style uniform is compulsory only to Year 7 but will be phased in for current pupils as and when items of their uniform need replacing. Regardless of which Year group they are in all pupils will receive a free new style tie in September.

SPT Uniforms will be the only supplier of uniform from September 2017 their website is: www.sptuniforms.co.uk

If you require any more information regarding uniform please do not hesitate to contact the Business Manager, Mrs Cardus who will be happy to assist.

The Academy breaks up today for two weeks and re-opens on Monday 24th April at the normal time. Please accept my warmest wishes for a good Easter break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Andy Barnett'.

Andy Barnett
Principal