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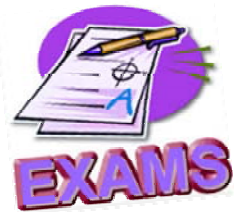
On Thursday 11th June the Department for Education came to inspect The Ruth Gorse Academy to see how we were progressing. They were delighted with all of the things they saw including the behaviour of the students around the academy and in lessons, the quality of Teaching, the high standards within books and the progress students are making. Due to the nature of Free Schools we will also be inspected in the Autumn term as a final check before our Ofsted inspection in the

Spring Term of next year.

Thank you to all the students and families who were involved in the day either through groups and / or responding to parent questionnaires. The inspector was bowled over by the way the school “felt like success”.

Masters Exams

An essential element in the assessment of student progress at The Ruth Gorse Academy is the completion of end of academic year ‘Masters’ examinations. The examination period enables students to demonstrate their learning from across the whole of year seven, while providing important period of examination preparation and formal examination practice; an essential feature of their future GCSE and A Level examinations.



Students are aware and have been studiously working towards the Masters Examination week for some time and I am confident they will be extremely well prepared and focused.

During the week of Monday 22nd June all students will complete two formal examination papers in English, Mathematics and Science and one formal examination paper in Learning Challenge. All students will attend an examination booster session prior to each examination, allowing them to receive important advice and guidance in preparation for their examination paper.

While the examinations are an important element of assessment at The Ruth Gorse Academy, they are not official GCSE examinations and therefore students should not become over anxious with worry. They are encouraged to be aspirational, revise and prepare well with the aim of doing their very best.

Students attending the education visit to The DEEP on Wednesday 24th June will sit their Mathematics examinations on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June, on their return to the Academy.

All students have received a letter and timetable detailing the expectations, routines and timings for each examination.

Pizza Form Party

Who is going to be the next form to be selected for the final Pizza Party this year? Auriga won again this week—but we have 2 students from Orion and Pegasus in the running!



Attendance so far this year

Auriga	98.3%
Polaris	96.3%
Orion	95.7%
Pegasus	95.7%



Attendance this half-term

Auriga	99.3%
Polaris	97.5%
Orion	96.9%
Pegasus	96.1%

Please encourage your child to attend school every day. Holidays should NOT be taken during term time.

Remember: better attendance = more time studying = better exam results = better career opportunities.

We have achieved a target of 97.5% attendance this half-term. Lets strive to have 100% attendance for a full week by the whole school before the Summer break.



It has been an exciting and busy term so far as we look forward to our new Year 6 students joining us in September. In September, there will be 190 places in Year 7, (with our current 95 Year 7's moving up to Year 8). All 190 places are full, and during the summer holiday, our current building is to be extended to accommodate the new TRGA students.

We have organised a number of activities to try to assist with the transition and transfer of the Year 6 students from their various primary schools, (31 in total) to TRGA. This has included:

- Taking some of our current Year 7 on an Assembly Roadshow, visiting primary schools to tell them all about life at TRGA.
- Visiting each student individually in their primary school and speaking to their teachers.
- Inviting all students to our Intake Day on the 2nd July.
- Inviting certain students to additional transition days on the 18th June.
- Inviting certain students to visit TRGA individually with their Year 6 teachers and our Learning Mentor, Mrs Makaar.
- During the Summer Holidays, visiting certain students at home to answer any questions or worries they might have.

We are really excited about Intake Day 2015. We have a number of activities planned, including learning Circus Skills with Flameoz who performed at the London 2012 Olympics, a creative writing session with the York Bird of Prey Centre who will be doing a bird of prey demonstration, and a motivational talk by John Hotowka, a motivational speaker and magician.



Parent View

Thank you to all parents who completed the parental survey recently. The results of this survey were overwhelmingly positive with 92% of parents agree that their child makes good progress at TRGA.

The reason we carried out a paper survey was that Ofsted hadn't launched our online Parent View. Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about your child's school. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The information you provide is then used when Ofsted are making decisions about which schools to inspect, and when.

It asks the same questions as the ones in the paper survey we did recently, if you get chance to register and give your views we would greatly appreciate it.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



STAFF PROFILE

Name: **Mr McGrath**

Age: **Mature**

Birthday: **23 June**

Where do you live: **Castleford**

Where did you grow up: **Castleford**

What was your favourite subject: **Maths (of course)**

What's a random fact about you: **I used to swim for Wakefield and travelled across the country competing in the 50m freestyle.**

What are your career aspirations: **To move the UK from 20th, in the global schools ranking for Mathematics, to top 10.**

What has been the best thing about TRGA so far: **The atmosphere within the academy and the warm welcome from both staff and students.**

What's your favourite item of clothing: **A Boston Red Sox baseball cap I bought whilst watching them play the Yankees in Boston.**

Who's the most famous person you've met: **Louis Cole.**



STUDENT PROFILE

Name: **Shannon Louise Wilsea**

Age: **11**

Birthday: **12 August**

Where do you live: **Belle Isle**

Which Primary School did you go to: **Hunslet Moor Primary School**

What's your favourite subject: **PE**

What's a random fact about you: **I like Street Dance**

What are your career aspirations: **To be a nurse**

What has been the best thing about TRGA so far: **Being an Ambassador**

What's your favourite item of clothing: **Converse Tracksuit**

Who's the most famous person you've met: **Katie McGlynn (Sinead from Coronation Street)**

