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I can't quite believe that it is already the first half-term holiday of the new school year! It's been a busy but rewarding 7 weeks, beginning with the celebration of some fantastic exam results, as well as moving into our new build area – see article below.

It was great to have Bishop Paul join us last Friday to dedicate the new build with a special service, in which we named the new hall as Hibret Hall – a word in the Ethiopian language of Amharic that means the same as one of our Christian values, Koinonia (partnership or community). This is our aim, that the new build, and especially the hall, is used to benefit not only the academy community but also those people and organisations that we are partnered with.



Mr J Norden
Principal

Exam Results

August 2016



A fantastic set of results were achieved by our Year 13 students and congratulations to our Year 11 students who produced another great set of GCSE results.

Post 16 Results

Number of students achieving 3 or more A levels or equivalent 87%

Number of students achieving 2 or more A levels or equivalent 98%

Students achieving at least 1 Advanced level (Level 3) qualification 100%

40% of our A level students achieved one A*/A grade in their results, which meant students were in a good position to get their University places. Well done to all our A Level students and good luck as you move on from Abbey Grange



GCSE Results

5A*-C inc Eng & Maths 74%

5A*-G 100%

A*- C English 79%

A*- C Maths 85%

Total A*-C in English and Maths 78%

% of students achieving Ebacc 42%

New Build

September 2016

Early in 2015 we finally managed to secure EFA funding to enable us to increase the size of the Academy. A welcome relief as we were starting to get very overcrowded!



Construction of the new Academy building extension started in September 2015 and was completed at the end of August this year in time for the start of the new school term. The main contractor has worked really closely with us and helped us to ensure that we managed to keep any disruption to a minimum during the 12 month construction period – not an easy task with such a large development!



The new extension consists of 8 new teaching classrooms, an assembly hall which can seat over 400 people,



additional office space and additional toilets.



Metropoly Day September 2016

Metropoly Day proved a rewarding experience for all students who took part - many of them braving the questioning looks of the public as they navigated West Yorkshire in fancy dress. Improving upon their existing planning and organisation skills, participants were required to visit as many of the destinations on their boards as possible, using only public transport.



Students also had the opportunity to build on their teamwork and communication skills, while the most successful had a well thought-through plan: the product of independent research. An enjoyable day for all involved, where transferable skills acquired will prove fruitful in students' futures.

Year 7 IMYC Launch Discovery September 2016

It has been great to see how well our year 7 cohort have settled into the academy. We are very proud of the start they have made! In their first week here at Abbey Grange our year 7 students



participated in a full day of Teamwork challenges.

The day was extremely successful and gave our students the opportunity to meet new people within their year group, have conversations with different staff members and develop teamwork and leadership skills in a fun and interactive way.



Forthcoming events



1st November

Year 10 Moving on Evening 6.30pm

2nd November

Year 7 Pastoral Evening

4.30 pm—6.30 pm

7th November

Post 16 Open Evening—6.30pm



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