



Ref:Spring2024CS

Thursday 28 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Spring Term Letter

Dear Families, Friends and Students,

This Spring term has yet again been busy for our students. It has been great to see so many families through our doors for all the different events. With Parents' Evening, Parents' Forums, Comic Relief and World Book Day Coffee mornings, as well as a bursting hall for Achievement Assembly. The Academy will continue to request feedback following events to ensure events taking place are what our community wish for.

Academy Updates:

This term contractors have been rejuvenating the Forest School area, students may have shared with you all the work which has been completed, digging, chopping and filling up two big skips. In the summer term we hope families can join us in continuing to improve the area. On this note if any families have any resources lurking in a forgotten cupboard or shed, we would really appreciate;

- Wellington boots
- Waterproof clothing
- Spades
- Plant pots
- Saucepans/colanders
- Watering Cans

Staffing update:

We wave goodbye to Mr Ross MacDonald. Mr MacDonald joined the academy last academic year for a couple of days a week in the capacity as SEND Consultant supporting the academy and leaders on its journey to 'Good'. The time has now come for Mr MacDonald to say farewell to Medeshamstede. Mr MacDonald built fabulous relationships across the academy, and we wish him the best with his next venture.

Sadly, Mr Dominic Seamer, due to personal reasons, will not be returning to Medeshamstede Academy in his role as Deputy Principal. However, Ms Katie Lovegrove will be joining us during next

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term as Deputy Principal. Ms Lovegrove is an experienced SEND and Autism Leader and brings a wealth of experience with her.

Mrs Kiera Brueseke-Palmer has reverted from the Assistant Principal Role to Phase Leader; therefore, Safeguarding Leadership will stay with me as Principal, Mrs Nicola Maker will be Attendance Lead for the academy, and we will be supported by Mr Ringrose as Pastoral Mentor; Safeguarding and Attendance. Mrs Brueseke-Palmer will be Phase Leader for EYFS and Key Stage One, she will be joined in the Primary phase by Mrs Rebecca Houghton. Mrs Houghton has relocated from London where she taught and led in an Autism School. Mrs Houghton will be Key Stage Two Phase Leader and teaching in Red and Aqua Class alongside Ms Dombrovskaya, where we will be joining these classes. Ms Ivanka Miteva will not be returning to Medeshamstede following a period of absence.

We will be also welcoming Miss Abi Dixon as EYFS Teacher and she will be team teaching with Mrs Plant in Coral class. We are delighted that Mr Ferdy Baker, who supports in Red Class, and Mr David Yisah, who supports in Mint class, have now joined the academy on a permanent basis! Mr Matthew Milner will be joining us as our PE and Outdoor Instructor. Mr Milner is experienced with working with young people in alternative provisions and has coached for a number of years.

Next term exams for some of our students will take place during May and June. We will be also saying goodbye to our Year 11 students on Friday 28th June. Year 11 families we will update you closer to the time with regards to the Year 11 celebrations.

We will be holding events for St Georges day and African World heritage day. All that is left for me to say is to wish all our students, families and friends a restful Easter break and we will see students return to the academy on Tuesday 16th April.

Yours sincerely



Miss C Smith
Principal

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