



Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been a great week at TFA – with students and staff really getting in to the swing of the curriculum, and hard work being demonstrated across the school. It is great to see students taking responsibility for their learning – arriving at school well organised, and the older students demonstrating some brilliant study and revision skills. We welcomed two of our feeder primary schools in for a secondary school taster day this week, and our year 8 students were excellent ambassadors for the school.

**Safeguarding** – We take our responsibility to safeguard all of our students incredibly seriously at TFA. Our staff have regular training on matters related to safeguarding and child protection, and we actively teach our students how to stay safe through personal development, PSHE and across the curriculum. [You can read about our curriculum here.](#)

Our **safeguarding policy** is available on the trust website [here](#). The safeguarding leadership team comprises:

- **Mr Mackintosh** – Designated Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead (DSL)
- **Ms English** – Deputy Designated Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead (DDSL) **Year 7&8**
- **Mr Howarth** – Deputy Designated Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead (DDSL) **Year 9, 10 &11**
- **Ms Mayet** - Deputy Designated Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead (DDSL) **6<sup>th</sup> Form**

On the back page of this letter are resources and suggestions for how to support your child at home, and if you have any queries or need any support, please do get in touch. Safeguarding will be the focus of all of our assemblies next week.

**Parent Governor** – there are two vacancies on our Local Governing Body (LGB) to represent the TFA parent community. We are looking for 2 current parents to join the LGB. The role is to attend LGB meetings 3 times per year (in early evenings) and ideally to support the school in other events such as open mornings and when we have visiting speakers. You would provide insight as a parent to the governing body meetings, and support and challenge myself and the leadership team.

You will receive training on the key parts of the governance role and would work closely with the other members of the governing body.

If you are interested in finding out more, have an informal discussion about the role, or wish to nominate yourself for this role, please email [admin@theforestacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@theforestacademy.co.uk) with the subject 'FAO Mr Mackintosh' or please come and speak to me at the school gate.

**Student Photos** – these will be taken during the school day on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September – students will receive details about timings in advance.

**Open Events** - our open events for this year are listed below – please do share with anyone who may be interested in sending their children to TFA. These are also open to current parents to attend and see round the school.

**Open Evening:** 4 - 6:30pm - Tuesday 21st September

**Open Mornings:** 9 - 11am - Thursday 23rd September, Tuesday 28th September and Tuesday 12th October

**Partnership evenings** - It was great to meet many of you at our Year 7 and Year 10 partnership evenings this week – if you were unable to attend, the slides and information will be sent out separately.



TOGETHER FOSTERING ACHIEVEMENT

**PE Clubs** – The timetable for PE clubs is on the next page – these are open to all, and if students have any questions, they should speak to any member of the PE department.

**Covid Testing** – Please do encourage the students to continue to do Covid lateral flow tests twice per week – if they need more test kits, they can collect them from reception.

**Parking** – thank you for parking considerately while dropping off/collecting students – it has been noticeably clearer on the roads this week. Waiting even a few metres further away from the school gates makes a significant difference to the flow of students out of school, and helps keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you have a good weekend.

Kind regards,

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PE CLUB TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 8 Football <b>(Mr Onienze)</b>		Year 7 Football <b>(Mr Stafford)</b>	KS3 Netball <b>(Miss O'Keefe)</b>	HIIT Training <b>(Mr Stafford)</b>
Year 9 Football <b>(Mr Stafford)</b>		Girls football <b>(Miss Hewitt)</b>	KS3 Boxercise <b>(Mr Latty)</b>	
		Year 12 & 13 Football <b>(Mr Stafford)</b> <b>4pm-5pm</b>		

KS3 & KS4 clubs will run from 3:00pm – 4:00pm

KS5 clubs will run from 4:00pm – 5:00pm



**Safeguarding Advice for Parents** - What to do if your son/daughter has been a victim of sexual violence, sexual harassment or any other safeguarding issue

If you are a parent worried about your son and/or daughter and you want to know how best to support them you can talk to your child about your concerns and, if possible, find out from them what they want to happen next.

We have a team of staff who are specially trained to deal with safeguarding and you can also email us on [admin@theforestacademy.co.uk](mailto:admin@theforestacademy.co.uk)

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- **Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs);** Ms English (Y7,8), Mr Howarth (Y9,10,11), Ms Mayet (6<sup>th</sup> form)

Any causes for concern regarding safety of students from Years 7-13 should be passed on to one of these members of staff or your child's **Head of Year** immediately.

Parents are reminded that the school has a duty to refer a Child to Redbridge Children's Services if there is a Safeguarding concern about a child. Parents and Carers will be contacted to discuss this matter prior to referral.



If you are concerned that the behaviour of your child is age inappropriate, harmful or abusive:

- Please speak to a member of staff at the school who can support you and your child or signpost you to the most appropriate agencies.
- There are online resources that can provide information, advice and support <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/2017/harmful-sexual-behaviour-research-briefing>
- <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/concerned-about-a-child-or-young-persons-sexual-behaviour/preventing-harmful-sexual-behaviour/>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Harmful-sexual-behaviour/>
- You can also ask us and/or your GP what services are available to help them
- The NSPCC has advice for schools and health providers on how to support children who may be showing signs of inappropriate sexual behaviour. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/harmful-sexual-behaviour>
- Access online resources that can provide advice and support for both parents and children: <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

External agencies that can also provide support:
