



Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

It has been a busy week at TFA, with busy open mornings and open evenings, as well as events and visitors across the school. Our tour-guides and department helpers for the open events were brilliant, with all of the visitors commenting on their maturity and the clear pride they felt in their school community. Particular praise must go to the Year 7 helpers, who were so confident and knowledgeable after only a few weeks at TFA!

Parent Governor Ballot – nominations close for the parent governor elections on Monday – so any expressions of interest and nomination statements must be submitted to the admin@theforestacademy.co.uk mailbox by then. Please look out for a separate letter next week, which will include all the information about the role, the nominees and how to vote.

Safeguarding – our assemblies across the school this week have focused on safeguarding and peer-on-peer abuse. We went through with the students details on how to keep themselves safe, the details of our safeguarding team and how to report concerns. Details of the safeguarding policies were in last week's newsletter, which is available on the school website under 'parent information'.

Parking – please can I ask that when collecting students, you do not park on the pavements. This causes students to need to walk on the road to get around cars, and puts them in real danger at the end of the day, as well as inconveniencing our local residents. Wherever possible, please wait further away from the school gate, which will make the end of the day smoother for all involved.

Black History Month – next week, we start our celebration of Black History Month at TFA through our assembly programme, which many of the students have been involved in planning. Throughout the month of October, we will be learning about and celebrating Black History through the curriculum, personal development and assemblies. You can find out more [about it here](#).

Local History – This week saw the sad death of Jimmy Greaves, an English football legend who grew up in Hainault, and attended Forest Academy in the 1950s (when it was called Kingswood School). He lived on Huntsman Road, and while playing for Tottenham would often come back and visit the school. The school is referenced in a documentary broadcast by the BBC, called 'The Enigmatic Mr Greaves', which is available on YouTube. A local resident sent me a picture of the school football team (below) with Jimmy Greaves second from the right in the front row.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you have a restful weekend.
Kind regards,

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