



Thursday 4th November 2021

Weekly Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

It has been great welcoming the students back to school this week, re-energised after half term. Just before half term, two of our students had an exceptionally exciting opportunity working as ambassadors for the Naz Legacy Foundation and visiting Benjamin Franklin House in central London. You can read more about their day [here](#).

Parent Safeguarding Session – thanks to all those who attended our session on Wednesday. The slides are attached to this letter, and stored on the school website here: <https://www.theforestacademy.org/parent-information/>.

We would really appreciate feedback on what to include in future sessions, please email admin@theforestacademy.co.uk if you would like to provide any input. Two further sessions will be scheduled for later in the academic year.

Safer Schools Officer – a reminder that we have a safer schools police officer who works at TFA. He is PC David Halls, and he can be contacted through our admin email address. He can provide support, advice and guidance to the whole school community – so please do reach out if you or your children have any questions or need support from the police. All contact can remain anonymous if wished.

Parent safeguarding survey – Thanks to those of you who have completed it so far. It closes on Monday, so please respond [here](#) if you have not done so already (it should take about 2 minutes).

Lifeline Parent Support Network – We work very closely with Lifeline Community Projects, a brilliant youth-focused charity who mentor many of our students. They have re-started a 'community support network' with support sessions for parents about many elements of parenting and keeping children safe. More detail is on the next page.

Help with technology – if your child is struggling to access a laptop at home to do homework on, please let us know and we will be able to issue a loan laptop. A reminder that all students are welcome to stay and work in the library every day after school from 3-4pm.

Neighbourhood Watch Survey – please see the back page of this letter for a survey from the Neighbourhood Watch, which aims to get opinions from across the country on crime and safety.



TOGETHER FOSTERING ACHIEVEMENT

Catering Update – From next week, our catering kiosk will be fully open. This has taken longer than expected due to various shipping delays. This will mean a much more flexible break and lunch catering service. Full details will be shared with students this week, and a new menu will be sent to you at the start of next week.

Breakfast club – reminder that we are providing a free breakfast every day to all those who would like it – students just need to arrive in the canteen between 08.00 and 08.20 to collect their breakfast.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mr Mackintosh
Principal

CHAMPIONS SUPPORT NETWORK
Meet parents and carers just like you

Raising and caring for a young person is really challenging

Get support from a friendly local

To take part, please email referrals@lifelineprojects.co.uk

"This is real support for parents and carers and one of the most rewarding experiences you'll ever have."
—Nathan Singleton, CEO

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH 2021 CRIME AND COMMUNITY SURVEY LAUNCHED

For the second year running, we would like to hear thoughts from the public about crime and community to help Neighbourhood Watch become more effective.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XGBRNJF>

The survey, launched on Wednesday 20th October 2021, is **open to everyone across England and Wales**, regardless of whether they live in a Neighbourhood Watch area or not.

The results will enable us to better understand, on a national and regional level crime, fear of crime and benchmark whether membership of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, or living in a Neighbourhood Watch area, has an impact on levels of crime, concern about crime, neighbourliness, and the willingness of communities to work together.

Last year our survey received just over 30,000 responses from across England and Wales, providing us with a rich and useful set of data. This year we will be able to compare our data with last year's results and use it to continue to improve what we do.

All data will be anonymised and aggregated and will be used by Neighbourhood Watch to ensure our work is effective, inclusive, and representative.

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The survey closes on the 16th of November. Thank you so much for your support.

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