



## Joseph Swan Academy

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

It gives me great pleasure to inform you about all of the fantastic events that have happened at Joseph Swan Academy since September.

Students returned into Year 10 very positively and I am proud of the seamless transition they have made from KS3 to KS4. They seem settled on their chosen courses and have already made huge inroads with regards to controlled assessments and exam preparation. Ahead of some external examinations that took place in January, students sat trial examinations in November. All of Year 10 also sat a trial exam ahead of their external Literature Exams in May.

We currently have 15 students giving up their own time to attend a 'Build Your Future' course at Gateshead College and we wish them luck with this exciting opportunity. There are also 5 students who were successful in gaining a place with the Gateshead Leadership Academy in conjunction with Gateshead School Sport Partnership.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award was offered to all Year 10 students and over 50 students have taken up this opportunity to be part of the youth awards programme completing a series of self-improvement exercises. Looking forward, the award can help students to access greater opportunities as universities and employers hold this award in high regard.

Some exciting events that Year 10 students have also taken part in are the Shine Awards Evening, Careers event, Sir Christopher Wren Day, Remembrance Day, the Carol Service and Christmas lunch, BT Boot camp, Lakeside Challenge, Gateshead Indoor Rowing Championships, Healthy Relationships workshop, Nissan visit and the Jesus College Cambridge workshop. There are also 28 students taking part in the Young Persons Project led by Durham University. It certainly has been a busy time for students and there will be more opportunities that arise as the Academic year moves on.

In addition to the above, all students are able to access the 'Go Active Everyday Programme' to which further details can be found on the Academy web-site. Year 10 also have half-termly rewards events that they are able to trade their points for. This half terms events was the Academy Variety Show and Year 10 were well represented by some very talented students.

Some key dates to inform you about are:

22 <sup>nd</sup> May and 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	English Literature Public examinations
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 10 Progress evening

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Finally I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you as Parents and Carers for all of the support you have given the Academy and, along with our fantastic team of Tutors, Miss Forster and I wish all of our students every success for the remainder of this year and next.

Yours faithfully

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