

SHTC Newsletter December 2016



Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given to me and to the college as a whole in my first Year as Headteacher at South Holderness Technology College. We have certainly made a lot of changes in a short period of time. The success of our new school uniform and behaviour policy with regard to mobile phones, has been down to your support as parents and carers. I have received a lot of very positive comments from members of the local community about how smart our students now look as they travel through their villages and towns on the way to and from school. Our Year 7's have also made a very positive start to their school year and are already well settled into their learning and school based activities. I've also included reports of just a few events that have taken place over the last few weeks.

Examination Results 2016

Examinations in the summer for both Year 11 at GCSE and Sixth Form were record breaking results for the college. With GCSE Maths achieving 77% A* - C and English achieving 65%. A Level results put us as the highest achieving results in the whole of East Riding Sixth Form establishments.

Extra-curricular activities - Health and Well-being Faculty

On Thursday 1st December 2016, the Philosophy and Ethics team provided a revision evening for the



parents of the 155 year 11 students who study GCSE P&E. It was extremely well attended, with 89% of parents and carers reflecting on how they can support their child during this very stressful build up to the summer examinations. The feedback forms were 100% positive, with comments such as: 'Thank you for a very informative evening. Your support is second to none with every subject in the year. The revision pack is a great idea', 'Fantastic presentation, feel much more prepared!

Thank you!', 'Excellent idea tonight, especially having parent and child together!! Great packs!', 'Very interesting and informative', 'Most impressive', 'Very useful as methods of revising can be adapted to other subjects.

Regional Trampolining championships

On December 3rd students Declan Newton, Robyn Dickson, Ava Galloway and Alice Donoghue all represented the college at St Marys School for the regional Trampolining championships. Students were from years 7 and 8 and represented the college in blue. The day started at 10am and finished mid-afternoon. The team were outstanding and came 1st in the intermediate team event and will be going on to represent the college in the Northern championships in Wigan during February. In addition to that both Robyn Dickson and Declan Newton both won silver in their individual competitions with Alice just missing out on a third place position by 0.3 to come in at fourth. We are very proud of such excellent achievements by our students and we wish them well at the Northern Championships!

Cross Country

Congratulations to Jodie Martin for becoming the East Riding Cross Country Champion.

Fund Raising Events



Attendance – Leave of Absence

Just to remind you that we have a new attendance procedure for reporting absences. If your child is genuinely too ill to attend school, ring the school number and then select through the telephone system your child's year group and Pastoral Leader who will record their absence and the reason for it. Attendance has dropped in the last few weeks due to a viral infection, leaving many students and staff unwell. Hopefully in the New Year this will have cleared and we will see attendance pick up again. We encourage parents and carers to send your children to school and encourage them to be resilient if they are feeling a little under the weather, as all students with below 90% attendance are now considered to be Persistent Absentees under the new government criteria. I would encourage all parents to take family holidays wherever possible during the school holidays, as I am unable to grant any term time holidays unless there is an exceptional circumstance. It will then be recorded as unauthorised which could lead to a fixed term penalty notice from the Local Authority.