

20/12/2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Headteacher Update 18.12.2023

As we reach the end of a successful term within school, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff, pupils and friends of Tulip Academy Spalding for their continued support and positivity. This past term has been exceptional and I am so pleased to see pupils enjoying a range of positive learning experiences within school. This year we have developed new working relationships with different companies and organisations as we broaden opportunities for our pupils and find other ways of enriching our curriculum offer. Within this letter you will find entries recording some of the highlights from this past term.

Reminders:

Key information related to our school can be found at...

www.tulip-cit.co.uk

Branded uniform can be ordered throughout the academic year from Nationwide School Uniforms

<https://www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk/school-uniform/primary-school/tulip-academy-spalding.html>

Please remember alternative uniform items can be purchased from local supermarkets and/or clothing stores. Further information relating to the schools uniform expectations can be found at...

<https://tulip-cit.co.uk/uniform/>

Staffing Update

You will be aware that for the past 12 months I have been providing interim Headteacher support to Ambergate Sports College in Grantham. This temporary arrangement will finish at the end of this term and I am pleased to be coming back to Tulip Academy Spalding on a full time basis. I would like to thank all staff for their patience and understanding this past 12 months and for their continued hard work and dedication towards the school. I would particularly like to thank Claire Moore and Will Scott who have both worked exceptionally hard to lead both campus' in my absence. I continue to be incredibly proud of our staff who work across our two campus' and wish them all a well-deserved rest over the Christmas holidays.

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You will be aware, from correspondence sent on 11.12.2023, that Amanda Barber will be retiring from her post of Inclusion Mentor (Safeguarding and Wellbeing) at the end of this term. Amanda will be retiring after 20 successful years of dedicated service with the school. Amanda is hardworking, compassionate and advocates strongly for the needs and rights of students on roll within our school. It will be hard to imagine life at our school without Amanda. As a school we wish Amanda a happy and healthy retirement.

Earlier this term Anna Wilson also resigned from her post as Teaching Assistant within the school. Anna has left to pursue new opportunities outside of education. Anna is a highly skilled practitioner who is committed to working closely with our learners who have profound and multiple learning difficulties. We wish Anna all the best in her new venture.

This past term, a small number of staff members have celebrated 20 years of service with the school. Amanda Barber, Cheryl Ellis, Lorraine Derrick, Marion Perkins and Karen Middleton have all reached this amazing milestone. Each member of staff is a highly valued member of our team, and we are grateful for their commitment to our school and learners.



During the term we have made some adjustments to leadership arrangements within school. This acknowledges our desire to move to a model where we have one assigned designated safeguarding lead (instead of a lead for each campus). Kathryn Greene (Assistant Headteacher) is now our schools designated safeguarding lead. Rebecca Farrar has also joined our middle leadership team supporting the curriculum provision within our formal pathway. Toni Wand has recently returned from maternity leave. In her absence, Elaine Wright has supported the school's leadership team. I would like to thank Elaine for her support during this time, she has worked incredibly hard and ensured our semi-formal learning pathway continues to develop in the best interest of our pupils. I would also like to thank Daiva Gajauskaite who has been class lead of Strawberries in Toni's absence. Daiva has been an incredible asset to the schools teaching team and has provided Strawberries class with many exciting learning opportunities.

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**Tulip
Academy
Spalding
Leadership
Team as of
January 2024:**



Matthew Bloodworth-Flatt
Headteacher



Claire Moore
Senior Deputy
Headteacher



Will Scott
Deputy Headteacher



Kathryn Greene
Assistant
Headteacher
**Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Cath Thirsk
Lead Teacher (Formal
Pathway)



Rebecca Farrar
Lead Teacher (Formal
Pathway) / EHCP Co-
ordinator



Reece Precious
Teacher with
responsibilities for
behaviour



Toni Wand
Lead Teacher (Semi-
Formal Pathway)



Charlie Harrison
Lead Teacher (Pre-
formal Pathway)

As of next term, there will also be some staffing changes within our class groups at Springview Campus. Kelly (Pineapples class) will work three days as of next term. Emma will now support Pineapples class on a Thursday and Friday. Gosia will be moving to Grapes class and Jo will be moving to Plums class. Teddy and Amelia will both begin new roles as Level 2 Teaching Assistants with Teddy being based in Pineapples class and Amelia being based in Mangos.

Tulip Awards and Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 6th December we held our annual Awards and Presentation Evening. A special evening, where we celebrate pupil achievements from the previous academic year. Our Year 11 leavers, who completed formal qualifications last academic year, were in attendance to receive their certificates. It was a lovely evening and was great to hear that many of our leavers are doing well in their new post-16 setting.

List of awards and recipients.

Award	Nominee
Achievement in English	Jaydon Gilliver-Hunt
Achievement with Communication	Freddie
Achievement in Mathematics	Archie-Rai Barnes
Achievement in Expressive Art and Design	Oliver Taylor

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Achievement in Food Technology	Alan
Achievement in Computing	Finley Pooley
Achievement in Science	Emilijus Zilius
Achievement in Humanities	Thomas
Achievement in Physical Education	Peter Bailey
Achievement with Community Engagement	Cameron Higgins
Achievement in Learning in the Natural Environment	Nathaniel Bullen
Achievement in Work Related Learning	Levi Russell
Pride	Riley Crofts
Persevere	Justin Bramley
Proactive	Kaitlin Batch
Pleasant	Connor
Protect	Abigail Young
All round effort and achievement: Pre-Formal	Jaxson Elderkin
All round effort and achievement: Semi-Formal	Julia Mathews
All round effort and achievement: Formal	Cameron Staveley



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WELL DONE!

Trust Award



This academic year, CIT have launched a new 'Trust Values Appreciation Award' to acknowledge a member of staff or volunteer upholding CIT values. Nominations were made from schools across the Trust, and I am pleased to inform you that Amanda Barber is one of the first people to receive this award. Well done Amanda!

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Feeling Festive!

For the last two weeks of term, the calendar has been full of events to get staff and pupils in the festive spirit! Staff and pupils alike love this time of year, and it is so nice to see everyone enjoying a variety of activities away from typical classroom learning.

Over at our Springview Campus, Claire Moore led another successful Christmas production. This year the theme was 'Nativity' and each classroom performed a short scene from the movie adaptation. This is always such a special performance and it is a real pleasure seeing our pupils come together to celebrate Christmas. A huge thank you to Claire and all classroom-based staff for their hard work in preparing this performance.

Nativity!

This year select groups at our Waterside Campus also held a Christmas production. Pupils from Ash class worked on a Christmas extravaganza enjoyed by parents, carers and family friends. Another truly special performance enjoyed by all. A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved!

We have also enjoyed a Christmas Fashion Show, choir performance, songs around the Christmas tree and a Santa Run Bleep Test. (Unfortunately due to building works we were unable to complete our usual Santa Run).

New Football Kit



This term Mr Precious has worked hard to source a new football kit for our school team! I hope you'll agree that players look incredibly smart and ready to take on various teams as they participate in different leagues with other special schools within the local area.

There is no doubt I will be writing to you all celebrating their many successes in the coming months!



Workshops and Special Days within school

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This term we have worked with a number of external professionals to provide pupils with exciting learning opportunities and to enhance our school curriculum.

Across both of our campus' we held a number of International Events exploring the culture of India. Indian dance workshops were provided by Primary Workshops for our Springview pupils. Sunita also provided dance and rangoli art workshops for pupils at our Waterside Campus and another group provided an Indian drumming workshop. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experiences!

For both events we had a variety of Indian food to sample from Chameli's Indian Restaurant in Holbeach. A huge thank you to the team for the generous donation!

A video from our Internal Days can be found here -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0WzySAJffimNYPq1BQRZDyQ7Iil7ouKUAdEa5h3OsvKqkcPjER07N18ow&v=q-TmUIHqo6Q&feature=youtu.be>

Pupils at our Waterside Campus have also enjoyed a workshop provided by Lush where they were able to sample and make their own self-care products. This is the second time we have hosted such a workshop in school, and pupils really enjoyed the experience.

We also had Jamie Knight come into school to deliver a 'football skills and tricks' workshop. All pupils at our Waterside Campus were given the opportunity to participate and really enjoyed learning new skills.

Finally, we have worked with the local authority to provide pupils with workshops on Online Safety and Healthy Relationships.

A special thank you goes to Olivia Casey, Jackie Walsh, Kim Hayman, Lesley Perry and Cath Thirk who have worked to source such exciting experiences for our pupils.

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Keeping you updated

As of the week commencing Monday 8th January 2024, Tulip Academy Spalding will have a new approach to keeping you updated with classroom news. In recent years we have created a termly newsletter focusing on achievements and celebrations within each class. Moving forward, we will now focus on routinely posting classroom-based stories on social media and our website throughout the term. This will hopefully ensure news comes to you sooner and on a weekly basis throughout the academic year. At the end of each term, you will receive a 'Headteacher Update Letter' similar to this letter received. If you are not already, please be sure to follow us on social media.



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Safeguarding Update

If your child is worried there are many people, within school, who they can speak to.

Who can I talk to if I am...

Feeling sad or scared

Hurt

Worried about a friend



Kathryn Greene
Assistant
Headteacher
**Designated
Safeguarding
Lead**



**Matthew
Bloodworth-Flatt**
Senior Deputy
Headteacher
**Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead**



Claire Moore
Senior Deputy
Headteacher
**Deputy
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Will Scott
Deputy
Headteacher
**Deputy
Designated
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Toni Wand
Lead Teacher
**Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
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Olivia Casey
Inclusion Mentor
**Deputy
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S Stay Safe
Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.

M Don't Meet Up
Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.

A Accepting Files
Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.

R Reliable?
Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?

T Tell Someone
Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!

As of this academic year the school have loaded Senso software onto all computing devices. Senso support us with filtering and monitoring what websites and content pupils try and access. Should, at any time, a child try to access a prohibited website a member of the safeguarding team is notified.

Having this information helps us to safeguard pupils and discuss any finding with finding with parents and carers.

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Merry Christmas

& Happy New Year

Term Dates

Our remaining term dates for this academic year are below. We look forward to welcoming pupils back into school on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

Yours sincerely



Matthew Bloodworth-Flatt
(Headteacher)

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