

# NEWSLETTER



## March 2016



### Welcome from James Tickle, Principal

How time flies. I cannot believe we have just completed our second ever set of options and we are about to have another group of students embark on their GCSE courses. Our Year 10 students continue to impress us with the way in which they are coping with the challenges of Key Stage 4 and are working towards their first GCSE Science exam in the summer.

As a number of you may be aware the government is currently consulting on how schools and academies should be funded in the future. In Leicestershire we are currently the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest funded authority out of the 152 local authorities in the country. The government is suggesting a national fair funding formula which should see us funded more equitably. If you wish to contribute to this consultation please click on the link below:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula>

In the new academic year the school is looking to improve the way it works with our local primary schools. Governors have given approval for The Roundhill Academy to consult on joining a Multi-Academy Trust with a number of local primary schools. The consultation for this will take place after Easter.

We have recently received the allocations for Year 6 students wishing to join us next year and again are oversubscribed with more first choices than we have places that we can offer. To cope with the demand we have just put in a planning application to house some temporary classrooms on the school site.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a lovely Easter and that you and your family have a well-deserved break.



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Dear Parent/Carer



### Re: Operation Encompass

All Leicestershire Schools have become part of a new safeguarding initiative, which aims to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends their school. The approach is known as Operation Encompass.

To further support the welfare of children this information sharing is being extended. During the school term our Designated Safeguarding Lead will now be informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household.

This information will be used to ensure the school is able to provide appropriate support to our pupils. The information will remain **confidential** and only shared on a strictly need-to-know basis, for example with the class teacher. It will not be shared with any pupils.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse, call the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 8020028 or visit <http://lrsb.org.uk/information-for-victims-survivor>.



## THE ROUNDHILL FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

The Roundhill Family Partnership is a group of parents who meet to support the school and effect positive change. All parents of children at The Roundhill Academy are automatically part of TRFP. Please see our website for further details.

Year 10 Geography students visited the Norfolk Coast in February to collect data for their controlled assessment. Students visited a variety of locations to collect data and look at different sea defences. During the evening students participated in challenging activities from a blindfolded night line to archery and Laser Quest to the 'Leap of Faith'. It was commented upon by Kingswood staff how hard working The Roundhill Academy students were during their field work write up sessions. Well done Year 10!



Happy Fairtrade Fortnight!



In Geography and Tutor time over the last two weeks we have been celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight. We have been standing up for farmers in poor countries by sitting down to a Fairtrade Breakfast. In Tutor time some of us have been having breakfast with our Tutors and during Geography we have been doing a role play of farmers and investors. We have learnt that farmers deserve to get a fair deal out of the price we pay for food to help develop their communities. We have had Fairtrade bananas, chocolate, tea, hot chocolate and nuts.

If we demand more, they will have to supply more.

We have the power as consumers!

AWI Tutor Group



## MOBILE PHONES

Please note that the Mobile Phone Policy still remains in place.

As with all expensive items the school does not accept any responsibility for mobile phones brought on to the school site.

Mobile phones on the school premises should be switched off and out of sight from the start of the day when you arrive and until you leave the school site.

Mobile phones seen on the school site will be confiscated at any time by a member of staff.

If for any reason a student needs to make a phone call during the school day they should go to the School Office.

## LUNCHTIME VOUCHERS

A maximum of £2.35 only



As a duty of care we do not want to see any student go hungry, but can we please remind parents that this service is for emergencies only.

Can we also advise parents that money owed is repaid to the office the next school day.

Thank you

## NOTICE



School re-opens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The new cohort of Bronze DofE students took to Bradgate Park on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to undertake some navigation training ahead of their expeditions in April and May.

25 Year 9 students along with numerous staff enjoyed a pleasant day around the park, Swithland Woods and the Woodhouse Eaves area. Students worked in teams to follow a pre-set route, (often at a pace that staff struggled to keep up with!) and all easily made it up Old John at the end of the day. Bring on the expeditions!



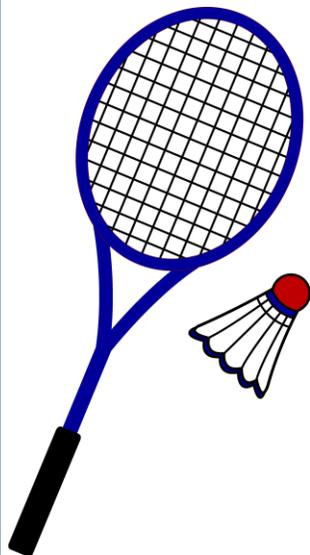
## WE ARE COLLECTING SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS



From 27th January to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 parents can collect vouchers at Sainsbury's Stores.

Once all vouchers have been collected we can use them to buy new equipment.

# SPORTS NEWS



## BADMINTON

Well done to the Badminton team Ayush Panchal, Mario Modha, Raj Khambhayata and Josh Quinn who played in the South Charnwood Badminton Competition and won (beating The Martin High School and Cedars Academy) and as a result now play on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in the County Finals.

## YEAR 7 RUGBY

Year 7 students played in a local competitive central venue league against De Lisle College, Woodbrook Vale and Rawlins Academy. Despite only having a couple of training sessions after half term and having a number of students that had never played a game of rugby before, The Roundhill Academy played some good rugby. We lost all three matches, but learnt a lot from the experience. The highlights were very strong running and interlinking from Callum Holtom and George Caldwell, good attitude and effort from the whole team and then a fine try where Charlie Seager had a good run down the wing and then popped the ball back inside for Thomas Asher to score.

Well done to:

Callum Holtom, George Caldwell, Harry Hollis, Sam Leahy, Ben Palmas, Billy Nethercot, Marley Jackson, Mehul Chudasama, Shahgul Ilyas, Thomas Asher and Charlie Seager