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SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

Our two Year 9 students' who are representatives of the student voice council, attended the OGAT sustainability conference at Elland Road this week. Here they were able to present and speak to like minded students; being able to gather and share ideas on how to make our academy a much more environmentally friendly place. We have come back to the academy full of new ideas and exciting new opportunities for our staff and students in the coming academic year.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

30 Year 10 students have completed their expedition to get their Bronze Award signed off. This has been a fantastic opportunity for staff and students to get involved with. The expedition took place from our academy to Nostell Priory and back totalling 19km in rain and sunshine. The students made our academy proud being excellent members of the community when walking in unknown areas. Bronze and Silver awards are being run next year, with consent forms final hand in date 21st July.



CHANGE IN CLOSE OF REGISTERS

There is a change in legal process for the close of registers in September. We have written letter explaining [this here](#). Please ensure you read this carefully and support your child to arrive at the academy on time in September. Arriving late will affect their learning, invoke a sanction within the academy and could massively affect their attendance and could lead to a fixed penalty fine.



END OF YEAR LETTERS

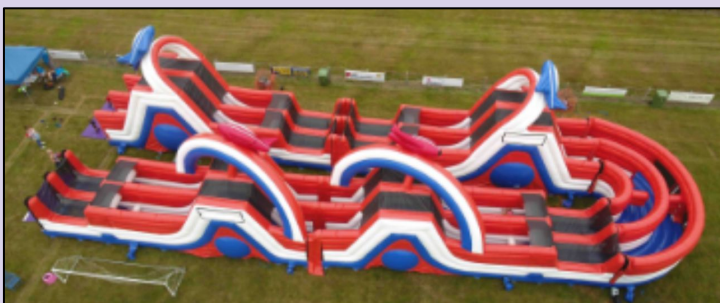
Our final letter for this academic year is now [available here](#). Please read this carefully. It has full details of our return in September, slight changes to our policies and an overview of next year's calendar. There is a separate letter regarding the changes to the skirt policy which has been amended for September, again please [read this](#) and ensure the correct skirt is being worn.

PRAISE EVENT

On Friday we had over 500 students in Years 7 to 10 invited to enjoy themselves on a 220ft inflatable assault course and playing on retro games.

Students commented saying they felt it was a great way to finish the year with a massive praise event!

The students who were able to take part have shown amazing behaviour and attended school perfectly. Well done everyone!



STAND UP TO HATE

We were very fortunate to have Stand Up! Education Against Discrimination come into school this week to work with all of our Year 9 students and offer opportunities to learn more about Muslim and Jewish culture, discuss how to report race hate on social media platforms and discuss the impact of stereotypes on how people perceive cultures, traditions, religions and race. grilled on the Equality Act 2010 and once more demonstrated outstanding knowledge and empathy towards each area.



WELLBEING SUPPORT OVER SUMMER

You can still access Kooth support over the summer at <https://www.kooth.com/> They provide confidential online advice and support for emotional health.

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