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Dear Families,

It was another busy week at TSPA, and I was grateful to receive a visit from Shariq, a Stockwood Park alumni. Shariq was Head Boy during his time at here and also completed his A Levels in our 6th form. He was awarded a first class honours degree in Business Studies with Project Management from the University of Bedfordshire last year, and is currently working in sales as well as running a number of small businesses.

During a tour of the Academy, Shariq spoke to me about the opportunities the school had provided for him and how the reputation of the Academy has grown over the last few years. It reminded me of what the school is here for, what it stands for – *to provide an excellent education and to develop responsible, compassionate young people.*

I delivered a loom assembly to students communicating the following: **"You said, we did."**

You said	We said
"Can you have a culture day?"	Students took part in our 3 rd annual culture day in January – they also asked for a summer event... watch this space!
"We want more support to help up prepare for exams."	Year 11 have had themed revision evenings, Period 0 intervention, online tuition, revision guides and much more. Over 120 students attended the Humanities 'Race to Excellent' event.
"We would like more information about keeping safe outside school."	Assemblies were delivered by St Giles Trust on knife crime, gangs and country lines. This was followed up by workshops for Year 8s.
"We want more trips and extra curricular events."	Over the last 12 months we have had over 80 trips. Most recently Year 7 students have visited Harry Potter Studios, Year 11 have gone on their Geography field trip and 6 th former student leaders have been on a team building activity.
"We want more support for student wellbeing."	We have more staff trained as mental health first aiders, our RCHSE and form time incorporates wellbeing and mental health, and we also have a newly decorated counselling room
"It isn't always fair when you get put in seclusion for 24 hours..."	We now have a 'shadow' classroom which means that students have time to reflect on their behaviour but return to their next lesson. Note that repeated poor behaviour will result in seclusion!

We did have a fire alarm earlier this week – I explained to students that the smoke alarm was triggered by a soldering iron on woodwork and thanked them for their maturity in exiting the building quickly and safely.



A big push for us continues to be '**keeping on the left**' when walking around the site – we now have the biggest student numbers we have ever had (1473 students in total, and over 160 staff on top of that), so it is essential that everyone walks on the left to allow for quick and safe movement around the building.

I also reminded students about the need to ensure rubbish was thrown in bins, as we have seen a slight increase in litter in the canteen and playground.

I will be updating families on how the BBC Big Weekend in May will impact TSPA – it is a great opportunity for Luton, but I am also conscious that we have GCSE exam going on during that time.

Thank you to staff and students who joined in to celebrate 'World Hijab Day' yesterday.

Before I sign off can I ask families to ensure that students are coming into school on time and with a bag – it sets the right tone for the day and week ahead. When students arrived late or without the correct equipment, we start the day on the wrong foot.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Humayun

Principal