



The Shared Learning Trust

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Dear Families,

I am writing to thank you for your support in what has been an exceptional start to the academic year. The last 6 weeks have shown the real progress we have made at the academy, students can be proud of the work and effort they have put in. It is great to see students coming in daily, on time, looking smart in their uniform and with the equipment they need. They really do model our values: **excellence, responsibility, compassion.**

We have hosted a number of visits from school leaders locally and nationally, with many commenting on the positive atmosphere, the warm welcome they receive, the quality of the teaching and the work rate shown by students.

We have had some wonderful events including our MacMillan Coffee afternoon, Year 6 Open Evening, and trips to universities to name a few. A huge thanks to our Year 11 Student Leadership team for their incredible support and organisation in relation to our internal events such as charity events. We also had over 100 applications from Year 7 – 10 for additional student leadership roles.

The big focus for us at TSPA has been the use of our Playbook to ensure consistency in lessons, all the time every time. This has resulted in students being more focused in class and producing more work of a higher quality. I want a disruption free learning environment for all our children. We will continue to focus on this for the whole year. We have also seen a significant drop in disruption in lessons. Students are expected to follow instructions the first time every time – thank you for reinforcing this and supporting the Academy.

After the half term, Year 11 will start their trial exams. It is important that students spend quality time revising – students have been provided with revision guides and access to online content. Please support your child by making sure they have minimum distractions (take away the phone for a few hours!) and ensure they are putting in the effort.

It was lovely to see so many parents who came along to support students and staff who took part in the 'Love Luton Run Fest' last Sunday. Matias B in Year 11 managed to finish the 5km in a lightning fast time of 20mins 50 secs (11th place overall, out of more than 700 runners), with Sabil N (Year 13) coming in at a more than respectable 23min 15 secs (19th place overall). Mr Poole braved the half marathon!

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Next term will be exciting – we have a group of Year 9 students who have entered the 'F1 in Schools' programme, we have the pantomime to look forward to in December, lots of trips have been planned and quality lessons will continue to be delivered.

All the best for the half term – I look forward to seeing students return on Monday 30th October.

Mr Humayun

Principal