



# Discovery Special Academy Newsletter Summer 2 2024

## Summer and return to Discovery in September

Summer is almost here and we have had another fabulous year at Discovery. All of the children and young people have made incredible progress supported by a fabulous teaching team. And we want to thank you all for your continued commitment in making this happen. By working together and supporting each other, we make sure that every pupil has the best opportunity to achieve their full potential.

**A reminder that our last day of term is Thursday 18th July.**

### **PD days and the start of term**

We have two PD days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of September this year.

**We are looking forward to seeing all pupils return to the academy on**

**Wednesday 4th September 2024.**

We also have planned PD days on Monday 6th January 2025 and Monday 21st July 2025.

Two additional PD days will be arranged once we have a finalised date to move into the new building. We will update you with these as soon as we can when we return after the summer break.

### **Contacting Discovery during Summer**

If you need to contact us over the summer holidays, the phones will be manned in weeks 1, 4, 5 and 6.

Due to training offsite on the morning of Monday 2nd September, we will not be available to answer the phone until 1pm. From 1pm, the phones will be up and running if you need to contact us.



## **Attendance update**

Great progress is helped by great attendance and this year as an academy, you have helped us achieve an attendance rate of 93%.



Regular attendance supports pupils to feel safe and secure in their school environment and allows them to form positive relationships and understand the structures and routines of the day.

Research shows that children and young people who are at school on the first day of the new term in September, and regularly after that, make best progress and are happy at school.

## **Staffing updates**

We wanted to share some great news about two of our staff.



Hanna Kirk has been successful in getting a position at Priory Woods school to start in September. She is looking forward to expanding her experience and developing and sharing her expertise, having worked with us since she qualified. We wish her all the best, she will be brilliant.

Mollie MacSween will continue to work with our children at Discovery two days a week as a teaching assistant, but after a few years studying, she has become counsellor for our sister academies and will support them three days a week in this role. We are incredibly proud of Mollie and know she will make a huge difference to the lives of the young people she works with.

## Summer Fayre

We had another fabulous summer fayre this year. Thank you to everyone who could attend and make it such a success. The money raised will be spent on resources, that the children will get to choose.



## D-Day

Everyone spent time remembering D-Day in different ways this year to mark the anniversary. The work produced was simply stunning.



## Every Voice Matters Conference

Our secondary students were part of an incredible conference in Middlesbrough again this year. Aimed at young people across the town, this is a wonderful opportunity.



## Diamond Standards

We had an amazing morning at the trust Diamond Standards awards with so many of our community nominated.

We are incredibly proud to say that we had three superb winners.

Morgan Lean for Creativity



Lexi-Mae Spradbury who won the overall children's award.



And finally, Julie Innerd who won the very special Karen Gleave Legacy award. This is such an honour and is chosen by Karen's sons each year. Julie won the award for her commitment, courage, curiosity, creativity and care. She is a true Diamond.



A huge well done to everyone at Discovery for being brilliant. It is incredibly difficult to choose just a few nominees and winners when everyone is so committed.

Keep on shining bright like diamonds.

# Another Fabulous Year at Discovery.

