



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2013

Dear All

We have had another successful and activity filled term at The South Leeds Academy and we are looking forward to the Summer Term.

We have included some dates for your diary and some local information for students and their families.

Enclosed with this mailing is a reminder about uniform. Please make sure that all uniform is in line with academy standards as we return after the Easter break. PE kit is also part of the academy uniform and it is essential that your child has his/her full kit for all PE lessons. PE kit includes the TSLA PE top, plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings and trainers. Detentions will be issued to those who do not bring their PE kit. Well done to all of you who have your full PE kit in every lesson.

We wish everyone a restful and peaceful Easter break.

Colette Jones
Principal

Student Review Day

We will be holding our second Student Review Day on Monday 29th April 2013. This is the same as the Review Day we held in the Autumn and gives parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and achievement. A separate letter regarding Student Review Day will be sent out.

'Apepanz'

The Year 10 BTEC Music Students have created their own Steel Band, which they have decided to call "Apepanz". They have been rehearsing very hard and performed 3 songs on the "street" at break time during the build-up to Red Nose Day. They are steadily building up a repertoire of songs and plan to do many more performances in the coming months.

A huge "well done" to these students: Michael Abbott, Aaron Baker, Mateusz Baranowski, Daniel Boateng, Shelbie Connolly, Jonathan Farrar, Joshua Green, Denis Manube, Michal Mucha, James Rhule, Joshua Smith and Patryk Zietek. Also Dominic Thomas and Isabelle Leach who join them for performances.

Trinity Network

Ashley Collins, a Year 11 student, is creating a website for the Trinity Network (OAPs day centres in Belle Isle & Beeston) to help promote what they do and to try and encourage more of the elderly in our community to go out and socialise rather than sit at home and be lonely. Ashley attended a meeting with the Management today, when he was polite, keen and professional- a credit to the academy.

Work Experience

Some of our students will be involved in experiencing the world of work after Easter. Our Year 10 BTEC students will be going out on Work Experience on 22nd April 2013 for one week. Students will have received information from their teachers if they are involved. We wish them every success for an interesting week.

Are you interested in learning basic computer skills?



Would you like to be able to search for jobs and fill out application forms on line?

Would you like to learn in a friendly environment ?

Then contact Mrs Savery @ The South Leeds Academy for more
information 0113 3368448 ext 60736

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 28 th March 2013	School closes for Easter break 3.15pm
Monday 15 th April 2013	School re-opens at 8.30am
Monday 22 nd April 2013	Year 11 English & Maths Parents Evening Year 10 BTEC Work Experience
Monday 29 th April 2013	Student Review Day
Monday 6 th May 2013	School closed – MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 24 th May 2013	School closes for Spring Bank holiday 3.15pm
Monday 3 rd June 2013	School re-opens at 8.30am
Friday 28 th June 2013	Year 11 Prom
Tuesday 23 rd July 2013	School closes for summer break



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17th
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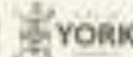
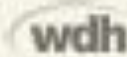
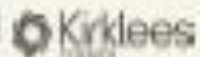
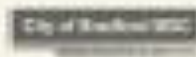
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Sign up to our collective energy tariff switch before 17 April
It's completely free & without obligation - over 2,000 households already signed up!

Sign up or help set up a local Energy Smart Club

Visit www.communityenergy.info

or call 0845 4502581 (local rates apply)



NO COMMITMENT! WE ARE INDEPENDENT OF ENERGY SUPPLIERS



Act now and find out how to get involved, so you don't miss out on benefits including :

- A scheme led by people from WITHIN your community
- At ZERO cost to YOU
- Significantly reduced energy costs *
- Access to energy saving products
- Simple ways to save energy & money

* Our estimates are based on the experiences of other similar existing UK energy-saving schemes



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Co-operative energy switching scheme with Community Energy Direct

What is co-operative energy switching?

Co-operative energy switching is where a group of people band together to get the best possible domestic energy prices (gas and electricity). They can sign-up over the internet, by telephone or form a local co-operative to deliver economies of scale from the energy companies.

What is happening in Leeds?

As well as City wide promotion of the scheme, the Council has joined with Community Energy Direct (CED), who are based in the city, to encourage the development of local Energy Smart Clubs where the people who are interested can sign-up to the scheme. The scheme is open to all householders in Leeds and they don't have to be a member of a Energy Smart Club to apply, however CED will be directly promoting the scheme in Hunslet, Holbeck and Richmond Hill. CED then work with their partner, Which? who organised the Big (energy) Switch last year to get the best price for the people who have signed-up.

Leeds City Council is one of five to have partnered with CED, the others being Bradford, Kirklees, Wakefield and York, along with Rochdale Housing. The scheme is part of a national initiative organised by the Department of Energy & Climate Change (DECC).

What are the benefits?

Millions of domestic energy users have not changed their supplier since competition was introduced into the energy supply market. Many of these are people who live in fuel poverty and spend more than 10% of their household income on energy bills. These people can make significant savings on their energy costs but need encouraging to make the change.

We hope that through the development of energy switching in the City and in particular, the Energy Smart Clubs, more people will realise the benefits of the best energy prices available in the market. The Energy Smart Clubs will be run by local energy champions within their own communities and will offer:

- better energy deals;
- information about how to save energy; and
- access to energy saving products.

Who are we working with?

Community Energy Direct, whose offices are in Marshalls Mill just outside Leeds City Centre, are the main partner for the Council. CED are supported by a number of organisations, including Leeds-based CO2Sense.



What are the timescales?

The community energy switching scheme was launched on Monday, 18th February and residents from across the district are encouraged to register their interest by April 17th 2013 with no commitment.

CED will then work with Which? to source the best offers on price, which will involve an auction with the energy supply companies, followed by a comparison between the individual household and all available tariffs on the market to ensure that the best tariff is offered.

The prospective new prices will then be shared with each individual who has registered. If the new offer is no better than the person's existing energy deal, then they will be informed and not switch. Where the potential new prices are better than what is currently in place, the individual has the choice whether to switch or not.

How much is this costing?

There is no cost to the council or its residents.

Who qualifies?

Anyone who lives in the five local authority areas and tenants of Rochdale Housing can join the scheme.

How do residents apply?

Residents can register their interest via a telephone line, via a website or through speaking to one of the local Energy Smart Clubs. This is not a final commitment;

Telephone;0845 4502581

Register online here www.communityenergy.info

How have we decided which areas to prioritise?

The scheme will work particularly closely with communities in Richmond Hill and Hunslet to make sure some of the most deprived people benefit from switching. However any household in Leeds can join the scheme too.

What are the targets?

CED's aim is for around 6,000 Leeds householders to participate in the scheme programme - with 3,000 switching energy tariff.

How much can people save on their energy bills?

Community Energy Direct expects the average potential saving to be between £115 and £150 per customer. Some will save more, others less. For some who may have switched energy provider in the past there may be no benefit in switching. Those who have never changed energy provider are likely to save the most.