



# The Macclesfield Academy

Dear Parent,

17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## **Re: Learning beyond the classroom**

During the my appointment process last Easter, I was asked about what the school would look like under my leadership. I spoke about the steps we're taking currently to put learning at the centre of everything (learning above all) and to have a school culture in which staff and students flourish with high expectations.

In addition I talked about the importance of learning beyond the classroom, be that sport, music or outdoor activities. I have seen the transformative and positive effects these elements of our extended curriculum can have on children's lives.

I'm delighted to report that our governors have approved a number of trips which show the direction of travel for our school. For example:

- Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Award will be launched to students on Monday. It's our expectation that all students sign up (there is some money available to make this accessible to all families, regardless of financial constraints) and make the most of this wonderful opportunity.
- Iceland – Mrs Dooley will be leading a trip to Iceland as part of the Humanities curriculum. Our History and Geography team are the highest performing team in the region and this will add another dimension to our outstanding provision.
- Thailand- Mrs Lucas will be running an expedition to Thailand with several in country projects to support the local community. Mrs Lucas has a long track record of running successful expeditions and trips.
- Euro matches- Women's football- we have secured tickets for the women's matches based in Manchester.

And finally, a huge well done to all parents, students and staff who are involved with the LEJOG challenge. We are a good distance into the event now and approaching Bristol! Great job!

May I wish you and yours a restful weekend. We look forward to picking up on Monday morning.

Yours faithfully,

Mat Galvin