

As we begin a new term I thought I'd reflect on some key events and achievements from last term:

Life has, as always, been very busy here at Whinfell.

- We have had some results of our November series of examinations and we are very proud of our students and thrilled with their results.
- Work experience placements have resumed in force and students are now attending Grasmere Garden Centre, North Lakes Hotel, RagTag Art Store, Pedro's Casa and Barnardo's. Our work experience program is so very valuable to our students and we are glad life is beginning to move on post Covid.
- Our end of half term reward trip recognising high attendance and engagement in class is next week - they are off to Manchester to see the award-winning Lion King.
- Despite the cold, gloomy and often damp weather our TOL sessions have been enjoyed by the students. They have been out on some lower level walks, abseiling and bike rides. I know Jon is looking forward to Spring so they can go higher into the hills and get out on the Lakes.

Our focus this term is on being positive and we created our Positivitree... each leaf has on it a positive comment. This comment can be anything from individual positive feelings to highlighting the positive, kind, caring and creative things others do (both staff and students). Our aim is to have our tree in full bloom before Mother Nature 😊, so far so good!



As you may well have gathered Jenny is now our Care Manager and Emma our Deputy Care Manager - they both bring huge amounts of energy and enthusiasm to the care of our young people.

Dates for your diaries -

1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May are Bank Holidays, education will not be running on these days but care staff will have plenty for our residents to do!

12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June is our KS3 and 4 residential to France - please do sign the consent form and return to school and let us know about passports. If you need another copy of the consent form then please just let me know.

As always it is lovely to hear from you so do please keep in touch.

Kind regards

**Paddy Sandham**  
Principal