

16th July 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

I'd like to start with a thank you from the team at The Elland Academy for all your ongoing support.

Our students have really risen to the challenge this year: They have not only coped with returning from lockdown measures, but also have shown resilience in dealing with the site relocation during the Spring term following our academy closure due to the significant roof damage caused by storm Eunice.

I would also like to use this letter to share some fantastic news with you. As you may know, the academy has been using 'The Thrive Approach' for some time. This approach is built into lessons and intervention sessions, to help children regulate, manage their emotions, and reengage with learning.

Following several assessments, I am incredibly proud to share that The Elland Academy has been designated as a Thrive Centre of Excellence, Ambassador School. This status is awarded to schools that have achieved Ambassador School status in all five Thrive areas and is a benchmark of all-round excellence for schools that have embedded the Thrive Approach.

The Academy is currently working towards the Artsmark award. Last week we worked with the Arts Council England on 'A day to create'. This whole day of arts activities and workshops really showcased the artistic talent of our students and allowed the academy to show how we use art both academically and as a therapeutic tool to engage our learners.

The Director of Strategy wanted us to share her words with you.

Thanks so much to you and all the staff at Elland Academy for hosting us this morning. It was so inspiring to see how you are working, and to see the real impact it is clearly having on the students we met. I was so impressed with the quality of teaching and support, and with how well the students were responding to the opportunities they have at your school, and to see creativity at the heart of all of it.

Our last day of term is Friday 22nd July. Please visit our website <https://www.ellandacademy.org.uk>

for further end of term information along with next year's calendar. I'd like to wish you all a fantastic summer and look forward to seeing students when we reopen to students on Tuesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Staton', is written over a white rectangular area.

Ed Staton
Head of Academy