

19th April 2024

ACADEMY UPDATE 24

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've started the term with great energy and enthusiasm, with numerous trips and events taking place. The academy has been bustling with activity, creating a wonderful atmosphere. This exciting and busy start has set a positive tone for the rest of the term.

I have enjoyed taking assemblies this week with all of the year groups. In the assemblies, I spoke about living with virtue and how it is always in our control to choose how we approach life. I spoke about how we can always choose to be kind, respectful, to work hard, and essentially do the right thing for both ourself and others. I also spoke about taking responsibility for decisions as we move through life, and making the right decision for us as individuals, and how sometimes these decisions are not easy, but they are the right decision.

Staff and Students alike were eager to get in on Monday, to hear from their peers just how wonderful the easter trips were. For those of you who aren't aware History and French took some of their students to Paris and then PE took some of their students Skiing in Austria. I think we can all agree what fantastic trips these are and we feel very fortunate as an academy to be able to offer them, as these trips would not happen without staff offering their time. Check out our socials for more updates.

It appears that Drama and Music departments had an eventful week! On Wednesday, a sizable group of 45 students journeyed to Tunbridge Wells to watch Blood Brothers, which was reportedly a remarkable performance that took them through a range of emotions and concluded with a *BANG!* Then on Thursday, another group of students had the privilege of witnessing Swan Lake at the Royal Opera House. It's delightful to know that these trips offer enriching cultural experiences for students. Additionally, it's commendable to see students exhibiting good etiquette and responsibility while traveling, along with upholding their neat uniforms and positive attitudes.

We were all about celebrating this week in maths as we hit 1,000,000 correctly answered Sparx questions. This is a huge milestone and something that all the students should be really proud of! We are extremely happy to champion at-home learning and how brilliant this website has been for supporting our students develop their math skills.

In the sporting world, just before we broke up for easter, the girl's football team had a spectacular win against Buckswood school at 13- 0 whilst the boy's football team won 3-1 against St Richards. At this stage in the year is great to see the students and their commitment to their sport. The Year 9 girls also finished in 4th place at the cricket county finals. Well done everyone. We have been quiet this week in sporting games but we have lots of fixtures coming up and as always we encourage everyone to join a club. Even if its something you haven't done before, check out the club timetable on our website and see if anything sparks your interest.

This Term Mrs Browning is running a raffle to raise money for the 'Rocking Horse' charity. There are 3 prizes up for grabs, all donated by Sweet Tooth Treats & incredible Edibles. This raffle is for any student in any year group. 1st Prize is a sweet box with £60 worth of imported sweets, 2nd Prize is a 3.5Kg jar of mini eggs plus a voucher for a tray bake goodie from incredible edibles and 3rd Prize is a 3.5kg jar of mini eggs. Raffle tickets are £2 each and will be available from Mrs Browning at the outside kiosk area during break and lunch only. The raffle will be drawn Friday May 10th... Goodluck everyone!

Today, a group of students will visit the British Natural History and Science Museum in London. They will explore fascinating exhibits and learn about various scientific and historical facts. This is a brilliant chance for the students to expand their knowledge and gain a deeper appreciation for science and nature.

I trust you will all have an enjoyable weekend and I look forward to filling you in on next weeks academy update.

With best wishes,



Dr. Craig Neal
Headteacher

Calendar Dates

Term 5

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 15th April – First Day of Term 5

Thursday 9th May – First day of GCSE exams

Friday 24th May – Last Day of Term 5

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – First Day of Term 6

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th July – The Big Show

Wednesday 26th June – Last day of GCSE Exams

Wednesday 26th June

Friday 28th June – **INSET Day (Students do not attend)**

Tuesday 23rd July – Last Day of Term 6

2024/25 Dates

Term 1

Monday 2nd September – 1st day of term 1

Tuesday 3rd September – Students first day

Friday 25th October – Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 4th November – 1st Day Term 2

Friday 20th December – Last Day Term 2

Term 3

Monday 6th January 2025 – 1st Day Term 3

Friday 14th February – Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Monday 24th February - 1st Day Term 4

Friday 4th April – Last Day Term 4

Term 5

Monday 22nd April – 1st Day Term 5

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 23rd May – Last Day Term 5

Term 6

Monday 2nd June – 1st Day Term 6

Friday 18th June – Last Day Term 6

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