

Friday 25th November 2022

Dear Parent/carer,

Another full fortnight at the Academy enlivened by the World Cup and the somewhat wet weather!

Sixth Form Open Evening

It was brilliant to welcome Y11 and their parents/ carers to our Sixth Form Open Evening last night. We ran a similar evening for external Y11 students immediately after, which was also very well attended. I think Y11 understood the clear message that they need to work as hard as they can now to achieve a strong set of mock exam results. These heavily influence the predicted grades given by teachers to Y11 students applying for post-16 provision. Mr. Daverat will continue to be in regular communication with Y11 parents and carers so that you are aware of all the support and guidance we are providing to students.

Year 12 GrocersTeam

We are so proud of our magnificent Year 12 Grocers Team this year. They presented at The Grocers (Livery) Company this week. Students created a GreenScreen App to help sustain and finance the future. Their main aim is to tackle mental health for young people during school hours and to create an environment where young people feel safe and can flourish. The app allows the student to sign in and out of the Academy, with an algorithm that tracks how long each student manages to avoid the temptation of using social media. At the end of the academy day, there is a built-in reward system for the number of hours logged. The app allows educators to collect data on attendance , grade reports and tailor rewards, all to further help improve academic performance for students. While we did not win the heats this year, our students had a fabulous time and made some brilliant connections and contacts.

Climate Change

Some of our Sixth Form and Year 11 students were recently invited to the Natural History Museum for a special filming to discuss ways to combat biodiversity loss and the climate crisis with renowned environmental activist **Greta Thunberg**. The whole event was embargoed until this week! This was part of her global book launch, 'The Climate Book'. Greta also spoke with the students about eco anxiety and possible solutions to these problems. The museum also provided educational lesson resources to support the event and Greta's book launch. The launch event is now available to watch here on [YouTube](#)

Lateness to the Academy

We do appreciate that the transport connections to our Academy can, on occasion, be unreliable. We also ensure we are aware of e.g. bus diversions as with the C3 this week. However we really need to reduce the number of students that arrive late to the Academy in the morning. Often it is only 5 minutes but late is late! Please encourage your child to arrive at the Academy on time, even if that means catching an earlier train or bus.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that a very small number of students at the Academy think that it is acceptable to ignore and defy staff requests. Please note that all students who are admitted to the Academy sign a Home Academy Agreement, alongside you as their parent/ carer. This agreement states that students, supported by you, will 'promote and uphold the highest standards of behaviour and that students will follow all of the Academy rules'. In order to keep the Academy a safe and successful learning environment where all students flourish, it is essential that students comply with staff requests when asked. I know that you will very much want to support the Academy in creating a successful learning environment.

Useful dates for your diary:

- Year 13 Progress Evening (4.15pm to 7.30pm)- 01/12/22
- Y11 Mock Exams - 5/12/22 - 15/12/22
- Christmas Concert - 7/12/22 5.30pm - 7.30pm
- Academy Church Service - 14/12/22
- Academy closes for Christmas holiday: 16/12/22. Students finish at C.12.15pm

Message from our Chaplain, Mr. van Kan

This week's theme for the academy has been drawn from 1 Corinthians 1:10; which speaks about the power of not being divided and living in unity as God's children. We have been encouraging both students and staff to be promoters of peace and unity in whatever way they can this week. In addition, the power of unity was greatly emphasised within our school community with the amazing amount of money we have been able to raise for Children in Need. We have raised a total of **£1791.20** this year for this wonderful cause. I pray that you may all find ways to be a unifying force within the lives of others this weekend. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Ardron
Principal