

Friday 23rd February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you were able to take a few days, maybe even longer, to be with your child(ren) at half term. The lighter mornings are now here and that really does make it easier for everyone to get up and get to the Academy punctually.

We started this half term with an absolute triumphant Culture and Identity Day on Wednesday. I cannot tell you how much joy there was during this day! Students looked amazing in wonderful traditional and heritage dress and very much enjoyed special assemblies as well as all sorts of exciting multicultural workshops and sessions across lunch. And remember this is a student-led initiative! I cannot thank you enough if you made delicious food, to be shared with students - and staff - in the afternoon. I saw it is an essential Principal duty to taste as much as I could! The spread was phenomenal from Vietnamese spring rolls, to French apple cake, to rice and peas, to curry, to Jamaican spice cake, Mexican cornbread and Indian sweets. You were very generous and in fact it has made us think about what other events we might be able to hold that bring our international community into the academy to share food and joy together.

#### 2024 Academy production: The Addams Family.

What an incredible show that was. Many congratulations to all the cast and backstage crew and of course to the brilliant staff who made the show happen. We think it was our best production of the last few years and audience numbers certainly made it feel so! Your support was a big part of the show's success so thank you as well.

#### Year 8 HPV vaccinations - Monday 25th March

We are booked in to host the local nursing team on Monday 25th March for Year 8 HPV vaccinations. Please look out for direct communication from them regarding consent.

#### Parent governor elections

We have received a number of nominations for the role of parent governor, which means we will now go ahead with an election. You will be able to vote digitally, using an online voting election platform. Parents and carers with parental responsibility for an Academy student will receive a vote. We will be communicating with you using the email addresses we have for you on Edulink, so if you think you may need to update your contact details please do so - and contact the Academy office if you are not sure of how to do this.

#### Staffing update

Welcome back Ms Hannah Taylor as Curriculum Leader for RE. Ms Taylor's return will mean some classes have a change of teacher as we make best use of our staff. I know for some of you that means your child will have yet another change to their timetable but we always do this after careful consideration.

#### Year 8 Residential parents information evening

This is on Monday


#### Chaplain's message

This week's theme has been about reconciliation. As **Ephesians 4:32** reminds us, *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."* In a world often marked by division, practising reconciliation can cultivate empathy, resilience, and unity within our communities. Whether it means resolving conflicts peacefully, embracing diversity, or forgiving past grievances, these simple actions of love will lay the foundation for a more compassionate world. Therefore, I encourage you all to think about this; Who have you

wronged, and how could you find a way to promote God's love and forgiveness in situations that need reconciliation?  
May the peace of God be with you all this upcoming week.

I hope you enjoy the weekend ahead.

Yours faithfully,



Mariella Ardron  
Principal

#### **Useful dates**

- Year 13 Mock exams start - Monday 26th February (Until 8th March)
- Year 8 Residential trip parents information evening - 5pm, Monday 26th February
- Y7 Progress Evening - 4pm to 7.30pm Thursday 29th February
- National Careers Week - Week starting Monday 4th March
- Year 12 Higher Education and Progression Launch evening (parents) - 5pm, Thursday 7th March
- Science Week at Chelsea Academy - starting Friday 8th March
- Year 10 Mock interview morning - Wednesday 13th March
- Year 10 Progress Evening - 4pm to 7.30on Thursday 14th March
- Year 8 HPV Vaccinations - Monday 25th March
- Year 11 Futures Morning - Wednesday 27th March
- Church Service - Wednesday 27th March
- Last day of term (12 noon finish) - Thursday 28th March



## *Measles information*

*People who have symptoms should also especially try to stay away from vulnerable people such as babies, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems.*

- *People who have not been fully vaccinated with MMR vaccine and have been in close contact with a measles case may be asked to stay away from work or school for **up to 21 days to prevent the further spread of infection.***

### *Preventing measles*

***You can protect yourself or your child against measles by having 2 doses of the combined [MMR vaccine](#) for mumps, measles and rubella. The MMR vaccine is a safe and effective.***

***Children are usually offered the first dose of MMR when they are about 13 months old and a second dose at 3 years and 4 months. It's not too late to catch up if you or your child have not yet had the MMR vaccine. Contact your GP practice to check and arrange a vaccination appointment.***

***There are two different MMR vaccines - Vaxpro and Priorix. Vaxpro contains gelatine but Priorix does not. Most healthcare providers in London will be using Priorix but you can ask your health care provider to confirm. The school immunisation team only use Priorix.***

***Where can I find more information?***

**The following NHS websites have useful information on measles, MMR vaccines and vaccines in general:**

**[www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/)**

**[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/)**

**[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/)**

**Or you can call the NHS Northwest London School  
Immunisations team on: 0203 317 5076**

**One of our local GPs has also recorded a short [YouTube video on measles](#) and the MMR vaccine which you can watch by scanning the QR code:**

**Once again, I encourage you to check in your child's "Red Book" (Personal Child Health Record), or with your GP, to see that you and your children are up to date with your two MMR vaccinations.**

# Y10 8 Week Work Experience Challenge

As you know, we are looking forward to Year 10 work experience in the summer. Students will complete their placement:

*1st - 5th July 2024*

*In these challenging times for our global economy it has never been more important for students to develop their employability skills and understanding of the world of work. Whether they plan to create their own businesses or work within outstanding institutions, the opportunity to get (often) their first experience of work is a vital first step towards a bright future.*

*In assembly this week we revisited our plans for work experience and have set every student in the year their own 8 week challenge to become a successful job seeker! In this way students will not only ensure that they can complete their work experience successfully, but also prove to themselves that they can generate opportunities in their own lives.*

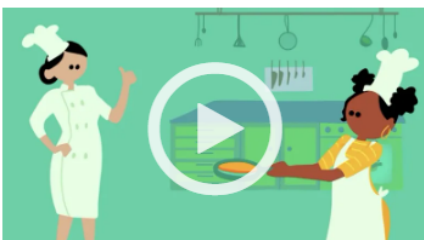
*For this to be possible, each week on a Thursday Learning Coaches will provide tips, tricks, activities and encouragement to ensure every student finds and submits details of their work experience by our revised final deadline:*

*Thursday 14th March 2024*

*Over the next 8 weeks, students, with the support of family, friends and their wider community must now:*

- 1. Research companies they would like to approach for work experience*
- 2. Make contact with companies via email/telephone/web portal/in person*
- 3. Follow up on all contacts made*
- 4. Secure a placement (the manager etc. confirms they will accept the student)*
- 5. Submit details of their **confirmed** placement on Unifrog*

*Unifrog is an online platform the Academy subscribes to in order to support every element of students' career development. Unifrog includes a work placement tool and this is the only system we use to manage the process. Ask your son or daughter to tell you more about Unifrog. If you click on the image below you will see a short video that explains the placements tool further.*



**How to... use the Placements tool**

Here's how our Placements tool works

[How the placements tool works](#)

*In order to kick off our 8 week work experience challenge in style, please take the time to speak with your son or daughter about their plans for work experience.*





