



## Message from our Principal

I would like to start this issue of The Key with a well done to our Year 11 and Sixth Form who have now completed their mocks. I was genuinely proud of the approach taken by the pupils. We now move nearer to the real exams with 95 days before they begin. Starting 4th February, to support our Year 11, we will begin Session 7 as a compulsory element. The focus for this will be core subjects delivered here at the Academy after school.

On Thursday, we held a meeting for those likely to be interested in a 3 A' level equivalent qualification in Sport. I am keen to develop further routes like this to give a focused offer to our pupils in the Sixth Form.

A final reminder that this is the last weekend to complete the parent/carer survey.

Finally, and hot off the press, I have been informed that planning permission for the new block of classrooms with toilets has been approved for the academy. This build also includes a refurbishment of the changing rooms in PE. I appreciate there will be some disruption but I'm excited to see this project start.

Mr A Lawrence  
Principal

## Key Dates and Events

### Advance Notice

**Year 11 Session 7 Begins:**  
Tuesday 4th February

**Year 8 Cricket Tournament:**  
Tuesday 11th February

**Bryntysilio Trip Information Evening:** Tuesday 11th February at 5:30pm

**New York Trip:** Friday 14th February - Tuesday 18th February

**Iceland Trip:** Sunday 16th February - Thursday 20th February

**Half Term:** Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

## Student Successes

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year we have read for **1382 hours** and read **728 different books!** In Maths we have answered **567,679 questions!** In Science we have answered **147,887 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **299,100 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

## Sporting Updates

There are no sporting fixtures to report on this week.

A successful Sport Information Evening was held last night. Triple Sport for Sixth Form is now available to apply for. Year 11 students - please speak to Mr French for more details.

## Session 7 - Year 11

From week beginning 3rd February, Session 7 will be starting for our Year 11 students. This will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for 45 minutes at the end of the school day. Please look out for a letter next week for more information.

