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KEY DATES & EVENTS

Year 9 Parents Evening: Tuesday 18th March

Advance Notice

Year 9 Pathways Evening: Wednesday 26th March

Training Day (Academy closed to all students): Friday 28th March

Dance Show Rehearsal: Saturday 29th March

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

A huge congratulations to the Year 10 Boys Football Team who won their quarter final of the West Midlands Cup. The boys showed real resilience in a game that Mr Francis called 'scrappy' and came out on top winning 2 – 1. They move on next to the semi finals against St Michael's C of E High School.

Years 8 and 9 had a #PHAntastic trip to Bryntysillio, an outdoor centre near Llangollen. Students really did our academy proud and threw themselves into every activity. Mr French, trip leader, was full of praise for them and now can not wait to take next year's trip. A big thank you to Miss Adams, Mr Shakespeare, Miss Hunt and Mr French who gave up their time to make this happen.

On Friday we welcomed Sureena Brackenbridge MP to our academy. She wanted to see how the academy supports trainee teachers and to have a look at a Science lesson. It was great to see her take over the lesson with some of our Year 8 students. Sureena is a former Vice Principal and it was clear she couldn't wait to get back into the classroom!

Finally, a reminder that we are on countdown to communication only coming through the My Child At School app. If you need help setting this up, then please speak to Ms Betts or Ms Fox in the Student Support Office.



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STUDENT SUCCESSES

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year we have read for 1,950 hours and read 1,164 different books! In Maths we have answered 734,921 questions! In Science we have answered 214,351 questions!

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **1,546,700 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

SPORTING UPDATES

Year 10 Boys Football Team are through to the Semi-Finals of the West Midlands Cup after beating Bishop Milner 2-1 on Wednesday. They now play St Michael's from Sandwell.

The residential trip to Bryntysilio has been amazing. We are so proud of all the students involved and the experiences they have had this week, which will hopefully be invaluable for the rest of their education journeys.

HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

Shout out and a massive well done to the Year 10 Football Team who beat Bishop Milner 2-1 to progress to the semi final of the West Midlands Cup - Mr Francis

Shout out to Millie-Jo T who got the most positive points last week in Year 10 - Mr Francis

Shout out to Alfie D for showing excellence in composing and performing work!

Shout out to Mrs Brindley and Mrs Lapper's English class. AMAZING effort and work on assessment planning this week. We are really proud of you all!

A big shout out to my 8Y PE group who have been amazing so far this half term on rugby - Mr Francis

Shout out to Scarlett K and Rio O for always giving 100% effort and proving excellent exam question answers - Mrs Foster

ATTENDANCE FIGURES





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MY CHILD AT SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We would like to remind parents and carers that we will be moving all communication to My Child At School (MCAS) as of Monday 31st March, and will no longer be sending any texts home. If you are unable to access MCAS, please click on the link below to sign up.

LATEST LETTERS

Please click on the link below to view our latest letter sent home.

Year 9 - Parents Evening & Pathways Letter

My Child At School Sign Up Link

