



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Year 9 Pathways Evening:
Wednesday 26th March

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

Dance Show Rehearsal:
Saturday 29th March

Advance Notice

Dance Show: Tuesday 1st April
& Wednesday 2nd April

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

It was great to welcome so many of our Year 9 parents and carers into the academy for Year 9 Parents Evening. There was a real energy to the evening I'm sure prompted by the upcoming Pathways Evening next week. Pupils should now have their books and if your home is anything like mine was, there will be plenty of discussion taking place.

Interviews were held this week for the role of Acting Vice Principal. Many congratulations to Mr Campbell who was successful after an exhaustive process.

Much to the joy of our pupils, we have opened the field back up for break and lunchtime.

Hopefully, the weather will stay kind and allow us to keep using the area. The pupils were certainly very enthusiastic about having access and it really was like watching young horses dashing about having been let out of the stables following a long winter.

We are moving ever closer to the exam season and Year 11 continue to be focused. I am particularly pleased to see attendance to session 7 continues to be high. Do remember during this run that attendance is vital – every day missed can not now be caught back up upon.



STUDENT SUCCESSES

Students have been working hard to complete their Sparx Homework. So far as a school this year we have read for **2,007 hours** and read **1,209 different books!** In Maths we have answered **755,687 questions!** In Science we have answered **220,633 questions!**

On Languagenut student have earned an impressive **2,101,800 points** this month!

Congratulations! Amazing work and effort to our students!!

HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

I am super proud of all the Year 9 students who went on the residential trip to Bryntysilio. They were put out of their comfort zones and handled every task brilliantly well. I have heard nothing but praise from the staff who went on the trip. Well done! - Miss Agha

Year 8 were lucky enough to have a visit from two workers for the company InPower Academy. Luis and James gave a quick insight into what InPower is all about and how the amazing work from the founder Daryl Chambers has given them countless opportunities. The Year 8's listened and showed respect to our visitors, making us very proud! - Miss Mattox

Shout out and well done to Alex S in Year 7 for winning the serving challenge in PE this week - Mr Francis

SPORTING UPDATES

Year 9 and 10 football are through to the Walsall Final Play Offs, where they will play against Streetly and Bloxwich for a chance to win their Walsall leagues.

The residential trip to Bryntysilio was a huge success. Students and staff thoroughly enjoyed the week we are so proud of the student's resilience throughout their time away from home. Bryntysilio 2026 anyone?

YEAR 9 PATHWAYS TIMELINE

Please find important dates for Year 9 Pathways below:

- **Wednesday 26th March 2025:** Information Evening for Pathways.
- **Monday 31st March 2025 - Friday 4th April 2025:** One-week window for the opportunity to email lead teachers for each subject with individual queries.
- **Friday 11th April 2025:** Deadline for students, parents and carers to return the Microsoft Form for their pathway.
- **Friday 13th June 2025:** School to contact parents and carers to confirm their child's selected pathways.



YEAR 8 & 9 REPORTS

Year 8 and Year 9 reports have now been shared with parents. Please take the time to review these with your child, celebrate their successes and discuss where further progress can be made. Parents of students in Year 8 will be able to discuss these with class teachers at Parents' Evening on Tuesday 8th April.

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.

[My Child At School Sign Up Link](#)

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