



KEY DATES & EVENTS

Whole Year GCSE Exams Start:
Monday 12th May

Advance Notice

Mental Health Workshops:
Tuesday 20th May

Year 6 Meet & Greet Cafe:
Thursday 22nd May

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Written by Mr A. Lawrence

This week Year 7 are taking lessons in basic first aid. It's a vital skill and the ability to give CPR could save a life. Indeed, countries like Norway make it mandatory to have a first aid qualification and to have a driver's licence. Interestingly, they have the best heart attack survival rate in Europe. Over the course of the week, we have been celebrating Europe Week in our canteen with a daily European dish. This included Bangers and Mash served for V.E. day on Thursday.

The under 13 Cricket Team put in a wonderful effort and came runners up in the Staffordshire County Cricket Cup. A great team performance, well done!

The exam season is really starting to heat up with Sport, Drama, Business, IT and Art exams

all taking place this week for Year 11. Next week sees one of the first whole cohort exams with English Literature Paper 1 on Monday. Get those Macbeth and Christmas Carol quotes ready Year 11.

The build continues with the foundations being dug out ready for the steel frame's arrival over half term. The team is progressing well. Also, on Wednesday next week an additional toilet block and catering outlet will be being put on to site to expand the facilities for pupils.

Have a great weekend, and Year 11: "Screw your courage to the sticking place!" ready for Monday.



SPORTING UPDATES

Year 7 boys football lost 5 -0 to Barr Beacon earlier this week.

Under 14 boys cricket team had an amazing game and attitude at Walsall cricket Club, narrowly losing in round 4 of the Staffordshire County Cup.

Under 13 boys cricket team finished runners up in the Staffordshire Indoor Cricket Festival. Our lads did brilliantly all day and narrowly missed out on first place.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

% Attendance YTD



ATTENDANCE PRIZES

- £250 XBOX OR SHOPPING VOUCHER** FOR 2 STUDENTS WITH 100% THIS YEAR
- £50 LOVERSHOP OR EAFC 25** 100% ATTENDANCE EVERY HALF-TERM
- £50 SUPERMARKET VOUCHER** 100% IN THE LAST 2 WEEKS OF HALF TERM
- REVISION GUIDES** FOR ONE YR11 STUDENT WITH 100% EVERY WEEK
- PIZZA PARTY** FOR THE MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS EACH TERM
- SWEETS** FOR THE BEST FORM GROUP EACH WEEK

EACH STUDENT ELIGIBLE WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RANDOM GENERATED DRAW FOR EACH PRIZE. WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED AND ANNOUNCED ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE FOYER

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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 **2,426 hours** and read **1,515 different books!** In Maths we have answered **860,700 questions!** In Science we have answered **257,638 questions!**

On Languagenut students have earned an impressive **132,200 points** this month!

Congratulations: amazing work and effort from our students!!

HEAD OF YEAR SHOUT OUTS

Shout out and well done to Skye D in Year 10 whose football team won the under 16's county cup with a 4-0 win over Leek Town Wildcats - Mr Francis

Shout out and big congratulations to Jaida GC in Year 10 on her extension at WBA Football Club for next year. Jaida is also part of the West Midlands County team who finished league champions this year - Mr Francis

LATEST LETTERS

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

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FIRST AID WORKSHOPS

Throughout the week, Year 7 students have been participating in First Aid Workshops courtesy of the British Red Cross. Students have performed CPR on dolls and learnt about the bystander effect, as well as how to use a defibrillator and where to locate one. Their participation was fantastic throughout the workshops and now are better equipped in life-saving situations.



PRECIOUS LIVES TALK

On Tuesday this week, the Academy welcomed a guest speaker from Precious Lives. Gary Williams spoke to our Year 7 students about the dangers and risks of knife crime, the impact of this and shared his own personal story.

The Precious Lives project sees a team of trainers, who have real life experience of knife crime either as a victim, offender or professional, speak to young people in order to help them understand the consequences of carrying or using a knife. The trainers share their experiences and pass on the lessons they've learnt to the class.

The sessions are designed to be hard hitting and impactful with an emphasis placed on connecting with the young people and delivering a message. Our students found this presentation informative and engaged well by asking Garry a range of questions.

We look forward to welcoming the Precious Lives Team back into the Academy again next year.



GCSE EXAM UPDATES

Monday 12th May: English Literature Paper 1 (AM)

Tuesday 13th May: RE Paper 1 & 2 (AM)

Tuesday 13th May: Biology Paper 1 (PM)

Wednesday 14th May: Geography Paper 1 (AM)

Thursday 15th May: Maths Paper 1 (AM)

Friday 16th May: History Paper 1 (AM)

STUDENT FRIENDLY GCSE TIMETABLE

Please click on the link below to view a student friendly version of the GCSE timetable which also includes revision sessions.

[GCSE Student Timetable -
Week Commencing 12th May 2025](#)

A LEVEL EXAM UPDATES

Monday 12th May: Health & Social Care - Human Lifespan and Development (PM)

Tuesday 13th May: Geography Paper 1 (AM)

Tuesday 13th May: Child Play, Learning & Development - Enquiries into Current Research (AM)

Wednesday 14th May: English Paper 1 (PM)

Thursday 15th May: Business - Personal and Business Finance (PM)

Thursday 15th May: Sports - Sports Organisation (PM)

Friday 16th May: IT - Information Technology Systems (PM)

Friday 16th May: Health & Social Care - Working in Health & Social Care (PM)



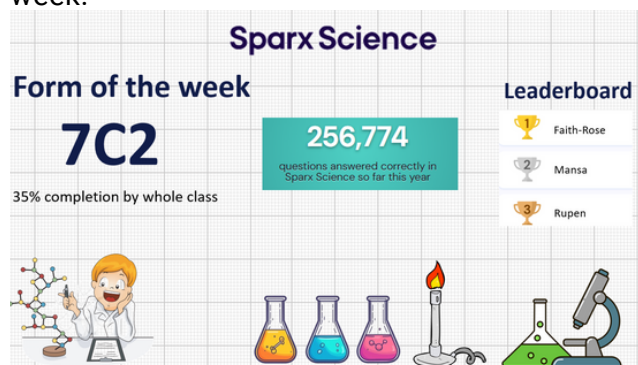


SPARX STARS ★

A big well done to Form 10H2 who are our Sparx Maths - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Pawanjot 🏆 2 Darasimi and 🏆 3 Rannia, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7C2 who are our Sparx Science - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Faith-Rose 🏆 2 Mansa and 🏆 3 Rupen, who are top of the class this week.



A big well done to Form 7V1 who are our Sparx Reader - Stars of the Week! An extra special shout out to 🏆 1 Archie 🏆 2 Skye and 🏆 3 Dexter, who are top of the class this week.



Complete your Sparx Reader, Sparx Science and Sparx Maths homework each week to be in with a chance to win:

- Certificate for 'form class of the week' (Reader, Maths, Science)
- Raffle - students who complete homework's will be entered into a raffle to win a £10 voucher in rewards assemblies
- 'Form of the term' will have a Treat to enjoy during registration at the end of term