

LETTER FROM MR WILSON

Students will not be in school on Monday 29th June due to an additional Staff Training Day, please read on for further information.

Welcome to this week's edition of the Newsflash.

Our Year 11 students are now well into their GCSE exams. We wish them all the very best of luck and are sure that their hard work at home, in school and during the forthcoming half term holiday will pay dividends when the results come out in August.

Students in Years 7 to 10 may feel that their GCSE exams are a long, long way in the future but we all know just how quickly time flies when you are at school. It is important that all them, especially those in Year 10, are already thinking about the future and what they need to do to achieve success when it is their turn to take their seats in the examination hall.

As I have said in previous editions of the Newsflash, parents play a major role in preparing their children for academic success. Thank you to all of you who help your child make academic progress by encouraging a good work ethic and good attendance and ensuring that he or she arrives at school on time and with the correct equipment and ready to learn. If school and home work together and insist on the same high standards, success will follow.

You may be aware that the current National Curriculum is going through some important reforms at present. In fact these are the most significant changes in almost a quarter of a century. There are new programmes of study which set out expectations at the end of each key stage and all schools will develop a curriculum relevant to their students that teaches this content. There are also major changes to the way that students' progress and attainment will be measured and reported.

We are committed to having everything in place for September 2015 and our teachers have been planning for these important changes for some time. In order that this can be achieved, our Governing Body has agreed to an additional INSET (teacher training) day for staff on **Monday 29th June. Students will therefore not be in school on this day.**

As we approach the half term holiday I hope that your family enjoy the break. The Academy re-opens on Monday 1st June for what will be a busy and, I'm sure, a very successful term.

Best wishes

Mr P. Wilson
Headteacher

GCSE COUNTDOWN

There will be a full programme of revision sessions for Year 11 students during the half term holiday as detailed below. Please encourage your child to attend these **vital** extra lessons.

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday 26 th May	English and BTEC Sport	History, BTEC Sport and BTEC Health and Social Care
Wednesday 27 th May	Maths	FSMQ (Additional Maths), BTEC CDMP and Physics
Thursday 28 th May	Geography, English and Chemistry	Science
Friday 29 th May	English and Biology	English

The following GCSE examinations will take place during the first week back after the holiday:

Day	Morning (9.00am start)	Afternoon (1.30pm start)
Monday 1 st June	History	Biology
Tuesday 2 nd June	English Language	Japanese
Wednesday 3 rd June	Computing Bengali FSMQ (Additional Maths)	Geography Persian
Thursday 4 th June	Maths	-
Friday 5 th June	Persian Portuguese Music	Additional Science (Biology)

Keep up your hard work and preparation Year 11 and remember to ask your teachers if there is anything at all that you need help with. Your commitment and hard work now will be rewarded when you get your GCSE results in the summer.

IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

Year 7 students visit Skipton Castle as part of their Humanities course. Further details about the trip can be found later in this edition of Newsflash.

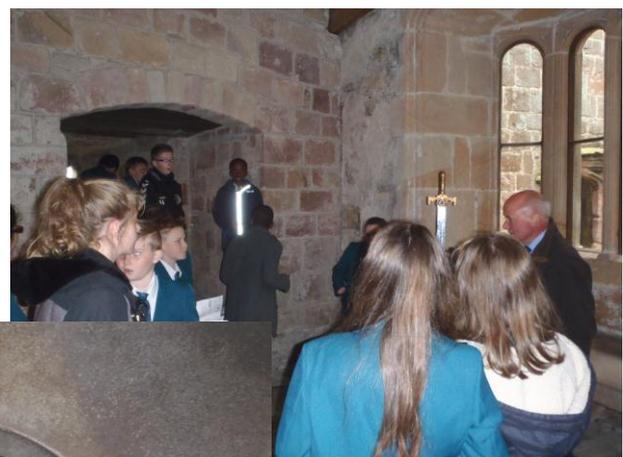
Students taking the Duke of Edinburgh Award depart for the White Peaks in Derbyshire.

Workshops and auditions for **Singing in the Rain** continue.

Congratulations to Mrs Egan and Mrs Barber who both gave birth to baby daughters this week.

TRIP TO SKITON CASTLE

A group of Year 7 students visited Skipton Castle earlier this week as part of their Humanities course. They were taken on a tour by volunteers and found out about why and when the castle was built. The toilet, or the 'long drop' as it is known, was of particular interest although a few stomachs did turn when the students were told that the medieval equivalent to toilet paper was a covering of moss on the end of a stick and that the stick was then shared by the residents! The guide went on to explain that, perhaps for obvious reasons, the expression about "grabbing the wrong end of the stick" dates back to medieval times, but maybe the less said about that the better! There is a photo of the 'long drop' below. The students were also given a real medieval dungeon experience when they were locked up in the dungeon below the castle in the pitch black. We did, however, make sure that all our students returned safe and sound and that nobody was left to endure the conditions of a medieval prisoner for longer than absolutely necessary.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

There are plans in place to introduce 'student of the week' awards during next half term to acknowledge and reward those students that staff feel have deserved special recognition that week. Students could be nominated for a number of reasons including :

- An outstanding piece of work
- Outstanding learning and progress in class
- Excellent contribution in class
- Excellent contribution to the Academy
- Excellent service or support for others
- Excellent behaviour and attitude to learning

Each member of staff will be able to nominate one student and names of all those nominated will appear in Newsflash. Further details will be available when we come back after the half term.

REMINDERS AND MESSAGES

The Academy will be closed to students on Monday 29th June as detailed in Mr Wilson's introductory letter to this edition of Newsflash.

NEXT WEEK'S MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main menu Turkey Roganjosh	Main menu Sausages in a rich Onion Gravy Piri Piri Salmon Fillets	Main menu Roast Beef & homemade Yorkshire Pudding	Main menu Chicken Fajitas	Main menu Homemade battered Fish & Chips
Vegetarian option Stuffed Tomatoes Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Vegetarian option Quorn Beef Chilli	Vegetarian option Vegetable Lasagne Vegetable Pasta Bake	Vegetarian option Cheese & Onion Pie	Vegetarian option Mediterranean Vegetable Pastry Barbecue Pasta Bake
A selection of fresh vegetables will be available every day				
Dessert Fruit Salad Apple Crumble	Dessert Fruit Salad Sponge & Custard	Dessert Fruit Salad Pear Crumble	Dessert Fruit Salad Fruit Tart & Custard	Dessert Fruit Salad
Homemade tray bakes including Flapjack, Shortbread, Scones and Cupcakes will be available every day				

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Academy will close for the half term holiday on Friday 22nd May and re-open on Monday 1st June.

The Year 7 Parent Teacher Evening will be held on Thursday 25th June. Further details will be available after the half term holiday.

ARTS' AND SPORTS' ROUND UP

Eighty students from all year groups attended the Singing in the Rain Dance, Singing and Drama Workshops last week. Auditions for lead roles took place this Monday and, for lead chorus, chorus and dance, on Tuesday. We have seen lots of very talented students, both experienced and beginners, and all who took part should be very proud of themselves. The final cast list will be published on Friday 22nd May with our first rehearsals starting after the half term holiday.



The Sports fields are now marked out with a 400m running track as our students take part in various track and field events as part of the P.E. curriculum.

Over 100 students attended the BTEC Sport coursework evenings..... and were then rewarded with a Dominoes Pizza!

For match reports and news from the P.E. Department please visit the weekly on-line Sports Blog on the Academy website.