Bulletin

29 January 2024



Message from the Principal

Dear Families,



We had a lovely week in the Academy last week, Year 10 and 11 were lucky enough to have a performance of Macbeth to help them with their curriculum and the Year 9s also had an incredible performance around drugs education. We were also particularly busy because the Year 11s had the first of their real exams which was Food Technology as well as having their mock speaking exams for languages. Going into this week they have PE moderation to go before their mock start next week, so a lot going on!

This week is one of my favourite weeks of the year as we have our school production and I am really excited about all of the hard work that has gone into the production of Annie. Year 9 are also have a speed network event around careers to help them in advance of their GCSE options. A huge thank you to our parents who have offered to be part of this. Further information on the GCSE option process will be coming over the coming weeks.

Finally, I've been so impressed with Year 7. They have started off with their new groups and teachers so well and have been incredibly mature throughout.

Have a lovely week.

Ms Green **Principal**

Parental Engagement Evening: Tuesday 6th February, 5pm: Literacy In this session Mr O'Shea, Head of English, will

discuss the importance of learnt vocabulary in all subjects and the importance of reading appropriate texts across all elements of the curriculum and how this can be supported at home.

To help with our planning, please click HERE to confirm attendance.

Tickets: £5 each, available to buy on ParentPay NOW!

WHAT'S COMNIG UP...

- Year 9 Careers Speed Networking Event Tuesday 30th January
- National Story Telling Week Tuesday 30th January
- **Annie The Musical** Wednesday 31st January & Thursday 1st February
- **LGBTQ+ History Month Begins** Thursday 1st February
- Year 11 Mock Exams Begin Monday 5th February
- Children's Mental Health Week Monday 5th February
- **National Apprenticeship Week** Monday 5th February
- **Parental Engagement Evening** Tuesday 6th February
- Ski Trip Departs Friday 9th February
- Last Day of spring term 1 Friday 9th February

Snus is a potentially dangerous form of nicotine consumption which is becoming popular with young people. Snus comes in the form of small pouches of tobacco products which are then placed between the lip and the gum for prolonged periods. The side effects of this can be quite severe and as with all tobacco products, it is illegal for be aware and if you have any queries or concerns, do not hesitate to contact us.

ONLINE SAFETY

This week National Online Safety are sharing their free guide to parents on 'What Parents & Carers Need to know about MYLOL'. A teen dating website that allows users to rate each others pictures, send private messages and connect with strangers online; it has even caused law enforcement and schools in some countries to issue warnings.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Last week, whole school attendance attendance averages at one day of schooling is being missed a fortnight per student, and four full weeks across the school year, which has a huge impact on student attainment.

Well done to Year 7 who were top of the leader board last week.

Year 7	92.51%
Year 9	91.83%
Year 8	90.11%
Year 10	88.64%
Year 11	87.85%

Live attendance data is available on the parent and student MCAS apps.