

Parent/Carer Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another positive week at the academy, with students continuing to engage well in their learning and the many opportunities available to them beyond the classroom.

This week, we were delighted to begin issuing new backpacks, kindly funded through our partnership with Amazon, to students in Years 7 to 10. It has been a pleasure to see students receiving these and taking pride in the resources provided to support their learning. We are also looking forward to presenting Year 11 students with their backpacks during the Revision and Careers Evening on 22nd October, which promises to be an important event as students continue their preparation for GCSE success. We have also launched a range of celebrations, rewards and competitions linked to Sparx Maths and Sparx Science. Regular practice and retrieval are key to developing confidence and securing knowledge, and these platforms provide an excellent opportunity for students to strengthen their understanding outside of lessons. We have been encouraged by the positive start many students have already made and look forward to celebrating their achievements in the coming weeks.

This week, staff have also been carrying out morning quizzing on the academy gates focused on Protected Characteristics and Modern British Values. Students have been discussing important themes such as respect, tolerance, individual liberty, democracy and the rule of law. These sessions are helping students to develop their understanding of the diverse society in which they live, while reinforcing the values that underpin our academy culture and preparing them to be informed, respectful and responsible citizens.

Across the academy, students continue to demonstrate positive attitudes to learning and a strong commitment to their studies. It is particularly pleasing to see students taking advantage of the opportunities available to support both their academic progress and personal development.

As always, thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential. I hope you and your family have a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Gillian Mills
Principal