

16 February 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you have had a good week. Here are some of things we have been doing this week, and some information on what we have planned for once we return on Monday 26 February:

Free Breakfast for All

We have had around 30 students each morning this week taking advantage of a free breakfast. If you would like your child to benefit from this after half term, just send them along. Breakfast is served from 8.00am daily.

Year 11 PPE's

Year 11 have sat many exams this week during their last set of Pre-Public Exams (PPEs). They have one more week of exams after half term. Teachers are now busy marking the papers. Results and predicted grades will be shared with students and parents on Friday 15 March 2024, followed by an in-person Parents Evening on Monday 18 March 2024.

Eco-Warriors

This week the Eco Warriors took on their first major task in helping the Academy be more environmentally friendly. The students planted a variety of hedges and trees on the edge of the school field, which in the future will be a great habitat for a variety of species. They enjoyed learning about how to plant these species and how to protect them while they are growing.

The students felt great pride in knowing that they contributed to the Academy and what they have done will benefit future students for years to come. We will enjoy watching how they grow over the coming months and years! Thank you to our Eco-Warriors!

Rewards Shop

Students have been enjoying trading in their REACH points this half term for treats from the new CoPA Rewards Shop. The most popular treats have been stationary, raffle tickets for a big prize draw, VIP lunchtime queue skips, and a non-uniform day for you and your friends.

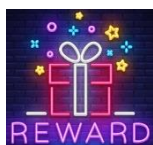
The shop will continue to grow and offer new treats after the half term holiday.

Year 9 CPR Workshop

Following the successful completion of a CPR workshop conducted by the East of England Air Ambulance, all the Year 9 students that participated received their certificates this week. The workshop provided the students with essential first aid skills and knowledge. **Congratulations to those students that took part!**



Attendance Flash Rewards Week



The names of ten lucky students were drawn in a live draw today, having attended every day this week. Five of the students won a VIP queue skip for the whole of the half term 2 for them and a friend, with the other five winning a day in non-uniform for them and a friend. **Congratulations to all 10 winners!**

Students of the Week

English	Student J (Year 10)
Maths	Matthew Art Panes (Year 11)
Humanities	Student J (Year 11)
Science	Asreen Abbo (Year 10)
Performance	Liam Moore (Year 11)
Languages	Student S (Year 10)

Year 7	Isabelle Taylor
Year 8	Student Z
Year 9	Student S
Year 10	Ellie-May
Year 11	Student N

If not done so already, please can I ask that you take a moment to complete our '[Permission to Publish Student Details Form](#)', whereby you can opt in or out of certain student details being published within newsletters (such as the above table). We'd love to share your child's success! Thank you to those that already completed this.

LGBTQ+ History Month – Non-Uniform Day

To support LGBTQ+ History month we are holding a **non-uniform day** for students and staff on Wednesday 28 February. We would like to flood the Academy with colour and would therefore ask that students wear brightly coloured clothing. In support, our staff will be wearing t-shirts in the colours of the PRIDE flag.

To raise funds for LGBTQ+ charities we will collect donations on the gates, and students will also have the opportunity to purchase cakes at lunchtime in Room A81 - available at 12.20pm and 1.20pm for lunch 1 and 2 respectively.



Parent/ Family Support and Information Evening

We are excited to announce that on Thursday 14 March 2024 between 3.30pm – 5.00pm we will host our very first Parent/ Family Support and Information Evening.

We are aiming to support parents and members of the local community in services and support groups that will benefit you and your families. Currently we will be providing stall and support from the following:

- Longhurst Education: Provide free qualifications for our parents in English/Maths/Computing
- Healthy You: Provide free advice, gym membership, fitness classes, meal planning and advice.
- Health Watch: Discussion on NHS; how they can help and develop the community offer.
- Centre 33: Mental health and homelessness support
- YDP: Camps, support and holiday clubs
- Mind: Mental health and language support
- Plus many more!

There will also be a swap and go uniform and coat stand as well as food to warm you up, plus much more. Be sure to look at our flyer and put the date in your diary.

And finally...

Thank you for your continued support during this half term. I hope you and your families have a safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing students again on Monday 26 February at 8.35am.

Yours faithfully



Mrs N Treacy
Principal