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ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Headteachers Welcome

Welcome everyone to our December newsletter. One term into the academic year and so much has happened. We have had a number of visitors into school and students have, as always, been exemplary in representing the academy both in school and out in the local community.

To support our communication links with parents and carers, staff and students have been sharing academy news on a regular basis through dojo and the school website in order to showcase some of the fantastic work that has been taking place, so please do look out for further updates in the Spring term!

Dates for the Diary

- 6th January - Students return to school
- 31st January - Parent coffee morning
- 14th February - INSET - school closed to students.



Thankyou to all who completed our recent parent survey. Your feedback is crucial to supporting our school evaluation and strengthening the important relationship between parents and school.

Enrichment Activities

In addition to the school choir and weekly enrichment activities, students have also participated in some wonderful activities in support of charity including our MacMillan coffee morning, Children in Need and Jeans for Genes. They have also had visits from our furry friends at the Guide Dogs Association, and students in the ASC department have taken part in a week long create project with Jesse's fund, exploring their musical talents.

English and Phonics

This half term, we have placed a strong emphasis on developing English and Phonics across the Academy. Teachers have been collaborating to share best practice and it has been inspiring to observe some engaging and creative lessons in English over the past few weeks.

Phonics sessions take place every morning in focused groups, where students are making fantastic progress. Additionally, we have been refining our Phase One phonics approach this term, ensuring students have access to a robust foundation. We are excited to expand the availability of explicit phonics sessions for more learners in the new year.

Thank you to all the staff and students for their hard work and dedication to these important areas of learning!

Mary Elliot goes to Starbucks!

Many students have shown great commitment to the school choir this term showing determination in their singing and signing along with a wonderful sense of community, demonstrating one of our core values.

For the terms finale, a group of students travelled to our local Starbucks to perform a Carol Service. Some students utilised public transport to get to their destination and all learners were amazing ambassadors for the academy. At the service students raised money for the British Heart Foundation, which was the chosen charity of our Academy Council. It was a fabulous performance and a fantastic time was had by all, raising a grand total of £86.93

Careers & Transition Fair

There was a brilliant turn out at this years transition fair, with Post 16 providers in education and social care in attendance along with local authority support services.

We had lots of positive feedback on the event from parents, students and providers. If you would like any further information on Post 16 or Post 18 opportunities, please contact us by emailing:

enquiry@mary-elliott.thrive.ac

Merry Christmas

Thankyou to all who contributed to our Christmas Fair, whether donating or attending, your support has been very much appreciated. We had a fantastic morning and raised a total of £1027.87!

And Finally...a very Merry Christmas to all in our school community!

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and we will see you all again in the New Year.

