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We are extremely pleased with how well all of the students have settled down this year – both new and 'old' students. In assembly this week, I talked all about how our school ethos is PRIDE. Each letter stands for a word in itself (I hope that Gladstone pupils would be able to tell you that is an acronym) The 'P' was very evident as I looked at all of the students sitting in their very neat uniforms, but we also talked about our achievements. Staff shared some of theirs including Mrs Lamb's world record at 'spinning' – 54 hours on a stationary bike in a gym and our song bird, Mrs Emmens who, alongside her choir friends, has a record in the classical charts. Please do let us know about your child's achievements outside school – we love celebrating them in assembly. Each assembly will focus upon a different letter of PRIDE. In case you want to reinforce our ethos at home, it stands for:

Pride in our appearance and in all that we achieve
Respect for ourselves and our environment
Independence skills
Determination to succeed
Enjoyment of learning and life



Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
0800 1313 126
Outside office hours:
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
01782 235100
Outside office hours:
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :
0300 123 5012 Option 2
Outside office hours:
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:
01743 254 259
Initial Contact Team:
0345 678 9021
Outside office hours:
0345 678 9040

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –
0845 604 2719
Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –
0800 561 0015

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COMING SOON



Hot off the press – the building work has started by our food area and outside the science lab – we are having all of the grounds levelled to create 2 flat outdoor learning spaces – 1 for horticulture and the second for our small animals. Our Post 16 students will be in charge of choosing which animals we can make new homes for – we have had to explain that we cannot have any Tigers!

In this newsletter we are highlighting the achievements of students who have 'gone the extra mile' since our last newsletter. Their achievements, as you will read below, are very varied and reflect the wide spread of abilities in our school. No achievement is too small to be celebrated!

Scholars of the week:

Callum in Moorcroft for showing increased maturity and kindness to others .

Bridgewater's **Harry** who has been speaking in full sentences.

Killian from Spode who has integrated really well into his new group.

Portmeirion's **Keanu** who has come back to school with a great attitude to work and **William** who has shown empathy and understanding with the other members of the class.

Staff all stayed behind on Wednesday night to complete their Level 1 Safeguarding Refresher Course. This is a particularly gruelling training session because we hear about all sorts of very difficult issues concerning children and young people who have been abused, threatened, enslaved and hurt. Tears are shed but the lessons we learn are absolutely invaluable. You can play your part as well in keeping your child safe by introducing them to PANTS



Don't forget – applications to be an Academy Councillor are still open – you have until September 30th to apply for this absolutely vital role supporting the governance of the school

Exam Success

Our Year 11 students did us proud in their exams and qualifications. 96% of all students achieved or exceeded their targets and **all** of the pupils entered for Level One Functional Skills English and NCFE Maths passed with flying colours. Well done students and a huge thanks to our hard working staff.

23rd September – Coffee morning for Year 7 parents and carers – an informal optional event for parents and carers to meet each other and class TAs to hear how their child has settled in and to share any initial concerns.

W/C 7th October – Individual dates will be sent to Year 7 parents and carers EHCP Reviews – this gives us an opportunity to review your child's EHCP targets in the context of our school

25th October – 1st November – ½ term October holiday

19th November – Grandparents Lunch - an invitation for grandparents (or that someone special in your child's life) to join us for lunch

6th December is an INSET day – chosen specifically because the students are exhausted by this time in the term and this will give them an opportunity to have a long weekend and re-charge their batteries .

Friday 20th December 2019- Friday 3rd January 2020 - Christmas Holiday

Please note : Early closure – 1.30pm Friday 20th December

Don't forget that the school calendar is available on our website:

<http://www.blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/>

If you'd like to take part and dress in yellow, please send £1 in to school on the day