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Staff have been getting ready over the last couple of weeks in preparation for our upcoming Parent and Carer reviews. We have all had training on 'Preparation for Adulthood' and have heard about the research undertaken with Parents and Carers. In this research, it states that the earlier parents engage in this thinking, the more positive the outcomes are for young people. It acknowledges that sometimes, these discussions can be quite hard, simply because of the levels of tiredness that some parents face because of the complexity of needs of their child, they are often struggling to just get through the next 24 hours! For other parents, there is so much uncertainty that it is easier to just not think. If we can start these conversations, it will help us to refine our curriculum and also to be looking forwards together to explore what future possibilities are.

We would like you all to meet for an initial conversation with class teachers / Form Tutors to talk about your aspirations for your child when they leave school . We will be completing, during the conversation, your child's Preparation for Adulthood form which looks like this:

Preparation for Adulthood Plan for

<p>Employment</p> <p>I will concentrate on developing the following employability skills::</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p style="text-align: center;">Core</p> <p>Blackfriars Achievements:-</p> <p>By the end of July 2022</p> <p>What are my EHCP targets?</p>	<p>Friends, Relationships and Community</p> <p>I need to try to take opportunities to</p>
<p>Independent Living</p> <p>I need to independently :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		<p>Health and Well Being</p> <p>I need to commit to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

It would be really helpful if, in advance, you could give some thought to your hopes and aspirations for your child – what activities do you want them to get involved in, what do you want them to more independent in (that could be getting dressed or indicating 'yes' or 'no') Some parents talk about their hopes for their child to have employment opportunities, others that they can volunteer for a few hours a week. We hope that all of our children live happy and fulfilled lives, to do so, they will need to have healthy relationships with family and friends, what are your hopes here? Also, how will they balance their health and well-being – do you hope your child will eat a more balanced diet or swim regularly etc.

REMINDER – Parents' Evening Monday 6 December for Year Groups 7,8,9,10

Online Appointment Booking System

Parents Evening this year will be via video links and we will be using our online appointment booking system. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with your child's form tutor and you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Please visit:

<https://blackfriars.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>
to book your video appointment which will go live on Thursday 2nd of December

Blackfriars Academy

Parents Evening System

Welcome to the Blackfriars Academy parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title First Name Surname

Email Confirm Email

Student's Details

First Name Surname Date of Birth

GLADSTONE IN BLACKPOOL

On Thursday the 18th Gladstone went on a trip to Blackpool to see the Illuminations. They set off at Lunch, arriving in a windy Blackpool some hours later. After parking up they took a walk down the promenade and headed onto the beach, finding some really cool shells and writing their names in the sand before regrouping and setting off for Harry Ramsdens for some fish and chips! Each student went to the counter to pay for their own meals and before long everyone was tucking in to some well-deserved grub! One of the Harry Ramsdens staff commented on how well behaved and polite our students were before they headed back to the minibuses (with some tasty snacks) for a few laps of the illuminations. After the Illuminations it was home time and they all arrived safely back at school for 9:30pm.



Sports

On Wednesday we were invited to take a team to Fenton Manor to compete in the North Staffs Special School Sports Association (NSSSSA) Sports hall Athletics. The event is held annually and involves all the special schools from the area. We joined another 8 schools competing in 16 events.

The events list included speed bounce, standing long jump, soft javelin, chest push, relays and obstacle courses.

We did not finish in the top three but we gained over 100 points



We as staff, though, believe that we had won from the minute we arrived to the minute we left. The behaviour of the pupils, to see them compete, give it everything they had and more, the resilience they showed over the day coupled with the fun and enjoyment they had and they gave to others, means we were definite winners!

Thank you Portmeirion for the most wonderful of days you should be so very proud of yourselves.

Diary Dates:

14th December - Christmas Fair
Week of 13th December –
Christmas Dinners
17th December 2021 - Early
Christmas finish. We break up at
1.30pm!

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Scholars of the Week

Cassio from Dudson for his amazing looking and choosing during our communication lesson. Well done Cassio!



All of Gladstone have been nominated because of their superb behaviour in Harry Ramsden's – the waitress made a particular point of speaking to staff to say how

Portmeirion class have also been nominated, I was delighted to receive this from the organiser of Wednesday's Sport Meet: "Just wanted to say how impressive your kids were today. It always amazes me to see the resilience and effort Blackfriars pupils and the less able kids put in on events like today. All with a massive smile on their faces."

