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# Blackfriars Bulletin



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Blackfriars Academy was saddened to hear about the Queens passing and would like to send our condolences to The Royal Family. We held an assembly all about her inspirational life and all her achievements over her 70 reigning years.

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Staffordshire: First Response -  
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We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our parents and carers. We are looking forward to sharing with you the news about what our students get up to during their days at Blackfriars. We have had a very calm and ordered start to the term, which I am especially pleased about because we have got so many new starters – 34 new students!

Clarice Cliff have welcomed Jack, Jack H, Sam and William; Spode opened their doors to Aaron, George and Layla; and Jacob, Thomas, Isabelle, Connor, Aiden, Jaxson and Tadhg have all joined Moorcroft.



In Middleport, we have nine new students, Finley, Jathaniel, Jensen, Liam, Lola, Malaki, Rayane, Sophie and Sophie S and in Churchill, they have welcomed Chloe, Halima, Harry, James, Lewis, Lily Ann, Lucy, Orla and Rayan.

Portmeirion are also delighted to welcome Millie. We hope that you are all very happy here at Blackfriars.



Just in case you missed it on Facebook, Blackfriars' Year 11's achieved outstanding results in their exams and external accreditation. Some of the highlights include:

- 100% of students entered for GCSE English gained a level 4 pass
- 100% of students entered achieved a NCFE level 2 Award in Maths
- 100% of students entered achieved their level 1 Award in Maths
- 100% of students entered achieved their Entry 3 Awards in Maths
- In English 100% students entered achieved Functional Skills English full award at level 2
- In English 100% students entered achieved Functional Skills English full award at level 1

Despite all of the additional challenges that our students have had to face because of Covid, our exceptionally talented and hard-working Year 11's managed once again to produce a stunning set of results in their external accreditation. We are so proud of all of our Leavers. We wish them every success in their new settings

Just because we have not been in school does not mean to say that there has not been a great deal of activity in the Land Based use area as well. Staff have been brilliant at coming in to not only feed Bridget and Emma, our lop eared bunnies, but to also water the students' vegetables. Ready to harvest, we have had strawberries, tomatoes, sunflowers, potatoes sweet peas, cauliflowers, courgettes, herbs and gladioli. The classes have delighted in measuring their sunflowers.



It has been a very busy summer for the premises staff who have been supporting different contractors on site. The ICT room has been refurbished: all of our classrooms now feature new interactive touchscreen boards; our plumbing system has been brought into the 21st-century; we've had some preliminary heating works done and most exciting of all, the pool refurbishment has started. This involves new showers, allowing for all of our students to be able to access them; revamped changing rooms and toilet area, the pool surround is being resurfaced, all of the walls wet boarded and, vitally important, a new pool liner is being fitted. No doubt most of our students will be uninterested in these changes, what will excite them the most is the new lighting and sound system which will allow us to use motivational music and lighting to encourage the students to be more active in the pool.



Above are pictures showing an example of the sort of work that we're having done which will include boxes that float on the water that the students can swim 2 to press to enable the lighting to be changed. We are also having a pool cover to help to retain the heat in the pool.

Last year's readers will remember that the classes in Questioning had the opportunity to take part in a range of sporting activities ranging from canoeing to boxing. Jack, now in Gladstone, had his interest piqued by Ju Jitsu and did no more than ask his parents whether he could take part in some trial sessions at the local Dojo. Jack said that he was motivated by a desire to protect himself. He now attends regularly and has earned himself his first certificate. Jack said that it is 'the best choice I've made, I really enjoy it and would encourage other people to go. It keeps you fit, you do get tested, you have to work hard and train regularly and then you can enter competitions. Even my Dad has started!'



#### Diary Dates:

- 26th September - Parent Consultations - Preparation for adulthood (Online)
- 3rd October - Parent Consultations - Preparation for adulthood (In Person)
- 24th October to 28th October – October Half Term
- 25th November - INSET Day, no students in

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