



Blackfriars Bulletin

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As we move into the second half of the half-term, the curriculum is in full swing. Students are starting to go out of school on visits, accreditation routes are underway and our fabulous multi-agency teams are making regular visits into school.

Curriculum plans

All parents/carers are now able to access their Child's class' Curriculum Plan on the school website which provides an outline of what is being covered for the term in each lesson. Follow the link provided...

<https://blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/immersive/>



<https://blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/exploratory/>



<https://blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/questioning/>



Science - How do our bodies work?

In science, students in the Questioning and Upper Exploratory classes have been looking at the Human Body and Health. As always, staff endeavour to make this as real as possible in order to support our students' learning - tangible objects help students to deal with difficult conceptual understanding. Mr Parr helped the classes to understand how the heart works and it's relationship to our lungs by allowing the students to get up and close with a heart one week and the second week, with a heart and a connected set of lungs. See how interested the students are below...





Preparation for Adulthood (PfA)

Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) is a key strand that motivates our curriculum. We are currently working with the students about their priorities. Parents of students in years 8, 10 and 11 will have received a text with a link to book your time slot, either in person (Monday 16th October 2:45pm – 4.45pm) or on-line (Monday 23rd October 2.45pm – 4.45pm) for a meeting with your child's class teacher to discuss personal PfA targets.

You can see in the photos below, Portmeirion class making the trip down to Tesco Express – they have their own money and a shopping list and are required to do the full transaction, including attempting to / working out their change.



House Captains and School Council Representatives

Breaking news... votes following the whole school election have been counted and Blackfriars now has newly appointed House Captains and members of the School Council.



House Captains



School Council



The meeting of the School Council took place last week and we asked them to consider whether they were happy with the way in which they were being asked to learn and whether they felt safe in school. They had many different responses but their Secretary, Oli, provided a very succinct summary that we recorded and played to the Academy Council. Heather Ashton, our Chair of Academy Council, has responded to the students. You can see their vlogs on our website.



Dudson's bake sale

Congratulations to Dudson Class in the Immersive Pathway for raising a tremendous £106+ for Macmillan, a very impressive amount. Thank you everyone for your contributions.



Hello Yellow

Mark your calendars for Friday, 13th October! We're inviting all students and staff to don their brightest yellow attire and contribute just £1 to make a difference.

Find out more here: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>



Mondays

Wondering why we finish early on a Monday? – Check out the explanation on our website: <https://blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/why-do-we-close-early-for-students-on-a-monday/>



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| 13th October | Hello Yellow (yellow clothing and £1 donation for Young Minds) |
| 16th October from 2:45pm | PfA meetings (face to face meeting), year groups 8,10 & 11
(Appointments will be available via our online booking system) |
| 18th October 11am | You & your teenager (Digital) parent workshop
(Call us on 01782 987150 to book your place) |
| 23rd October from 2:45pm | PfA meetings (online), year groups 8,10 & 11
(Appointments will be available via our online booking system) |

30th October - 3rd November

October half term

Scholars of the Week

Lily S in Royal Doulton has been nominated as a Scholar of the Week. Lily is always kind and supportive towards her friends.

Also from Royal Doulton, Drew has been nominated for Scholar of the Week for being a good role model and supporting his peers around school.

Rebecca S has been nominated for Scholar of the Week in Gladstone. She is nominated for superb attitude and concentration in lessons, particularly maths and English.

Kainan is Scholar of the Week for Portmeirion, for his brilliant drawings on the School Houses display board.

Archie from Bridgewater has been nominated for his perseverance, determination and fantastic attitude to learning; not only in lessons but also in the preparation and running of Bridgewater café. Well done Archie, you are an incredible example to others!

Middleport would like to nominate Theodore because he is working extremely hard to overcome a personal barrier.

Liam from Churchill has been nominated for Scholar of the Week. During lunchtime, Liam was able to self regulate his emotions appropriately and accept help when he needed it. Liam has transitioned into Churchill fantastically and we are very proud of how mature, kind and responsible he is becoming.