



# Blackfriars Bulletin

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Welcome back and Happy New Year from us all at Blackfriars Academy. We hope that you managed to have some nice family time over the holidays.

## 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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## 'Signs and Symbols'

We have come back to school with a vengeance! Classes are very busy working on our new anchor of 'Signs and Symbols'. This anchor provides an excellent opportunity for us to emphasize the importance of keeping ourselves safe.

In order to help us with this mission, when you are out and about in the community, please can you point out any signs or symbols that you see and ask them what they think it might mean.



## 'Loudmouth Theatre Company'

To develop the Questioning Pathway's understanding of how to keep themselves safe, we have hosted 'Loudmouth Theatre Company' on Wednesday. Churchill and Royal Doulton had a presentation called 'Helping Hands' a theatre in education programme about staying safe in online and offline relationships including work on child abuse & exploitation and domestic abuse. The Safe Team guided our students through the NSPCC's PANTS rule to support them in knowing when situations aren't safe and where to go for support.



Our students were fantastic in their responses, we are hopeful that the more times they hear these messages and from different voices, they will begin to impact upon their actions.



Gladstone and Portmeirion watched 'Working for Marcus' a different theatre in education programme for KS 3 & 4 students to support an understanding of child exploitation including child sexual exploitation and county lines.



If you are not aware of what County Lines is, please check out [https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/child-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines/what-is-county-lines?gad\\_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIOrXdtOHSgwMVkYIQBh28BAjiEAAYASAAEgLm-PD\\_BwE](https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/what-we-do/our-work/child-criminal-exploitation-and-county-lines/what-is-county-lines?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIOrXdtOHSgwMVkYIQBh28BAjiEAAYASAAEgLm-PD_BwE)

The criminals who operate County Lines do prey on young people with special educational needs so it is important that as parents and carers, we know what the dangers are. It would be great if you could discuss the play with your child.



## School Calendars

As noted in the latest edition of the Blackfriars Academy Chronicle, individuals who missed the opportunity to acquire a calendar before Christmas now have the chance to place a final order. The deadline for submitting orders and payments is **19th January**, with prices set at **£6 for one or £10 for two**.



### Key dates for your calendar

#### Inset day

School closed

Friday 9th February

School closed

Monday 15th April

#### Half Term

School closed

12th - 16th February

#### Easter Holidays

School closed

25th March - 5th April



### Grandparents' Lunch:

Questioning Pathway -  
Churchill, Royal Doulton,  
Portmeirion and Gladstone



6th March 2024

Exploratory Pathway -  
Moorcroft, Bridgewater,  
and Middleport



16th May 2024



### Parent Workshops:

All parents & Carers welcome

You & your teenager -  
Body

15th January 2024

You & your teenager -  
Mind & spirit

27th February 2024



### Annual review (individual dates to be confirmed)

Year 8s

December & January

Year 10s

March & April

Year 11s

April & May



### Spring term reports

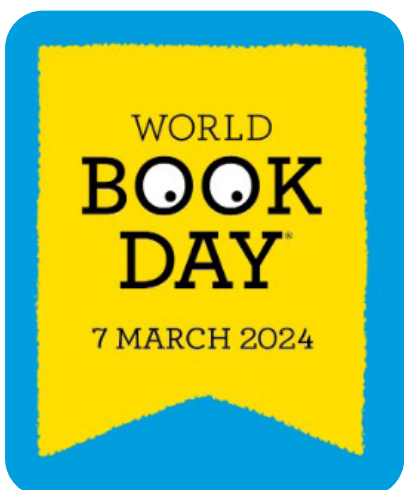
Years 7, 8, 11 & 13 -

February 2024

### End of year reports

All year groups -

July 2024



### RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

All year groups -

26th - 28th January 2024

### World Book Day

All year groups -

7th March 2024

### School House Day

All year groups -

22nd March 2024



### BAC Belonging

If you didn't catch our December edition of the Blackfriars Academy Chronicle, you can find it here: [https://blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/BAC\\_belonging\\_3.pdf](https://blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/BAC_belonging_3.pdf)