



# Blackfriars Bulletin

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**Shaw  
Education  
Trust**

In the last few weeks, we have been talking a lot about “change” at school. We have noticed how the season is changing, moving from winter to spring. We are also talking about how people change and how the things we do can make a difference in the world.

## 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

## Meeting with an MP

As parents and carers, you would have been so proud of our students on Friday, the School Council met with MP Aaron Bell, to discuss issues that concerned them. The questions ranged from

**‘What are you doing to help close down Whalley’s Quarry?’**

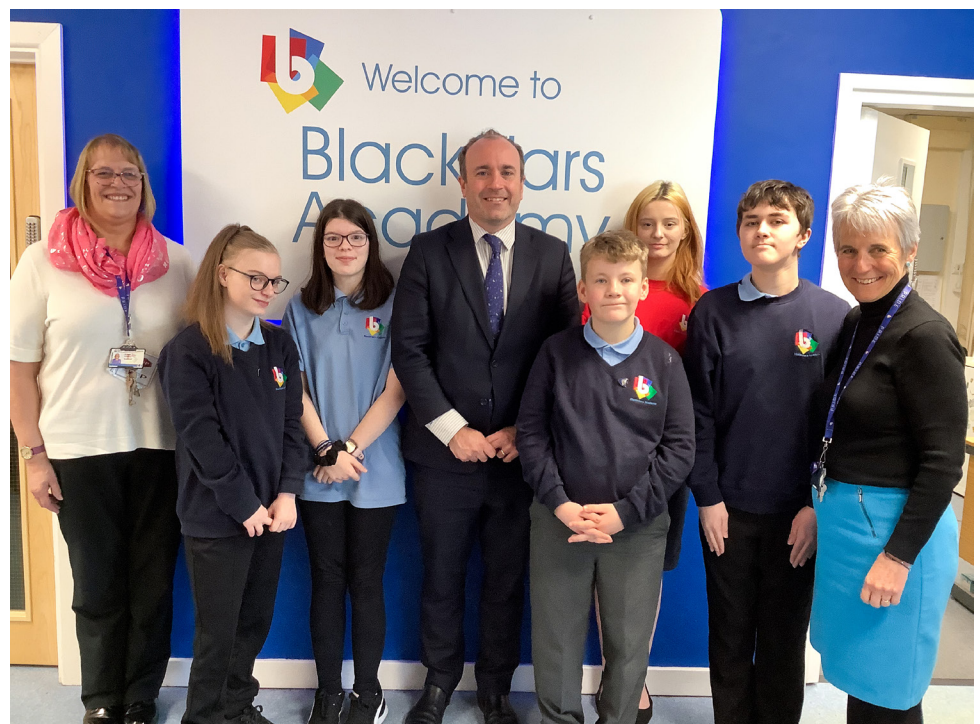
to

**‘How can our school get the funding that it desperately needs?’**

The students were especially interested to know what qualifications were needed to become an MP – not many we discovered! But also how do you get to become an MP? A lovely question was

**‘What inspired you to become an MP?’**

Where students were not able to become so involved in the discussion, they listened attentively and clapped at the end of the session.





We realised half the way through the meeting that we do have our very own MP in the making – Alex in Gladstone was absolutely determined to grill Mr Bell on accessibility issues. You may remember that after his visit to the Houses of Parliament in London, Alex was appalled at the lack of dropped kerbs meaning that he frequently had to take his life in his hands every time he crossed a road. In disgust, Alex wrote to the PM, Mr Bell and Staffordshire Council. His only response was from the Council who referred him to another department! Alex tackled Mr Bell who responded with information about the steps that he was taking both inside and outside Westminster to promote disability awareness (See the poster for the Annual Health & Wellbeing Roadshow) Alex’s response was


**‘Do you really think that change is moving fast enough?’**

We look forward to hearing further news from Alex both in his campaign but also future career as a politician!




You are invited to...

**the Annual Health & Wellbeing ROADSHOW**




At NSCG Newcastle College, Knutton Lane, ST5 2GB  
Saturday 6th July 2024  
12pm-5pm



**ON THE DAY**

- Free Parking Onsite
- Disabled Access
- Autism Friendly
- Annual Health Check Awareness
- Health Passports
- Speech & Language Services
- Activities & Games
- Community Groups





### PSHE Day with Aynsley

This week it has been our fourth PSHE Day, it’s the focus of ‘Changing and Growing’. Aynsley Class have been brilliant in their engagement, focus and demonstrating good understanding of the body parts and how to keep our bodies safe. Students practised communication, relating to body parts using ‘Signs and Symbols’ appropriately, before using the NSPCC PANTS programme to learn about the importance of keeping our bodies safe and private.

More on the whole school’s activities in the next BAC!



## World Book Day Coming Soon!

World Book Day is coming soon to Blackfriars on the **7th March**. Each class will be doing something a little bit different, please keep an eye on Showbie for more details from your child's class.



## pre-loved uniform for sale

Portmeirion are preparing for adulthood by busily ironing new donations and replenishing the stock. Everything is £1 and displayed in the foyer.

## NSPCC - PANTS Programme

What does **PANTS** mean?

**P**rivates are private  
**A**lways remember your body belongs to you  
**N**o means no  
**T**alk about secrets that upset you  
**S**peak up, someone can help

When's the right time to talk PANTS?

Every family is different, and when and where you have these conversations may depend on your child's age, or how grown up they are - it's all about whatever feels natural for you and them.

Some examples of times you can talk PANTS are:

- **After school** - If they've had a lesson on personal relationships or Talk PANTS at school, ask them what they remember when they get home.
- **Bathtime** - you could start a conversation when you're running your child's bath, or helping them get dressed.
- **Car journeys** - this can be a great time to talk, and your child will have plenty of time to ask questions if they need.
- **Swimming** - A great time to say that what's covered by swimwear is private.
- **Walking** - Walking home from school, or a weekend walk to the shops can help you both feel more at ease as you stroll and chat.
- **Watching TV** - If a TV show features a sensitive storyline, you can encourage them to talk about anything that upsets them.





## Key dates for your calendar

### Inset day

School closed to students

Monday 15th April

### Easter Holidays

School closed for all

25th March - 5th April



### Grandparents' Lunch:

Questioning Pathway -  
Churchill, Royal Doulton,  
Portmeirion and Gladstone



6th March 2024

Exploratory Pathway -  
Moorcroft, Bridgewater,  
and Middleport



21st May 2024



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

Year 10s

March & April

Year 11s

April & May



### End of year reports

All year groups -

July 2024

### World Book Day

All year groups -

7th March 2024



### School House Day

All year groups -

22nd March 2024

### Comic Relief

All year groups - Details to follow

15th March 2024

**Grandparent's Lunch: Exploratory  
Date Changed to 21st May 2024**

## Scholars of the Week

Aynsley have nominated William for his improved engagement, use of his communication aid and creating full sentences with more independence on the first attempt, and for being very helpful and kind to his friends.

Millie from Gladstone has been nominated for always showing determination to succeed in everything she does and for excellent communication and increasing confidence in work experience.

Royal Doulton has nominated Rosalina for Scholar of the Week, for outstanding work in Physio and showing great determination and effort in her recovery.

Cadison has been nominated for her exceptional work throughout the week in Middleport class.

Dillan from Bridgewater has been nominated for having a fantastic attitude to learning in all lessons, and being a fantastic role model to others.