



# Blackfriars Bulletin

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Blackfriars Academy Council are delighted to announce that Mr Jamie Campbell will be taking up the position as the new executive headteacher of the school.

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Referral Team:  
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## Adult Safeguarding Referral Numbers:

### Staffordshire:

First Response -  
0845 604 2719

### Stoke on Trent:

Adult Social Care -  
0800 561 0015

## Welcome Jamie

Jamie is currently the headteacher of Bluebell Park School in Knowsley, and comes to Blackfriars with a wealth of experience having run a School for 200 students with severe learning difficulties, ASC and PMLD and sensory and complex needs. Jamie went through a stringent application process which included meetings with different post holders in school, a session with the Academy Council followed by a final interview at head office with our deputy CEO, the special school lead for the SET and our parent Academy Councillor, Jonathan Clay.

At every stage of the process, Jamie's abilities, empathy and passion shone through. He will be visiting the school for a series of transition visits and to get to know the students and staff better before taking up the position on the 1st of September. I am sure that you will all join with me in wishing him every success as the new head of Blackfriars.



Academy Councillors play an incredibly important role in the life of the school – with responsibilities ranging from helping to appoint staff, representing the Academy Council at key events such as the Prom or the Leaver’s Assembly, coming into school to get to understand how it works and importantly, reflecting back to the leaders of the school issues that are important to you as parents and carers. Recently, for example, the Academy Council have added to the school 3 Year development plan that they want every single child in the school to be offered the chance to go on a residential at least once in their school career.

We are currently looking for new Academy Councillors. The time commitment is 4 meetings a year (currently in the evening 6-8pm) plus involvement in 1 Learning Conference (spending a half day in school meeting students and having a look at how we work). Our current parent Academy Councillors were asked what they got out of being a member:

If you are interested please ring school on 01782 987150 and speak to Kate Lawton.

It's given me a much greater appreciation of the school.

I value the chance to help the local community to become more inclusive.

It's helped me to understand the Shaw Education Trust's vision for the school.

I became a parent governor to understand how the school works, what makes the setting tick? I get a much better wider picture of how the school works.

Greater insight into how our students can become valued members of the community and potential employees.

We are a small school with a small Academy council but my involvement has enabled the school to have a big impact on the local community.

I relish the opportunity to ensure that the parental point of view is always at the forefront of decision-making.

It's enabled me as a parent to have a greater voice within the school.

I have learned a lot about the challenges facing staff but also the multiple initiatives and the curriculum. It offers me peace of mind, Blackfriars really is the best place for my child.



Royal Doulton and the Performing Arts classes have had the opportunity today to visit Spring Head Primary School to watch the Royal Shakespeare Company's touring production of Romeo and Juliet. What a treat! A world renowned theatre company performing on our doorstep. The production was a 'First Encounter' with Shakespeare which means that the play is slightly adapted and shortened but the important themes that are still relevant for today are not lost. We found out all about how decisions made in haste can have a devastating impact. Our students were gripped, watching as the action unfolded. We were incredibly proud of the classes, responding so well to the play.

### Key dates for your calendar



Half Term	
School closed	27th - 31st May



Grandparents' Lunch:	
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

Prom	
Leavers	4th July 2024

Leavers Assembly	
1:30 pm	5th July 2024

Sports Day	
All year groups -	16th July 2024