



8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carers

Students and staff having been working hard as we continue on our journey here at the Academy. We wanted to share with you some positive stories from this Spring term and highlight the achievements of our students who should be very proud of themselves; we certainly are! Please enjoy reading about them.

Over this term, we have been so proud of the progress of all our students, as well as the progress of the Academy as a whole. We continued to look forward and we are expecting a strong set of examination results this summer for our Year 11s, who are working incredibly hard.

In April, many of our community will be celebrating or marking religious festivals. If you are celebrating Easter we would like to wish you a joyful day, and if you are observing Ramadan, we would like to wish you Ramadan Mubarak on behalf of our Academy community.

### **Principal's Autograph Book:**

Staff have been nominating students to sign my Autograph Book for exceptional progress, going above and beyond, or for producing an outstanding piece of work. They then receive a proud badge and receive a letter highlighting their accomplishments. We are very proud of the following students' achievements in academic subjects and in the wider Academy community:

Reece N

JJ M

Jacob B

Michael O

Conner H

Livi P

Trinity G-E

Kyro W

London G

Sam K

Erin M

Kaydee W

Ellipsis K

Jessica L

Covenant A

Larissa V

Amelia G

Lexie K

Shay S

Lexie A

Kaydee W

Amira T

Jakey B

Angel O

Elia N

Milly S

Sophie-Leigh S

Zarin M

Megan N-K

Filip H

Daniel S





## Maths:

In March the Maths Faculty took 24 Year 11 pupils to Caythorpe Court PGL centre for a Maths and Science revision trip. Pupils worked really hard on a range of maths and science topics as well as completing team building experiences and activities such as rifle shooting, high ropes courses and a Jacobs ladder climbing wall. All the pupils that attended were impeccably behaved, hard-working and fearless as they conquered both the activities and the extra revision.

Students across the Academy have also been working hard in lessons and through home learning. Amelia G, Ava-Leigh G and Keira D have all broken through the 20000 Sparx experience point barrier by continually completing their Maths homework to a very high standard and pushing themselves to complete extra work.

We are also very proud of students as they work towards their GCSEs and end of unit tests. Asghar M, Rian M, Sam K, Emily W and Connor F all achieved above 90% on their latest Year 10 GCSE Mathematics higher unit test.

Kacper S, Logan S, Ellipsis K, Tyler P and Oliver J all made incredible progress in their Year 11 March Maths mocks as well, highlighting the hard work they have put in, and the reflective learning which has taken place since their November mocks. Congratulations!

## Performance:

Our Year 8 boys dodgeball team have been showing exceptional commitment to the game and came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Nottingham City Champs.

Instrumental lessons have been very well received again this academic year with lots of new faces joining those who have enjoyed this opportunity in previous years. We have several students who, as a result of their commitment to lessons and continued application have been identified as capable of grading in this Summers assessments. This is a fantastic achievement so very well done.

In addition to this, two students have been acknowledged for their hard work and attainment by being invited to play in **The Great Orchestra Experiment** which took place at the Nottingham Albert Hall on March 23rd. This is an event that sees around 30 school from across Nottingham City come together to play in a great performance and celebration of their success. Well done Daniel S and Crystal B.

## Languages:

Year 8's experienced a live theatre production where the "World has gone French" in March. Pupils were asked to participate in the production by using their French. Well done to all those that had a go...it really made the show enjoyable.

The MFL Faculty are also setting up a pen pal exchange for Year 10 French pupils with a German school, where they are writing to each other in French! This is a great way to bring schools together despite the language differences.



### **English:**

The English Faculty recently held a Year 11 Intervention evening to support students. Well done to those who attended the workshop, who showed commitment to their studies and worked hard.

### **Art:**

The Art department have a number of upcoming trips for students. A group of Year 10 students will be visiting Nottingham Trent University after the Easter holidays and Year 10s have been invited on a Photography Trip to Shining Cliff Woods and Padley Gorge in May 2022.

### **Ski Trip:**

In just over a years' time, we will be taking 54 students from Years 7, 8 and 9, on the 1000-mile trip to Artesina, Italy for 5 days of skiing. It is the first time the Academy has organised a ski trip and the interest from students and parents has been incredible, with all 54 places filling up in just under 4 weeks. The trip will include 4 hours of ski tuition per day as well as experiencing some Italian culture with trips around the local town, pizza nights, learning some Italian language and even a spot of Karaoke. Updates are available through the Ski Trip page on the Farnborough Spencer Academy Facebook page.

### **Exams:**

Well done to our Year 11s who recently undertook their Mock Exams. After a difficult few years due to Covid, attendance for the mocks was high and they performed well.

### **Attendance:**

This term students have been receiving rewards for high attendance levels. Congratulations to the following students who have won prizes so far this Term:

Daisy B  
Kiara W  
Oakley B  
Harvey H  
Tyrone B

Isobel C  
Lily G  
Autumn W  
Jayda F  
Ben T

Paris P  
Cole H  
Sam K  
Holly S  
Callum F

Crystal B  
Lexi F  
Ashton H  
Owen D





## Home Learning:

At the start of Term 3, we made some changes to our rewards and sanctions for home learning. Students are rewarded for the completion of tasks and sanctioned for non-completion, which counts towards their overall total:

- Completion of Home Learning (1 point)
- Outstanding effort or completion of Home Learning (2 points)
- Non-completion of Home Learning (-1 point)

Students can find out their points totals each week in tutor time. A staggering 3430 Home Learning tasks have been completed this half term.

### Home Learning



Regular completion of Home Learning has a positive impact of **5 months**, particularly with students in secondary schools.



### Rewards, rewards, rewards.

Students who regularly complete Home Learning to a good standard will receive more rewards than their peers.

Student who **completes** Home Learning



+ 2 points

Student who **doesn't** complete Home Learning



- 1 point

A potential difference of **3 points** per piece of home learning.

## Rewards event – Head of Year Breakfast

Through the course of this week we have held **Head of Year Rewards Breakfast** events to recognise students with 80% and above completion of Home Learning tasks. 35 students received a certificate on top of this for **100% completion** of their home learning tasks this half term. A huge well done to all students involved and congratulations to the students with 100% completion.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Isabella S	Autum W	Natasha B	Thomas M
Ruby F	Mckenzie C	Demi W	Branden C
Emil W	Sharna A-R	Rosie L	Katelyn K
Mollie Mae P	Kayden B	Megan N-K	Chloe P-H
Charlie C	Amy P	Daniel S	Andrew T
Katie S	Lexie W	Lucy B	Olivia W
Amelia G	Sophia H	Tj S	Cadie B
Zarin M		Oli S	Aarushi C
Ava-Leigh G			Oliver B
Bhadra S			
Junior H			

## What support can my child access in school?

Students can access support in school each day during breaks and lunchtimes by using the Library. Students are also most welcome at our KS3 and KS4 Homework Clubs, which run every afternoon after school in the Library or LR3 between 3.00-4.00pm. Here, students are supervised by staff to support with any queries or signpost students to resources they may need.



## Next term

Our aim is that as many students as possible engage with regular Home Learning, due to the overwhelmingly positive benefits it will afford your child's education. We would greatly appreciate your support in achieving this goal and would ask that you encourage your child to complete their Home Learning tasks. Students' totals will be reset after the holidays. Total points accrued in Term 5 will link into the end of year rewards programme. More details to follow in the first week back.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a restful holiday break in preparation for the Summer Term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G Smith  
Principal