



Blackfriars Bulletin



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We are always incredibly busy at this time of year not only getting ready for exciting summer events like our Sports Day, Prom and Leavers' events, but also in reviewing and assessing staff performance in the classroom, checking that we have all had the training that we said we wanted at the beginning of the year and deciding what more we need to do to prepare for our next influx of students next year. You will be very pleased to hear that the senior leadership team at school have had a lovely



week reviewing lessons and observing staff teach. Every lesson observed had good or outstanding features, the real highlight being the superb relationships between our staff and students, their interactions are just a delight to watch!

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The staff have had some really interesting training on an updated piece of software called Clicker 7. This will be used increasingly in classrooms and we are investigating its use in exam situations to support those students who struggle to write. You can take a look for yourself by clicking onto the following link:

<http://www.cricksoft.com/uk/products/clicker/video2.aspx>

Residential Adventure Weeks @ Blucknall



Two residential activity holidays have taken place over the past couple of weeks. A group of students went to the Lake District, and another group went to PGL in Shropshire. Activities included scrambling, walking, canoeing, camping, raft building, and many more. Photos will be shared in the summer edition of the BAC. Thank you to all staff who supported these fantastic experiences!



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Scholar of the Week

Arjun in Class 6 who has completed the entire Lexia course – a fantastic achievement, well done Arjun!

Corey in Class 2 who has really developed his independence skills, taking the lunch order to the canteen and helping other students to move around the class.

Michael in class 9 who has excelled himself in his BTEC project—Fabulous work Michael

Transition

Lots of visits have taken place to FE over the past couple of weeks. Students from all our feeder schools have been visiting and making the most of this time to form new friendships and get to know staff. Plenty more visits still to come. We are hosting 2 coffee mornings for the parents of students joining in September 2017. Members of the leadership, transition, and care teams will be on-hand to answer any of your questions. Key dates and information will follow.

Wonderland Telford

Class 2 visited Wonderland Fairy tale cottages in Telford to help reinforce their classroom Sensory Topic of 'Alice in Wonderland'. After a short journey, down the rabbit hole, we had a tea party at the 'Mad Hatters Table.' We then enjoyed exploring different houses that contained the characters from the story. As we walked around Wonderland we also got to see other characters houses from different stories including 'The Seven Dwarfs' and 'Red Riding hood's cottages



If you have been to school in the past few weeks, you will have noticed that our scaffolding has been removed and we are looking very spick and span with royal blue cladding. It is great to have our playground back and we can now turn our attention to planning new playground facilities. We have heard from a few parents about what you think we ought to install but any further suggestions would be gratefully received. As the weather hopefully hots up next week, our sun canopies will be unfurled – but please

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Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

do also remember to apply sun cream, administer hay fever tablets if necessary and pack a sun hat.



Exams have started in earnest this week – if you have a child about to take

exams, please ensure that they have plenty of rest the night before – we can help with anxiety but cannot do anything to support students who come into school tired – the exam boards do not let us delay an exam so a snooze can be taken!



In assembly this week we have been focussed on bullying. The students were very good at understanding that we prioritise 'Respect' and that if they do not respect their classmates, they are dis-respecting our community and have to make it up to everyone by helping others. I have included the main points from our assembly below in case you want to discuss it with your child at home:

- Bullying is purposely hurting someone else, bullying is REPETITIVE – which means it happens again and again.
- It is not the same as something happening once.
- Bullying can be physical, verbal and mental. It hurts the victim a lot and in many different ways.