



Principal's Weekly Update

Friday 28th May 2021

Goodbye and Good Luck

Today we are saying Goodbye to our incredible Year 13 cohort and those students in Year 11 not returning to the Academy for Sixth Form.

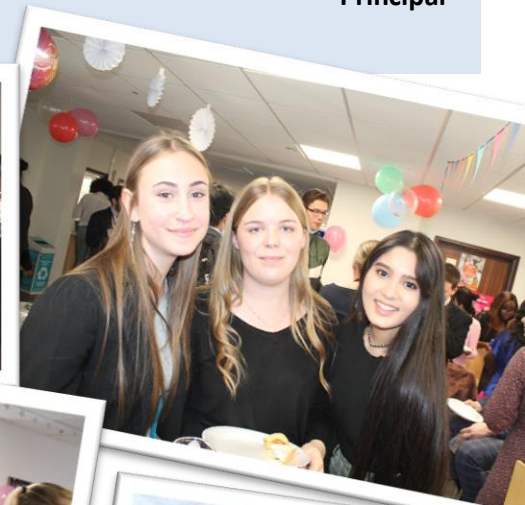
I would personally like to wish all students God's blessings and the very best in all they do. In our Leavers' Assemblies today, we shared some fond happy memories of the Academy and everything our wonderful students have achieved.

There have been lots of tears and emotions from staff and students as we say our goodbyes.

For other students, this holiday brings an opportunity to rest and recuperate after a long half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back on 7th June.

Have a wonderful half term.

Mr Damian McBeath
Principal



A Message from The Chaplain

We have made it to the end of term. Whilst we look forward to half term, it does mean that today we have said goodbye to our Year 13 students and those Year 11 students who will not be returning in September. At both Leavers' Assemblies, we reflected on what they will do with their lives and how they would like to be remembered. There is a powerful poem, The Dash by Linda Ellis, which talks about the fact that the dates of our lives are not important, it is that little dash between those dates which stands for what we have done with that time.

I am reading a book at the moment called Black Sheep and Prodigals which says that Jesus' main concern was how people treated each other, "to change the world through compassion and social justice," to love our neighbour and to have life in all its fullness.

The Swiss-American psychiatrist and writer Elisabeth Kubler-Ross said, "It is not the end of the physical body that should worry us. Rather, our concern must be to live while we're alive". Lots to think about there.

Mr Rich, Academy Chaplain (Irish@thejohnwallisacademy.org).

Nuffield Research Placements Summer 2021

All 6 of the Academy's Year 12 Science students who applied have been awarded placements on this prestigious scheme. Maya Al Howseh, Sophie Douglas, Ningwa Limbu and Enea Shehaj, Kieran Bracken and Matylda Wasilewska. The Nuffield Research Placements are a National scheme which are funded by the Nuffield Foundation and delivered by STEM Learning. The placements are engaging, hands-on research projects for Year 12 students who have the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution towards the work of a host organisation. They are a fantastic opportunity for students to apply skills and knowledge learned at school and work alongside researchers and industry professionals.

The placements range from developing a model of a joint support to designing a webportal for monitoring health data. This scheme is one of the Foundation's flagship programmes and has been running for 24 years. The Nuffield Foundation was established in 1943 by William Morris, Lord Nuffield, the founder of Morris Motors.

The 6 projects are:

"Web portal for monitoring health data." Ningwa Limbu

"Home Studio on a Budget and Frequency Response of Speakers, does it really matter?" Sophie Douglas

"A random walk in the very early universe." Enea Shehaj

"3D model of a wearable joint support." Maya Al Howseh

"Yield Forecast." Kieran Bracken and Matylda Wasilewska

Special thanks must go to Mrs Foreman, Lead Teacher of Science, for supporting our students through the application process.



Local Update COVID-19

Ashford

13 cases per 100,000 people in the week 16th May–23rd May 2021. The average area in England had 12. (source Department of Health and Social Care, via BBC.co.uk)

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