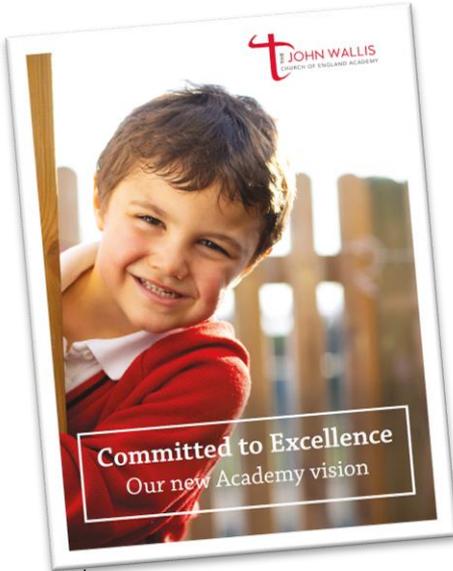




Principal's Weekly Update

Friday 30th April 2021



An Exciting New Vision of Excellence

I am delighted to share with you our exciting new vision for The John Wallis Church of England Academy. This is a vision which builds upon the excellence that already exists within our Academy community and looks forward with ambition and unwavering care for our students and their families. The Vision and 5-Year Plan can be found on our Academy website. ([Academy Vision](#)).

It would have been ideal to share this vision in person, but we are not there just yet and must maintain social distancing measures. Therefore, I would like to invite you to a LIVE Teams event, when I will share this vision alongside leaders and teachers from the Academy.

The link to the Teams Live sessions can be found [here](#).

I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, 5th May @ 7.00pm to share this vision in greater depth.

“We show love and compassion for others by truly helping them, and not merely talking about it.” 1 John 3:18

We are committed to excellence. We believe in choice.

Our mission is to make sure that all children, regardless of their background, receive a great education that lead to real choices in life.

Our staff are committed to our pupils and students and know the importance of delivering an exceptional standard of education.

Our pupils and students value learning, they are committed to their studies and always give their best.

We expect every John Wallis student to graduate from our Academy with the qualifications, skills and confidence to achieve their ambitions and go on to higher education or their chosen career.

Our Distinctive Christian Vision

We are proud to be a Church of England Academy. We serve children of all faiths and those with none.

Our Christian values are embedded within the heart and soul of our Academy. They are central to everything we do. Based on the teachings of Jesus, and the stories he told, our school community follow his example in treating everybody as an individual. Our Bible verse provides a living example for how we choose to live our lives. “We show love and compassion for others by truly helping them, and not merely talking about it.” In judging others by their deeds, not their words. In being, rather than seeming. Jesus said “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Our Christian values of Love, Integrity, Generosity, Hope and Tolerance (LIGHT) are all taught explicitly. They are a vehicle for delivering our school vision and provide a framework for how we strive to behave each day. We do not simply talk about it; we take actions to make things better for others.

A Message from The Chaplain

Next week my daughter is moving out as she now has her own house. As quite a soft person, I know she has to grow up, but I am still not looking forward to it.

When she was born, as a sporty man, I couldn't imagine having a daughter, but a female friend at the time said that my daughter would wrap me round her little finger and she has probably been right. From younger days of playing games such as monkeys going to church (a game where we just pretended to be monkeys singing hymns and taking Communion – you possibly had to be there) and the obligatory make-up sessions (I KNOW some of you have done that) through to more recent times: to the joy of her singing successes, of taking her to South Africa with me to build houses and the tears of her glandular fever and Crohn's diagnosis, it has been a wonderful roller coaster ride.

My children also helped in my belief in God. When my son was born I still played Sunday morning football and the other players wives looked after him. When my daughter was born I retired from football as I thought two children was too much to impose on others. I started to go to church with my wife and heard a bit from the Bible which said that as much as we know how to give good things to our children, God wants to give us more. I love my children very much. To know God loves me more than that is amazing. Mr I Rich, Academy Lay Chaplain. (Irich@thejohnwallisacademy.org).

After School Clubs

Please click below to view the Term 5 After School Club Timetables on the Academy website.

Primary After-School Clubs - Term 5 2020 - 2021					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3		Landscaping Miss Powney		Gardening Miss Spinks	
Year 4		Multi-Sport Mr O'Gormley & Mr Smith		Football The Football Academy	
Year 5		Chess Mrs Hubbard & Mrs Watson		Athletics Miss Race & Mrs Dolley	
Year 6		Football The Football Academy Art Mrs Cooper & Mrs Burchell		Netball Miss Venness	



Breakfast Club



Please note that from Tuesday 4th May 2021, the cost of breakfast in the Primary and Secondary Academy will be £1.00. There will continue to be no charge for those pupils and students who are entitled to Free School Meals.

Student Cook Book



Local Update COVID-19

Ashford

18 cases per 100,000 people in the week 17th-23rd April 2021.

The average area in England had 19.

(source Department of Health and Social Care, via BBC.co.uk)