



Principal's Weekly Update

Friday 7th May 2021

A Plan for Excellence

Thank you to all those parents who logged in to join our Teams LIVE event on Wednesday evening to share the Academy Vision. As we mentioned on the evening, it would have been much nicer to share the new Academy Vision face-to-face in the Academy Theatre. However, it was great to get your feedback and questions and see how well our new vision is being received.

Throughout the course of next week, we will be sharing the Vision with the students.

For those of you who were unable to attend, the new Vision and 5-Year Plan can be accessed on the [Vision](#) page of our website along with a full video of the presentation.

We also have a booklet version of the Vision which is available upon request through the Academy office.

A summary of the 5-Year Plan

There are a number of exciting initiatives which we will be working on over the next 5 Years. But as a brief summary, they will focus around the following key areas:

- 1) Develop the continuity of education through the 0 - 19 years Academy
- 2) Ensure Excellence in teaching and learning;
- 3) The Academy vision and values are embedded, behaviour is exemplary
- 4) Develop and implement a digital and communications strategy
- 5) Ensure students have the experience, confidence and qualifications to gain entry to University of their choice or enter the world of work

We are all excited about the prospect of continuing to improve what we offer to our pupils and students. It will be an exciting journey.

As always, I hope you have a great weekend.

Damian McBeath, Principal

If you go down to the woods today.....

It was great to see pupils in Year 2 enjoying a trip to Hamstreet Woods this week.

Let us hope this is the start of many more extra-curricular activities and visits that our pupils and students will start to experience in the coming months.



A Message from The Chaplain

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. For over 75 years, this belief has inspired Christian Aid to tackle the root causes of extreme poverty and work for lasting change. Christian Aid was founded in 1945 to help refugees following the Second World War. Over the decades, the charity's work has expanded across the globe, following the teaching of Jesus, who commanded his followers to love their neighbour and work for a better world, by providing support for the victims of natural disasters, wars and genocide.

This coming week (10th – 16th May) is Christian Aid Week. Christian Aid's purpose is to make a difference in the world in which we live. Can we be a part of making this difference?

Lord God, thank you for everything that we have. We recognize that we are fortunate in so many ways. Please help us to consider the poor and the vulnerable. Please help us never to turn away, but always seek to help. Amen. (lrich@thejohnwallisacademy.org).

Year 11 and 13 Academy Examinations

The Academy examinations are nearly upon us. Students have been working hard to give of their best when they start these from Monday 17th May. Year 11 students have a full two weeks of examinations until Friday 28th May.

Year 13 students have one week of exams from 17th to 21st May 2021.

Please note, if an exam is missed, the student will not be able to sit it at a later date.

We wish all our students the very best and I just wanted to let you all know how proud we are of all the effort the students have put into their studies. We wish them good luck!

Exam Information and timetables can be found on the [Exam Information](#) page of the website.

Mr A Shepherd, Vice Principal

Speed Awareness

This week, I was contacted by a parent who shared with me the footage from his Dash Cam.

This brought to my attention the speed and undue care that some of our parents are displaying when driving down Millbank Road. Please can I remind parents and carers to drive with care and consideration when approaching the Academy, whether they are entering the site from Millbank Road or the Stanhope entrance.

Academy Student Cook Book



Local Update COVID-19

Ashford

8 cases per 100,000 people in the week 26 April to 2nd May 2021.

The average area in England had 16

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