



# Upper School Weekly Update

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Developing Routines....

The Upper School has had an amazing week this week and it has been a real privilege to see this in action. First, we had a Fire drill, which ran exceptionally smoothly. Secondly, I was fortunate to be at the Higher Education Evening on Thursday, where the pupils in Year 13 had the opportunity to listen to CXK talk about student loans and the process of applying to University.

We have faced many changes this year and the staff and pupils have really risen to the occasion. Lessons are in full flow and the new posters around the Academy look bright and informative. The feel is one of learning and love.

Last reminder from me – uniform. A few pupils are not wearing the academy skirt. Please ensure that all students are adhering to the Uniform Policy, including the wearing of tank tops.

If you need to contact me, please do so by emailing me at: [ashepherd@thejohnwallisacademy.org](mailto:ashepherd@thejohnwallisacademy.org).

Have a good weekend!

*Mr Shepherd, Vice Principal – Head of Upper School*



### Attendance

Has your child been at school every day this week? It is so important to attend every day, for each child's progress, health and wellbeing. Is there a problem that you need to discuss with your child's Form Tutor about attendance? Use Edulink to contact the Tutor and let's get everyone in Upper School to school next week!

## Sixth Form

The Sixth Form have had a busy week with all students participating in our first General RE morning of this academic year and hosting the Higher Education Evening for the Year 13's. The following [link](#) takes you to the full article.



## A Message from the Chaplain

Participants in the Brighton Marathon last weekend were furious when a blunder made the course 625 yards too long. Not what you need after running 26.2 miles

In Jesus' time, under military law, any Roman soldier could Command a Jew to carry his soldier's pack for one mile – but only one mile, no further. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells people that instead of going one mile, they should go two out of a free choice of love. In life we are sometimes encouraged to go "the extra mile", to go beyond what is expected of us. Is that something we do willingly?

*Mr Rich, Academy Chaplain (irich@thejohnwallisacademy.org)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning for the Sixth Form.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**– Years 7 -13 will be finishing early at 2.15pm in preparation for the Year 6 Open Evening.

### Year 9

It's been a great start to the academic year and so many students have made such a positive start this week there is a special mention to a few students for going above and beyond. Firstly, Katie Kirby in 9EWR for her creative skills and helping Mrs Cradock with her classroom displays. Secondly, to Hope Maryan for being a great buddy helping a nervous new starter in Year 9. The final well done goes to Tejay Braddick for ongoing enthusiasm at school and being a superstar in Media for Miss Webb.



*Mr Diwell - Head of Year 9*

### Year 10

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September, the Year 10 football team played against the Year 11 1st XI in a pre-season friendly.

The Year 10 team may not have got the result that they had hoped for, but should be proud of the way they held their own. There were stand out performances from Tommy Higginson in the midfield and Ben Oyewole who worked his heart out across the park.

Mr Nicholas, Director of Sport, said "Both teams had a great game, the 5-0 scoreline does not reflect the passion, play and movement that the Year 10 team showed, they have a bright future moving forward and Mr Ferguson is a lucky man to have such a talented side to manage."

*Miss Meredith - Head of Year 10*



### Year 11

Shout outs for excellence in Year 11:

Bradley Kadjo for an excellent start to the academic year from Miss Collins and Miss Belafonte.

Raeda Al Dnifat for completing all 'get set' tasks and asking for extra revision from Mrs McClean.

Kloe Dash her love and passion for Shakespeare and his plays is wonderful from Mrs Oakley.

Mr Davies has praised both his English classes for a phenomenal start to the year.

*Miss White - Head of Year 11*