



A Super Start!

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. We have lots to celebrate. Please enjoy. Mrs C. Robson (Head of School)

STUDENT FEEDBACK

September 2017 has seen the students at Amington welcome our new Year 7 students. They have settled in with an enthusiastic attitude to learn. I had the pleasure of meeting with Year 7 students two weeks into their studies to obtain their feedback. Here is a snapshot of what they said:

Days feels shorter as you move around a lot from lesson to lesson

Staff are really friendly

I was nervous about homework and moving between lessons but realised there was nothing to worry about

Older students are really nice and are fine with the younger students

Personal Tutor time is useful as you do your homework and use computers. We do quizzes, watch First News, complete Sam Learning, and receive the bulletin.

Behaviour in and out of lessons is really good. Behaviour to and from school is fine

I tell my parents what a great day I have

I would recommend other students to come here

It's not just the Year 7 students who have had their voice heard. I met with a random selection of Year 10 students too and this is what they had to say:

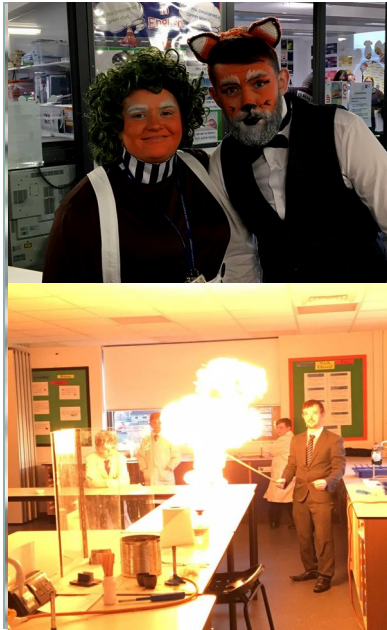
We like the variety of lessons we have.

We have noticed we are expected to work in silence more.

Tutor time is for homework and revision

When asked about the reputation of the Academy in Tamworth all Year 10 students answered that we would be 'top'.

They said the school looks good, it's down to how we run, the education is good, behaviour has improved. There is rarely any bullying and if it did happen there is someone we can talk to and there is a lot of staff presence.



TRIPS AND ENRICHMENT

Already in one term there have been many trips and enrichment clubs running. Year 9 went to Dovedale for a day visit and their behaviour was outstanding.

On top of this many Year 11 students have had opportunities to take part in coursework days in Resistant Materials, Product Design, Food Technology and Art.

Please may I remind parents that every night after school there are enrichment activities that are running. A programme of enrichment activities can be found on our website.



“The staff and students were happy to spend time talking to us and sharing honest opinions” - Parents of Year 6 (Open Evening) (above left: two pictures from the Open Evening Event; above right: picture from Dovedale)

PARENTS' EVENING DATES

Following feedback from parents, we are now rolling out Parents' Evenings to all year groups.

Evenings will run from 5pm to 8pm and parents can book appointments via an on-line booking system. Information will be sent out through the post in advance of each evening with guidance on how to book appointments.

Y7—24th May 2018

Y8—10th May 2018

Y9—8th March 2018 (including guided choices for KS4)

Y10—25th January 2018

Y11—12th October 2017

All parents may contact their child's Personal Tutor at any point to have a consultation about their progress at the Academy.

OPEN EVENING

On Thursday 5th October the annual Year 6 Open Evening event took place. It was our busiest ever Open Evening. I am absolutely delighted with the 150 students that volunteered to help out at this event. They looked very smart and did us proud.

Parents who attended on this evening gave the following feedback:

Staff and students were very friendly

Very impressed!

Lovely helpful staff and students

Students were very polite

Helpful staff and students

The knowledge that my daughter will be safe

Lots to do, see and taste!

The staff and students were happy to spend time talking to us and sharing honest opinions

We hope that many of the parents who attended on the evening will now be sending their children to start Year 7 in 2018.

A big thank you to all current students and staff for a wonderful evening.

100% ATTENDANCE

An amazing 380 students received 100% attendance as of 6th October. These students will be receiving extra rewards points for the Learn 2 Earn scheme. They will also receive a 'jump the queue' voucher for the restaurant and can book out a space at lunchtime.

SPORT CELEBRATIONS

Round up

Football: Y7 and Y8 teams have both progressed to round 3 of the national cup. Y7 and Y11 have both progressed to round 2 of the county cup.

Rugby: There has been a massive push on this and there is a consistent number of boys who are attending practices and matches. Y7 & Y8 teams have played mainly private or grammar schools this term and have struggled to gain a win, however they are on the up and will become a very good team in the future.

Netball: Y9 & Y10 have both played Rawlett in friendly's this term, with Y10 winning. The majority of matches begin after half term.

There is the highest number of attenders at Netball (Y7) with over 23 attending the club regularly.

Individual Achievements

Landau Forte had the most students take part in the TSSA Cross Country Championships (over 60 students)



SPORT CELEBRATIONS.... CONTINUED

Cross Country: Louie Owen, Corey Drew, Charlee Dando, Niamh Collins, Emily Meanly, Katy Colder all made it through to the Inter School's County Cross Country after finishing consistently in the top 10 at all 3 of the TSSA (Tamworth Schools) cross country championships

Individual Achievements



There has been a lot of success with our students making County teams for football and Rugby

County Football Players: George Lenton (playing for the year above), George Yarwood, Harrison Davies, Daisy Wynn (playing a year above).

County Rugby: Elise Dickie.

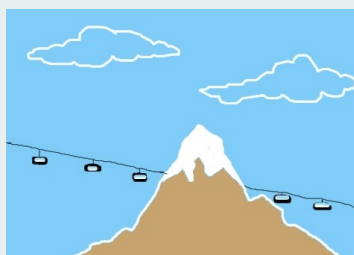
Swimming: Ethan Billinge: Qualified for the Welsh Nationals, He swam in two of his favourite events 400m Free and 400m IM, gaining Bronze medals in both events.

Leaders We are very lucky to have such helpful students at Amington, a huge number of students have given up their time after Academy hours this term to help run the primary school basketball and cross country events. If it wasn't for such students these events would be very difficult to run.

RESIDENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

As always we like to run residential opportunities during the enrichment week. This is scheduled for week beginning the 2nd July 2018. Please find information to your right about the amazing visits organised for this academic year.

Please note—there will be activities that are cheaper or free running alongside the more costly ones.



Y8-10 residential visit to Serre, Chevallier, French Alps

6 days commencing 1 July 2018

In order to provide an opportunity for students to sample water-sports available in the French Alps, a 6-day residential tour has been organised. We will be staying at L'Olympic Hotel (subject to availability). Students will take part in a range of water sports and other outdoor activities, as well as having an opportunity to explore the French town of Brioncon.

- Two water sports/ outdoor activities per day (e.g. white water rafting, windsurfing, canoeing, mountain biking, high ropes, climbing/ abseiling etc.) Activities will be finalised closer to the date.

- A day in Brioncon

- Time to relax and swim in the lake or hot springs in the evening.

All activities are closely supervised by resort staff.

The cost of the residential tour will be **£600.00**.

This will include:

- Coach and ferry crossing to the resort
- Three nights accommodation, breakfast, lunch and evening meals.

Please note that all equipment will be provided and students do not need to be competent swimmers.

A deposit of £100.00 is required to secure your child's place

Y9 & Y10 residential visit to Cern, Geneva.

3 days (2 nights) commencing 2 July 2018

We have organised a trip to Geneva to give students the opportunity to have a tour of Cern and to visit the Particle Accelerator.

The cost of the visit will be £319.00

This will include:

- All travel costs
- 2 Night Hotel Accommodation – Half Board
- Guided tour of Cern and visit to the Particle Accelerator
- Visit to History of Science Museum

A deposit of £50.00 is required to secure your child's place

Y8 & Y9 residential visit to London.

2 days (1 night) commencing 4 July 2018

In order to develop fiction and non-fiction writing skills and to offer students a unique set of experiences in London we are offering a 2 day, 1 night visit to London.

The cost of the residential tour will be £260.

This will include:

- All travel costs to and from London.
- Tour of Wembley Stadium
- Theatre Visit – School of Rock
- Warner Bros Studio Tour (Harry Potter)
- 2 Main Meals and 1 Breakfast

A deposit of £80.00 is required to secure your child's place



“Year 7 students are having their own exclusive residential to Kibblestone—a camping adventure”

Y8-10 residential visit to London.

2 days (1 night) commencing 5 July 2018

In order to develop Performing Arts skills, knowledge, awareness and interests, we are organising a residential visit to London's West End to see a show and have a backstage tour.

The cost of the visit will be £206.00.

This will include:

- All travel costs
- Professional Workshop
- Backstage Tour at The Globe Theatre
- A ticket to see The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre
- 2 course meal at Pizza Express
- 1 night at The Royal National Hotel
- Breakfast at the hotel

A deposit of £50.00 is required to secure your child's place



GCSE Results 2017

The provisional results of 2017 have been released.

I am pleased to share that our students made the expected progress from their Key Stage 2 starting points. This has been supported by Year 11 achieving 54% Grade 4 and above in both English and Maths.

Congratulations to all Year 11 students from 2017 for achieving such great results and we will share information in future newsletters as to how you are getting on in your studies.

TERM 2—WHAT'S COMING UP

30th October—17th November—Year 11 Assessments

6th November—24th November—Y9 Parental Consultations

17th November—Children in Need (non-uniform day £1.00 donations)

20th November— 8th December—Y10 Assessments

20th November—8th December—Y8 Parental Consultations

23rd November—Aspirational Awards Evening *

6th December—Y9 Animals in Hands

11th December—Y11 Mock Interviews

14th December—Christmas Lunch

19th December—Last day. Non uniform (£1.00 donation or food bank items)*

Please note on the 23rd November and 19th December the school will close early. Further information will be sent to parents in due course.

KS3 SAM LEARNING

Don't forget, one way Extended Learning is set is via our on-line platform Sam Learning

www.samlearning.com

Centre ID: B77LF

Username: 6 digit date of birth plus initial of forename and surname e.g. 020304JB

Password: Same as username unless changed. You can contact the Academy to have it re-set.

Top 5

Y7—Holly Smith; Miron Jasiukiewicz; Leah Preston; Isla McGarragle; Ruby Sharples

Y8—Jacob Rowley; Luke Flint; William Hopkins; Bradley Moore; Katie Cheneler

Y9—Christopher Wright; Maddison Orton; Elodie Underwood; Keira Derby; Kaydee-Lee Courtney