



***Welcome to our end of Term 3 Newsletter. Once again, students have been involved in many activities and out of the classroom. I am very proud to be the Head of School of so many wonderful, polite and hard-working students.***

***Please enjoy the read.***

***Mrs C. Robson (Head of School)***

#### STUDENT FEEDBACK

As Head of School, I regularly meet with students to ask for their views on their everyday experience here at Amington. The students are selected at random and I feedback their opinions to students and staff.

#### Year 7 Feedback

- We have made lots of new friends
- The older students are really polite
- The facilities are amazing and the teachers are great
- The numeracy starters have helped with our timetables
- Behaviour is really good in and out of classrooms. People don't mess around
- We have seen no poor behaviour to and from school
- We like Sam Learning and Personal Tutor Time
- There are lots of teachers we feel we can go to if we ever have a problem

#### Visit to Greenacres—Primary Maths

During this term, I had the pleasure of visiting Greenacres to observe a group of extremely hardworking Y5s and 6s in their maths sessions. I loved that the teachers emphasised to pupils about the importance of showing all of their working out clearly and methodically as this is something that continues to be of high importance in Secondary School and beyond! The visual method, bar modelling, is used regularly to allow students to become proficient in completing challenging worded problems. This is something I am exploring in more depth, in order to make the transition from Primary to the Academy even more effective for our students.

To support their more able students, Greenacres provide a selection of pupils with stretch lessons - where they were completing questions that can be found in the higher tier of GCSE! All pupils worked with vigour and resilience, leading them to be successful in solving the equation:  $5x + 2 = 3x + 7$ . I was blown away by their mathematical ability and have ensured there will be the same stretch and challenge here for them when they attend the Academy.

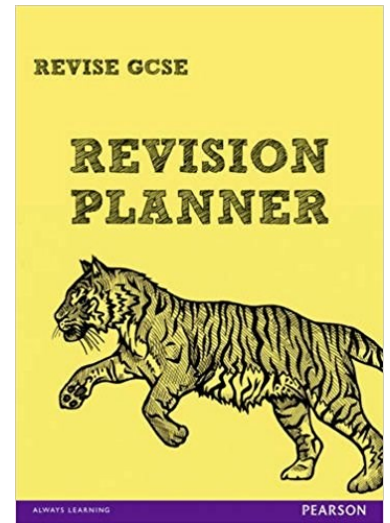
I look forward to visiting more Primary Schools in the Amington area soon, to allow the transition into Secondary school to be as smooth as possible.



## YEAR 11 REVISION SKILLS

In January, all Year 11 students had a bespoke session on 'how to revise'. They learned about revision methods which were further supported across the curriculum. All Year 11 students also received revision cards and a revision planner.

Students can order revision guides using an order form a reception. There is also revision material on the Academy website.



**“Fun; a step into the future; you learn more; more exciting; more sociable; friendly” *Year 7 student summarising their time at Amington during a student voice meeting***

### 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 by 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 child's progress at the Academy.

## YEAR 9 OUTWARD BOUNDS

Students from Landau Forte Amington and Tamworth Enterprise College joined forces this term for an adventure into the great outdoors. Students went to Aberdovey in Wales for an Outward Bounds activities week.

Students were pushed to their limits through a range of outdoor activities including scrambling, abseiling, gorging and raft building. The week's adventure was completed with an overnight expedition into the moors where students used their best survival skills to make it through the night under the stars!

We are very proud of the high levels of commitment and “Can Do” attitude witnessed throughout the week. Progress was made by all!

Mrs Lawrence—Vice Principal



## BTEC MUSIC



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 LFATA Performing Arts had the pleasure of welcoming Sandy Beales to the Academy to run a masterclass. Sandy has previously worked as the touring bass player for One Direction and been part of all their tours since the first one following The X-Factor. He is today working as a session musician as well as a performance tutor at ACM and will from March be touring with JP Cooper in Australia.

The master class was open to students in Year 10 and 11 studying BTEC Music as well as students having bass guitar tuition. Sandy was impressed to see how many of the students already played an instrument. He believes it is

never too late to pick up an instrument - he was 15 before he learned to play the bass.

During the master class, Sandy talked about various ways to pursue a career in the music industry. He explained what it entails to be a session musician and emphasised how you can never be 'too prepared' when you have to present yourself for a job opportunity.

The students were shown how to prepare for an audition and Sandy took them through the steps he had to take to pass the audition and become a permanent member of the band for One Direction. He pointed out the importance of having a polite and friendly manner as the people you meet could be the ones to offer you the next big opportunity.

The workshop was broken up with small performances where Sandy Beales shared practice and performance techniques as well as demonstrated how his equipment could be used to develop his sound and performance in general.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were all left inspired, not only as musicians, but also with added knowledge of how to pursue success in general which is useful for exams and future careers.

From the workshop we were all given three points that Sandy Beales felt had helped him succeeding in life, including:

Be on time ...or even better: early for appointments



Mrs Mogelmosse

## PERFORMING ARTS MUSICAL—BACK TO THE 80S

This year's musical is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets for the production are available to book now. To avoid disappointment, make sure you book sooner rather than later.

To purchase your tickets, we would appreciate if you would use the ticket letter available from reception and return the slip below to the Academy reception with the correct money (cheques made payable to Landau Forte Academy). Tickets can be collected from reception the following day.

Please note that if you want guaranteed seats together, these tickets must be purchased at the same time.



## KS4 HISTORY TRIP

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January 42 students set off to watch a revision play at the Palace Theatre Newark. It was to help with their GCSE revision and they watched a humorous play about doctors throughout time. Doctors such as William Harvey and Andreas Vesalius were portrayed during the play. The show also discussed exam questions and asked students to mark exemplar questions. Students said that the show helped their revision in a memorable way.

Mrs Roberts



## UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

The best mathematicians in the Academy aged 13-16 took part in the UK Intermediate Mathematics Challenge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2018. They were competing against thousands of students across the country in using the full range of their mathematical toolkits to solve 25 multiple-choice questions of increasing difficulty.

The Mathematics department is extremely proud of those students who took the opportunity to sharpen and improve their problem-solving skills under assessment conditions. Results will be with the Academy by May 2018 - Mr Dimmick

## Y7 BRONZE AND SILVER MATHS

On the 31<sup>st</sup> January, 30 students participated in the Maths Mastery Award – an internal award that celebrates mathematical progress in Year 7. It was clear that all students put in a tremendous amount of effort and dedication, with many making the most of the bespoke revision session beforehand.

The Bronze Award tests a student's knowledge of their times tables; square and cube numbers; conversion of fractions, decimals and percentage and names of 2D and 3D shapes. We are delighted that seven students were successful in earning the title of a Bronze Master. A huge well done to: Jamie Barton, Rebecca Deeley, Samantha Gavin, Bonnie Ibbotson, Benjamin Jones, Connie Plackett and Jamie Robinson.

Five students, who had already been successful in obtaining the 'Bronze Master' title, accepted their next challenge of the Silver Award. This tests student's knowledge of multiples, factors, rounding to decimal places and significant figures, the order of operations and various skills using ratio. We are thrilled to have three Silver Masters, the most the Academy has ever had! So a huge well done to: Lauren Sharman, Elise Cheneler and William Green.



## PRIMARY SPORT EVENTS

Participation in Primary school sport has rocketed at Amington over the last 2 years. This year, we have had over 1000 participants in the last 3 months from over 21 primary schools.

Firstly, we have hosted official School Games Cross Country events with separate events for Y3,4,5 and 6 in which we had over 500 runners in total. The winners can be seen below and all of these schools will progress to county finals at Keele University.

*Year 3 Girls Winners: Greenacres*

*Year 3 Boys Winners: Florendine*

*Year 4 Girls Winners: Coton Green*

*Year 4 Boys Winners: Millfield*

*Year 5 Girls Winners: Flax Hill*

*Year 5 Boys Winners: Flax Hill*

*Year 6 Girls Winners: Coton Green*

*Year 6 Boys Winners: Coton Green*

Congratulations to all of the above who go through to the County Finals in June.

In Term 1 we also hosted some Primary Basketball competitions for Years 3/4 in which schools were given a training session to learn a new sport followed by a fun-filled tournament. For Years 3/4 *William Macgregor* were victorious and *Coton Green* showed excellent play to win the Year 5/6 competition.

We hosted the official School Games netball tournaments for Years 5/6 in which *Coton Green* produced some fantastic performances and will represent the county at the Level 3 games.

We have hosted numerous Primary sports hall athletic activities which will all progress to county competitions and this has proven to be a huge hit with many participations. For the Year 1/2 competition, *William Macgregor's* young athletes produced some fantastic displays coming top while *Three Peaks* took the title for Years 3/4. The small schools competition for Years 5 and 6 had *St Elizabeth's* storming the competition and these will represent the county along with the large schools winners - were St Gabriel's.

Thank you to all 21 schools that have attending our Academy over the last 3 months! We look forward to seeing as many schools as we can for the upcoming handball and dodgeball competitions during the Easter Term!

Mr Lacey—PE Teacher and Transition Coordinator

## Y7 CASTLE COMPETITION



Year 7 Historians had the opportunity to design and build their own castle to enter into a competition. There were 9 excellent entries. It was judged that Connor Povey, Sam Gavin and Emily Meanley were the winners and they received a £5 'Love to Shop' voucher as their prize. A big thank you to all the entries—they were brilliant and are on display in F05.

Mr Birkin—History Teacher

## SPORT CELEBRATIONS

### TSSA Swimming Gala

It was the first of the TSSA swimming galas this term and although Landau Forte Amington only managed to field a small team, they were able to gain some successes and each displayed some highly commendable performances.

The team consisted of: Ethan Billinge, Lewis Jones, Charlie Pegg, Adam Whittaker, Corben Jones, Lucy Watkins, Jaymie Collett and Katy Colder.

Adam Whittaker won the freestyle and Ethan Billinge won the backstroke and butterfly with ease. Ethan also successfully managed to break the current record in the backstroke. He now holds all of the Tamworth School records in the backstroke from Y7-Y11.

### Football

#### County Cup

**Y11** Successfully progressed to the quarter final of the County Cup, but unfortunately lost out to Haywood. It was a fantastic effort from the Y11 boys showing some excellent team spirit on the pitch.

**Y7** Managed to make it through to the semi-final of the County Cup which is a huge achievement. Unfortunately, they lost out in the second half of the match to Excel Academy winning the game 4 -2.



## SPORT CELEBRATIONS—CONTINUED

### **Boys Football Tamworth Schools 7-a-side Competition Results**

Y7: 3rd

Y8: 2nd

Y9: 3rd

Y10: 3rd

Y11: WINNERS

**Player(s) of the Term:** Y7: Woody Ford, Y8: George Lenton, Y9: Ayrton Simmons, Y10: George Yarwood, Y11: Louie Golder

### **Netball**

Each year group have played against the Staffordshire County Champions, Lichfield King Edwards School this term and displayed some excellent netball skills, with the Y7 team putting up the strongest fight only to be beaten by 1 goal.

Each year group have also played Wilnecote, with all of them successfully winning them and putting Landau Forte Amington within the top 2 places on each of the league tables.

**Player(s) of the Term:** Y7: Rebecca Hanratty & Lauren Sharman , Y8: Ellie Keatley, Y9: Priya Hira, Y10: Lauren Lees, Y11: Amelia Kennelly

**Rugby:** Rugby fixtures have had to take a break for Term 3 due to the weather. The boys have still been training hard each week and are ready for success in Term 4.

**Girls Rugby**—A new girls rugby club has been established and meet after school on Wednesdays with Miss Buttery.

### **Primary Visits—English**

Recently, I had the pleasure of visiting some of our Primary Schools where lots of our wonderful students began their journey in education. I was able to meet leaders from Woodlands Primary School and Ankermoor Primary Academy; they took great pride in showing me their creative English curriculums that help learners become proficient in their communication skills-both written and verbal; enthusiastic about reading and writing; and show flair in their ideas. It was great to see how engaged students were whilst doing different activities. An interesting scheme that both schools use is Pie Corbett's Talk for Writing that has supported students in their writing skills, which I'll be exploring in more depth with the view to making our transition even more effective for our students. I also thought it was fantastic to see how students utilise self-assessment, using highlighters to support their knowledge of what is required in their work; we frequently ask Amington students to use this resource but it would be great to see the crossover from Primary developed even further. Over the next few weeks I hope to visit more Primary Schools in our area and then look at how I can make our new Year 7's transitions even smoother.

Miss Wain—Curriculum Leader for English

### Year 11— Interviews

Year 11 students have been developing their employability skills during PSHE. They have completed application forms for employment and created their CVs. The final stage of this work was an interview.



Mrs Rudd, Amington’s career advisor, arranged for employers to come into the Academy to formally interview Year 11 students. The aim was to provide them with a real life experience of what it’s like to be interviewed for a job and the questions they may be asked.

Employers that supported the event included Amazon, Nationwide, Energie, Redrow Homes and Burton Albion. Feedback from employers was excellent - well done Year 11!

Mrs Rudd—Careers Advisor

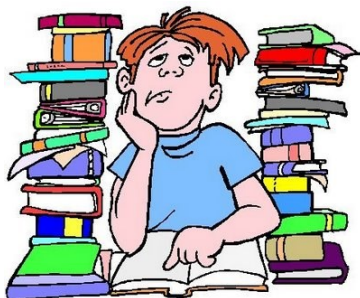
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### Assessment Windows—Important Dates:

Students in Year 7, 8 and 10 will have assessments this year and a revision list is always sent out in advance.

Please also access our website for the revision list and revision materials.

Year Group	Dates of next Assessment Window (2018)
7	9th April—20th April
8	19th March—30th March
10	11th June—29th June





## Charities

Here are some of the charities we have recently donated money to:

£113.03—Manna House Charity

£953.94—Children in Need

£113.04—Help for the Heroes

£874.59—Teenage Cancer Trust

£425.50—Roald Dahl's Marvellous Charity

£573.28—The Big Bandage

£265.64—Childhood Eye

Cancer Trust

£842.30—Book Aid

International

£823.41—Sport Relief

£89.22—Poppy Appeal

£573.28—Birmingham

Children's Hospital

£113.04—St Giles Hospice



## TERM 4—WHAT'S COMING UP?

26th February—Term 4 begins

26th February—2nd March—Ski Visit

26th February—9th March—Y7 Parental Consultations

1st March—STEM Day—Technology

8th March—Y9 Parents' Evening and Guided Choices

Evening

15th –16th March—Academy Production

15th March—Careers Fair

19th March—Y11 Trial Results event 5:30pm

19th March—Y8 2nd Assessment Window begins

20th March—STEM day Science

29th March—Last day of Term

## KS3 SAM LEARNING

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

[www.samlearning.com](http://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.