



Welcome to our end of Term 5 Newsletter. As always, it was fun-filled term with students involved in plenty of activities.

My second Tamworth Herald Report was published. In case you missed it, here is what it said:

Broadening students' horizons and preparing for success

The creativity of our students never fails to impress me. Our Performing Arts students have been busy showcasing their production of 'Back to the 80s', with their peers, parents and the local community all enjoying the stand-out shows. Others enjoyed a trip to Bristol last month to watch a contemporary dance piece from Matthew Bourne, something which will inform their upcoming assignments, and got the chance to master advanced dance from musical *The Bodyguard*.

But while our students excel in arts and performance, we believe that enrichment opportunities need to cover far more if we are to help students develop into confident, knowledgeable young adults ready to succeed in today's world. Recently, our students have taken part in a number of valuable experiences within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths).

Earlier this year, our Year 9 students took part in two STEM activity days where they designed, created and programmed a self-driving vehicle using LEGO and even built a functioning water reservoir. These challenging and informative days were hugely enjoyable and encouraged our students to consider the variety of career paths within the STEM sector.

Year 9 and 10 students also visited the Big Bang Fair in Birmingham, where they made medicines, dissected organs, built turbines and explored the different university pathways that lead to careers in Science and Technology. Also a number of students will be honing their Engineering and Physics knowledge later this year when they visit CERN, the home of the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland.

This term, as we begin the examination period, academic progress remains our central focus at Amington. Our priority is to give all our students the best possible guidance and support whilst they prepare for their GCSE examinations. Recently, our Year 11 students picked up their mock results at a trial results evening and I was delighted both by their excellent results and their commitment to making the most of this critical time.

With examination season in session, we are also busy preparing for a new academic year and a brand new cohort of students. As I mentioned in my last column, we are looking forward to welcoming Year 6s into the academy to begin their transition, meet their teachers and attend taster lessons.

Mrs C. Robson (Head of School)



YEAR 7 AND 8 CREST AWARD

This year in Science we launched our first Crest Award! A group of Year 7 and 8 students completed their Discovery award over two days. The students were investigating the psychology of rides and practising their data analysis skills. We visited Drayton Manor to complete our data collection and were very lucky to have the park nearby to ourselves! For the second part of their award the students assumed the roles of psychologists or data analysts to design a family, water and thrill ride for a new area in Thorpe park. Students considered details such as wait time, loading time, themes and how to build suspense and keep people entertained during queuing.

The year 7 and 8' then wrote reflections on the skills they have learnt which have been sent to Crest for them to assess! All students who achieve their Discovery award will be given the opportunity to continue on the Crest Award to Bronze. Well done to all involved for your amazing team work and the new skills you have developed – the ride designs were fantastic!

Mrs Sterling and Miss Tarleton

“Brilliant!” A parent commenting on the Academy's Facebook page regarding some Year 11 students being heroes (See back page of this Newsletter)

YEAR 10 PLANET WALK



On 18th and 20th of April, 10B1 and 10A2 visited Tamworth Castle Grounds to take part in a Planet Walk. The walk is a set of sculptures representing the planets in our solar system. The distances between the planets on the trail have been worked out to reflect the relative distances between the planets. The weather on both days was lovely and the students enjoyed being outside and learning in a different environment.

Considering a lot of the students hadn't known beforehand that the planet walk existed, they really made the most of this local resource. They collected data about the planets from the sculptures and got in some exercise walking the trail. Their behaviour was fantastic; an excellent reflection on the school.

Miss Granger

YEAR 5 GREENACRES—HUMANITIES WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 9th May 2018, 57 Year 5 students from Landau Forte Academy Greenacres took part in a Roman workshop hosted by the Humanities Department. Students tried different types of Roman food as part of a banquet and learnt about the different military tactics Julius Caesar used to expand his Empire. To finish, students had the option of making swords or shields as used by Roman soldiers or a Barbarian from Gaul. The students had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Mr Birkin



BETH SHALOM

On Friday 13th April the Humanities Faculty took 48 Year 9 and 10 students to Beth Shalom. Beth Shalom is the only dedicated museum for holocaust memorial in the UK. Our students had a tour round the museum looking at the history of the Jews in Nazi Germany. The students then had time to reflect in the memorial garden. The highlight of the visit, gave our students the opportunity to ask a Holocaust survivor their own questions; Henri Obstfeld shared his experience with the students of what life was like in the Netherlands under Nazi occupation. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and found it a valuable experience.

Mr Birkin



YEAR 9 VISIT TO HARPER ADAMS UNIVERSITY

On the 25th April, 40 Year 9s were taken to Harper Adams University to get a taste of Further Education. The students got to experience what it's like to make the diet for a dairy cow (there's nine things a cow needs to produce optimum milk!), how charter surveyors obtain prices when buying and selling, had a chance to program a drone that monitors crops, and even made their own butter! They also had an excellent talk from a representative from Higher Horizons to tell them all the things they can study at University and why it's an excellent location for anyone who wants to continue studying after they have completed their A levels.

Mr Burns and Miss Lawrence



YEAR 7 LEICESTER TIGERS



The Year 7 Rugby team were taken on a trip to watch an Aviva Premiership Rugby game: Leicester Tigers Vs Newcastle Falcons. The students enjoyed a quality game with lots of tries scored, however, Leicester Tigers lost the game during the final play. Although the Tigers lost the students demonstrated great support for the team. Some of the Year 7s play Rugby regularly at the weekend however, some have only just started playing this year. The visit was aimed to inspire each player to either improve their performances in games or to encourage them to join a local Rugby team outside of school. With most players going into the souvenir shop after the game I am sure the visit did what it was intended to do. With more trips to Leicester Tigers coming up in the future, this really is an exciting time to be a player of the game at Amington.

Mr Dovey and Mr Lacey

YEAR 10 DRAMA EXAMINATION

In April, the Year 10 GCSE Drama class performed assessments for their Devising Exam. This required them to create a 15-minute performance based on a stimulus.

The pieces explored themes ranging from children's' susceptibility of media to the evolution of feminism.

All the performances were absolutely outstanding. Some were hilarious, some were emotional, and some outright weird! Very impressed with the entire class. Well done!

Mr Walker, Drama Teacher



YEAR 10 MACBETH LIVE BROADCAST

On Thursday 26th April Year 10 joined hundreds of other schools around the country to watch a live stream of Macbeth through the Royal Shakespeare Company and their Schools Broadcast scheme. Students were thrilled by Christopher Ecclestone and Niamh Cusack in William Shakespeare's Macbeth. The director, Polly Findlay, set the famous play into a different context, allowing the students to engage with the themes and characters in a new light. At the back of the stage, an ominous clock counted down towards Macbeth's demise, creating a thrilling climax for everyone watching! As one of the texts they will be examined on for their English Literature GCSE, the understanding they will have gained from the production will be invaluable!

Miss Wain



YEAR 11—MACBETH CINEMA VISIT

On Thursday 10th May, Year 11 were given the opportunity to attend a live stream of Macbeth through the National Theatre Live. Streamed into cinemas across the country, the play perfectly depicted the dark themes of tragedy, corruption and tyranny in a dystopian setting any modern audience could recognise. The exceptional performance was directed by Rufus Norris whom wanted to show how Shakespeare can still be relevant today -an excellent notion for our students to understand as they sat their exam on Tuesday 22nd May. Students who attended the performance expressed how valuable they found the experience and sought out opportunities for analytical discussion during the intermission and at the end of the performance.

Miss Wain

YEAR 11 FOOD EXAMINATION

April 2018 saw the first sitting of the new Food Preparation and Nutrition GCSE practical assessment.

Students researched and developed a range of dishes from different European cultures which lead to them preparing 3 dishes in 3 hours for their assessment. This was quite a stressful time for all students involved as they all stretched themselves by preparing complex and challenging dishes. Congratulations to all involved as they performed amazingly.

Mr Bell



YEAR 7 MATHS MASTERY

This term the final round for the Year 7's Maths Mastery took place. The maths team were delighted to see so many participants work with vigour and resilience throughout each of the three rounds. A special well done to all students who successfully achieved the Maths Mastery title –we couldn't be prouder!

Bronze Maths Masters – 50 credits			Silver Maths Masters – 100 credits		
Maynard Isabella	F2-JEM	99%	Jones Benjamin	L2-AMB	98%
Nash Courtnee	F1-SAH	100%	O'Sullivan Maddison	F2-LJW	98%
Watson Archie	F1-ACR	100%	Ibbotson Bonnie	L1-CMT	98%
Harry Fitzpatrick	L1-CMT	99%	Gold Maths Masters – 200 Credits		
Izzy Courtneery	F1-ALC	100%	Sharman Lauren	L2-DJS	100%
Haskett-Croome Ellie	F1-NAH	97%	Green William	F2-LJW	97%

Miss Coley

YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 UKMT MATHS CHALLENGE

The best mathematicians at the Academy aged 11-13 took part in the UK Junior Mathematics Challenge on the 26th of April 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. For many of the Year 7 students, this was their first taste of the demanding nature of the Maths Challenge and they rose to the occasion superbly.

The Mathematics department is extremely proud of those students who took the opportunity to sharpen and improve their problem-solving skills under assessment conditions. Mr Dimmick

Year 8		
Harry Trueman	F2-ASB	Best in Academy, Best In Year Group, Silver Certificate
Evelyn Bell	L1-LAR	Silver Certificate
Sam Easterbrook	F2-DBI	Silver Certificate
Tamara Rabbette	L1-AHM	Silver Certificate
Robert Coffey	L1-ABH	Bronze Certificate
Conor Henderson	L2-CLF	Bronze Certificate
Luke Flint	L1-AHM	Bronze Certificate
Sophie-Louise White	F2-JGW	Bronze Certificate
Tj Sirdefield	L1-ABC	Bronze Certificate
Brodie Orton	L2-MJD	Bronze Certificate

Year 7		
Lauren Sharman	L2-DJS	Best In Year Group, Silver Certificate
Woody Ford	F2-DBI	Silver Certificate
Daniel Roberts-Tracey	L1-NLO	Bronze Certificate
Harry Fitzpatrick	L1-CMT	Bronze Certificate
Jimmy Sharp	F2-DBI	Bronze Certificate
Benjamin Jones	L2-AMB	Bronze Certificate
Niko Zelazny	F2-CDP	Bronze Certificate
Jack Hastings	F2-DBI	Bronze Certificate

SPORTS ROUND UP

Summer clubs have begun this term and due to the poor weather last term, the final fixtures have also taken place for the winter sports.

Football

Landau Forte Academy Amington were successful in making 4 out of the 5 finals this year. The results are as follows;

Y7: Landau Forte 3 v 2 Rawlett. The boys put on a valiant and determined display taking Rawlett to extra time after 2 superb goals from Woody Ford making it 2-2. Unfortunately Rawlett managed to secure the title in the last stages of extra time. Man of the Match= Woody Ford

Y8: Landau Forte 3 v 1 Rawlett. 2 goals from Louis Malin and 1 goal from Dylan Derrick helped to beat an outstanding Rawlett team. Man of the Match= Team Effort

Y9: Landau Forte 0 v 3 Rawlett . The boys battled all evening and kept their spirits up but unfortunately could not break down a very strong Rawlett team. Man of the Match= Rory Cheneler & Callum Holmes

Y10 Landau Forte 1 v Wilnecote 2. The boys worked tirelessly to set up a tie destined for extra time, only to concede the decider with the very last kick of the game. Man of the Match= George Yarwood & Jack Taft

A huge thank you to Paul Barnes at Coton Green Football Club for club's hospitality and to all those who attended to support.



SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball

TSSA Tournament Results

Y7: 1st Team: 2nd, 2nd Team= 3rd

Y8= 2nd Place

Y9= 2nd Place

Y10= 1st Place

Y11= 1st Place

TSSA Netball League Results

Y7= Winners

Y8= 3rd Place

Y9= 3rd Place

Y10= Winners

Y11= Winners



SPORTS ROUND UP CONTINUED

TSSA Athletics

The annual TSSA Athletics competition took place for Y9 & Y10 students all competing to represent Tamworth at the County Championships on the 9th June.

Overall Landau Forte Amington finished in 3rd place. The following performers finished in the top 2 in their events and have made it through to the County Championships: Grace Dickens, Jemma Metcalfe, Chloe Wileman, Lauren Lees, Jake Baxter, Ethan Russell, Jake Lear, Reinis Baltins.

Rounders & Cricket

The Y8 & Y9 teams have both secured a win and started the season positively in Rounders and Cricket. The Y8 boys cricket team beat Lichfield Cathedral School by 27 runs. The Y8 Rounders team won their first game against QEMS and the Y9 Rounders team won their match against TEC.

“Landau Forte Academy Amington is 3rd Nationally and 1st in the West Midlands for SAM Learning usage” - Nick Marr from Sam Learning.

A SPECIAL MENTION—KEIRA HANCOCK AND

Keira Hancock - A massive well done to our very own Keira Hancock who over the past 2 weekends has taken part in the West Midlands Regional Swimming championships where she swam fantastically well.

She achieved :
4 golds, 2 silvers , 3 bronze , 2 4th places and achieved the final of the U14 400M



Reinis has been in the Tamworth Herald recently regarding a recent victory for his ice hockey. Reinis is actually a national champion at under 15's level for his sport! He plays for Nottingham Tigers U15s and came first place in the nationals as well as affording time to represent the under 18s. He also plays roller hockey for 2 different teams and has been selected as a “dream team player” for the league.



Year 11 Heroes

Mr Hartles received a phone call from his worried mother, asking if he could help his dad to rescue his auntie's dog from the river in Bolehall. She had begun to swim in the river, which had recently flooded and was not prepared for the strong current in.

When Mr Hartles and his dad made it down to the river, three of our current Year 11 students (Craig Matthews, Tom Hatton and Aaron Storer) were waiting with and supporting Mr Hartles' concerned mom.

The lads then went on to walk Mr Hartles and his dad to a point where they could access the river bank and make it down to the dog. He wouldn't have known how to get to the dog otherwise as the current was too strong to swim.

While Mr Hartles and his dad managed to get the dog back onto the river bank, the three boys went back to Mr Hartles' mum and auntie to check if they were OK.

These days, teenagers often get a lot of bad press. This is just one example of how young people can make a difference, no matter how small or big. Not all heroes wear capes.

Thank you boys!

Mr Hartles

TERM 6—WHAT'S COMING UP?

4th June—Term 6 begins

5th June—Parent meeting about the Lion King trip (4pm)

11th—29th June—Y10 trial assessment window

13th/14th June—Y8 Monologues

15th June—ST Giles visit

18th June—Parent meeting about Geneva trip (5:30pm)

19th June—Y5 Greenacres visit

19th June—Y10 BTEC Trial Music Event

27th/28th June—Y6 Induction

29th June—Y7 Geography workshop

2nd—6th July— Enrichment week/Y10 Work Experience

10th/11th July—Y10 Bradgate Visit

10th July—Sports Award Evening

11th July—Y5 Coffee Evening

11th July—Y2 World Cup afternoon

12th July—Year 11 Prom

17th July—Sports Day

19th July—Reserve Sports Day

20th July—Y10 reports home and End of Term

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Don't forget, one way that 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.