

Monday 25th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of a relatively short term I wanted to write to you and thank you for your support of our academy. This term has seen our students raise more money for charity than we have ever done before. The fundraising for Comic Relief was a particular highlight for me as the whole academy worked together to enjoy the day, run a mile and tell hilarious jokes to each other. The final total is just under the £7000 mark and we are pleased that the kindness of our community will help children less fortunate than ourselves.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Praising Stars awards evenings that we held last week. It was lovely to have the academy hall full of students and family members on two consecutive nights. There were some familiar faces winning the awards but there were also more first time winners than we usually have - remember, every Praising Stars cycle is a complete reset for all students and anyone is able to get an EI and be nominated for a subject award. I would like to take an opportunity to publicly thank Miss Sanders and her Learning Manager team for the work that they do to support the students in our academy. The awards evening gives them the opportunity to highlight a single student for doing great things, but they were also beaming with pride as they presented each subject winner with their certificate. The role of Learning Manager is not an easy one and we are blessed to have seven dedicated professionals in our academy making the lives of students better every day.

The next term is the most significant for students taking their public exams as both the GCSE and A-Level exams will begin. Our students have been working hard and the mock exams are supporting our predictions for the best ever results. I could not be prouder of our students as I see every day just how focused they are on being successful. The Easter holiday should be a time of relaxation as well as revision - we know that students who are looking after their mental and physical wellbeing will be able to cope with the rigours of exams better than those who are not. I will be taking a break on a Scottish island during the holidays as I know that long walks, sea air and good food and drink all shared with my family will allow me to function better next term. I have been encouraging all of our students and staff to get their mix of work and play right over the coming weeks.

Your sons and daughters will be receiving their Praising Stars reports today. Please take the time to look at them together and ask questions about what they enjoy, what they're doing well at and what they might require some additional support with. The most successful students usually have the most engaged families. We know that we are fortunate to have students whose parents and carers are "bothered" and take a full and active role in their education. If there is anything in the report that you don't understand or require additional information about then please get in touch with us (enquiries@newbold.outwood.com) and we'll be able to provide you with the answers needed.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the academy over the coming term. Anyone is welcome to visit the academy during the school day if you'd like to see us in action.

Yours faithfully,



Rob Southern
Principal