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March Newsletter



As we break up for Easter the work does not stop, there are further revision sessions taking place before, during and after the break for our exam students. The extra work that the staff put into these sessions is greatly appreciated and I am confident everyone will support us in making sure that the students take full advantage of them.

With further changes to qualifications and assessments we've continued to invest time training staff to teach to incorporate the new requirements in their teaching. Sometimes it feels as if the pace of change is too fast but our staff and students have responded positively; they are working hard to be as ready as they can be for the summer exams.

We continue to work with our primary colleagues to see how we can best support all our students as they make their way into Central.

This year it has been wonderful to welcome so many young students from across the city into the Academy and to take part in a whole host of sporting, charity and academic activities.

Working in partnership is the most effective and only way to ensure your child fulfils their full potential. Please remember you are always welcome to contact us with any enquiries you may have.

Other News:

KS4 - On Wednesday, prior to the Easter break our Year 11 students during assembly were given a pack of resources from the Maths team, to support their revision over the holidays. They were also given a short presentation by the United Learning National English Advisor on how to make the most of their revision time during their holidays. On Thursday in school they attended a Success Fair, where once again they received packs of resources and revision materials from each of their subject areas, which are for use over Easter, both in school and for their independent revision. Parents were also in attendance, giving them another opportunity to speak to Subject Leaders about their son/daughter.

There is a full programme of revision on over the next two weeks, and we look forward to welcoming as many as possible to these sessions, including groups of students who have been invited to attend Maths revision sessions, which will be led by the United Learning National Maths Advisor.

KS3 – A group of Year 7 students have been busy during form time under the supervision of Mrs Bulman and Mrs Ardron producing a giant jigsaw piece as part of a project set up by Carlisle City Council to support Jigsaw Children's Hospice. Each student produced their own part of the finished piece on the theme of "Beautiful Carlisle" and together this formed a collage showcasing our city at its very best. The finished work was taken to the Youth Zone where it was added to the dozens of other jigsaw pieces from across Carlisle and Cumbria. The students were met by Council Leader, Liz Mallinson and representatives from Jigsaw Hospice including their mascot blue cat, Jigpuss. The work the students produced was superb and will be on display in Tullie House Museum at a future date.

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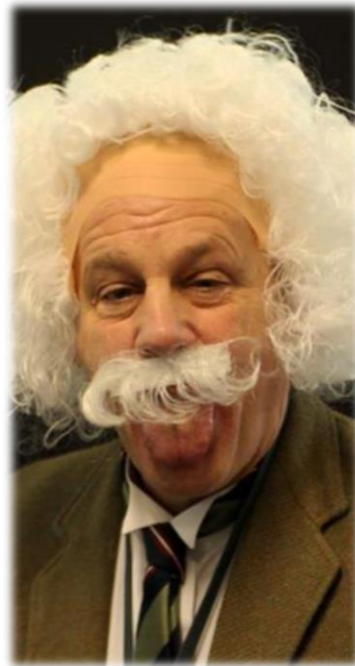


Science - To celebrate the contribution of science to the world the school undertook a raft of activities during British Science Week. On Friday 8th March teams from KS3 and KS4 took part in the BAE Rotary Club Technology Competition, they were tasked with developing a system to remotely move boxes from one place to another. The competition was fierce with the KS4 team finishing in third place.

During the week the Science Department theme was based around 'Icons of Science.'

Assemblies throughout the week were about the icons, mapping their lives and their contributions (good and bad) to the world we live in. On the Thursday the science staff dressed up as their icon for the day and answered questions and gave out information about why they thought their icon was the best. The winning icon was Marie Curie who was represented by Miss Munson.

In lessons the students had a 'Spelling Bee' on scientific words, a 'Top of the Bench' practical activity using 'Plastic – The Journey to the Ocean', and a quiz on science general knowledge, related to, but not solely about, the work covered so far this year. Each set had a winning team who all received an Easter egg for their efforts.



Overall the week was a great success and Marie Curie will now be the icon for the Science Department over the next 12 months until it all happens again next year!

Music - On Monday 11th March we held our second concert of the year at the Cosmic Theatre, part of Rocket Theatre Group. For our Year 11 music students, this was their final assessed performance and the culmination of three years of hard work. They have all made exceptional progress and should be very proud of their achievements. Students from Year 10 also performed, as well as our school rock band.



Many thanks to the team at Rocket for hosting us. Our next concert will be on **Monday 8th July** at the Old Fire Station, where our school choir and students from Key Stage 3 will also be performing. This will also be the final concert for our Year 11 and Year 13 students who will be leaving the Academy this summer, so we hope that many parents, staff and students will be able to be there.

Rugby U13s - The U13s played a tournament at QEGS in Penrith on Monday 18th March. They were in a group with five other teams – Caldew, Newman, Austin Friars, Dallam and Whitehaven and were

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set to play all the teams once. Their first game was against Newman whom they had previously beaten so confidence was high. However, they took their time to get settled and looked nervy. Three quick tries by **Jacob Campbell**, **Zak Ingleton** and **Shaun Brammer** calmed any nerves and victory was secured.

Their next game was against Austin Friars whom were technically very good, however the strength and power of the team eventually overwhelmed them and again they were three tries to nil from **Dean Bowes** and two more from **Shaun Brammer**. The next game saw them pitched against Dallam, an unknown quantity and proved to be a close match with Dallam coming out on top, three tries to one scored by **Jacob Campbell**. The next game was the toughest of the afternoon against Whitehaven, not a rugby union school but they all play rugby league. Confidence was rock bottom and the team simply gave up against a stronger opposition, losing by six tries to no response. They had one more game to play against Caldew and put on one more good performance. They were victorious by seven tries to nil. Scorers were **Jacob Campbell** with a hatrick, **Shaun Brammer** with two and **Zak Ingleton** and **Dean Bowes** with one each.

It was a productive afternoon with some great performances. However, training regularly is still the key to develop further and mindset is vital. Being positive at all times and not giving in before you start should see them produce better rugby next season.



High 5 Netball Tournament - On Friday 15th March, seven teams from across four of our cluster primary schools competed in a High 5 Netball tournament. There were some fantastic performances from all the children. Sports Leaders from the Academy umpired, and kept scores they were conscientious, professional and were highly commended by all staff. After some very competitive play, Norman

Street finished in first place. Well done all!

Key Stage 1 Multi Skills Festival - On Friday 22nd March, we welcomed 76 students from Scotby, Inglewood, and Petteril Bank. The students had the opportunity to practice a number of different sports skills across 10 different stations. Each station was led by sports leaders who were confident, clear, and full of enthusiasm. They were a credit to the Academy and all staff were full of praise for all. A brilliant afternoon was had by all, well done!

Y8 Girls Rugby Festival - On Tuesday 19th March the Y8 Girls rugby team travelled to Kendal to compete in a Developing Rugby Skills Festival. After a nervous start playing touch rugby the girls put in some fantastic performances, growing in confidence and developed their game into grab, contact rugby by the end of the tournament. An excellent effort by all the girls, well done!

Y7 City School Netball Tournament - On Tuesday 26th March, the Y7 Netball Team represented the Academy in the Annual City Schools Netball Tournament. The girls dominated most of their games beating teams from Caldew, Trinity and William Howard, narrowly missing out against Austin Friars. Some quality shooting from

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Gracie Proud, Niamh Vaughn, and Tilly Chan, strong performances in the centre from **Mia Gadsby** and **Jeanie Wannop** as well as commanding defensive play from **Grace Stalker** and **Tyler Mitchell** earned the girls a deserving 2nd place. Brilliant performance, keep up the hard word!



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With very best wishes for a Happy Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gilby
Principal



Calendar:

- **Fri 29th Mar – Fri 12th Apr**
Easter Holidays
- **Mon 15th Apr**
Summer Term Begins
- **Mon 15th – Fri 19th Apr**
Y7, 8 & 9 Assessments
- **Fri 19th Apr**
Good Friday
- **Mon 22nd Apr**
Easter Monday
- **Tues 23rd – Fri 26th Apr**
Y7, 8 & 9 Assessments
- **Fri 26th Apr**
Big Dance
- **Junior Maths Challenge**
Tues 30th Apr
- **Mon 6th May**

May Bank Holiday

- **Tues 7th – Fri 10th May**
Interim Reports
- **Mon 13th May – Fri 14th Jun**
GCSE, AS & A Level Exams
- **Mon 13th – Fri 17th May**
Y10 Work Experience
- **Thurs 16th May**
Y9 Parents' Evening
- **Mon 27th – Fri 31st May**
Half Term
- **Mon 17th Jun – Fri 5th Jul**
KS3 & Y10 End of Year Assessments
- **Thurs 20th & Fri 21st Jun**
Y5 Open Days
- **Thurs 20th Jun**
Y5 Open Evening & Art Show
- **Fri 21st Jun**
Y13 Formal
- **Mon 1st Jul**
Y6 Induction Day
- **Fri 5th July**
Y11 Prom
- **Mon 8th July**
Music Concert
- **Fri 19th Jul**
End of Summer Term



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