



End of Half Term 4

Dear families,

14.02.2025

As we approach the end of this half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many positive developments at the Academy and to provide you with an insight into what to expect in the coming half term.

Student Leadership Team: Mental Health Training

Our Student Leadership Team is currently engaged in a 6-week training program focused on student mental health and wellbeing. This initiative is designed to equip them with the skills and confidence to become our school's mental health champions. They are learning how to support their peers with mental health issues and how to promote wellbeing throughout our school community.

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Our new Oasis Leesbrook Anti-Bullying Ambassadors attended a conference hosted by The Diana Award, where they learned about anti-bullying strategies and how to tackle and prevent bullying. This year, they will focus on wellbeing and student support. The ambassadors received a comprehensive pack of ideas to assist their peers, and they were a credit to our Academy for their exemplary behaviour.

Debate Mate Competition

We were thrilled to host an Inter-School "Debate Mate" competition, where our students debated on thought-provoking topics such as "This house believes that international aid is most effective when delivered through local communities" and "This house believes that social media should be banned for under 16s". The event was a tremendous success, and the visiting teachers and university mentors were very complimentary about the welcoming atmosphere at our Academy.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students began their final set of mock exams before their GCSEs. Their dedication to their studies has been inspiring, and we wish them all the best of luck as they continue their preparations for their exams ahead.

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Litter Picking Initiative

Each morning, a Year 7 family group have spent their family time litter picking around the school site. This initiative helps instil a sense of responsibility and encourages everyone to take pride in their environment. A clean school is a happy school!

Careers Fair

We were thrilled to host a fantastic Careers Fair for our Year 9 and 10 students, providing them with a valuable opportunity to explore a wide range of post-16 and post-18 education options. The fair enabled students to engage with various educational and career pathways, helping them to make informed decisions about their future.

This event was an essential part of their personal development, giving them the chance to ask questions, gain insights, and consider different routes available to them after school. We are confident that this experience will prove beneficial as they begin to think about the next steps in their educational journey.

Children's Mental Health Week

For Children's Mental Health Week, we embedded mental health into all areas of our curriculum. Students explored the importance of mental health and learned how to take care of their own mental wellbeing. Topics ranged from climate change and mental health in Geography to the history of mental health treatments in History.

Additionally, we raised awareness through "Notes of Kindness" and held fundraising activities, including selling hot chocolate to support Mind and Place2Be.

A special thank you to our Student Leadership Team for leading assemblies and supporting the fundraiser. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

Second Family Forum

On Thursday, 13th February, we hosted our second Family Forum. This event provided an overview of the changes at the Academy this academic year and gave parents and carers the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback. Based on suggestions from our last forum, this session focused on Personal Development and Quality of Education. We will share details of our next forum in due course.

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Return on 24th February

We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 24th February. Please ensure that your child returns with their correct uniform, no tramlines in hair, and no false nails.

Finally, I encourage you all to take the half term as an opportunity to rest and recharge ahead of the second half of this term.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We have made great strides in terms of personal development and careers support, and I am incredibly proud of the work happening at our Academy.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Kind Regards,

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