



# Newsletter

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

## Prayer

We thank you Lord, for this half-term. For our challenges, our successes and the mistakes from which we have learnt. Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new half-term. We thank you for our school friends, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

Amen

## Principal's Introduction

Dears Parents/Carers

This week has been an incredibly busy and productive week at the academy. It has been a privilege to see students working in hard in lessons and taking pride in their work.

On Wednesday, our BBA group attended an author talk about met Dan Smith, who shared his writing inspiration for his book, 'Nisha's War'. Dan commented on how it was a 'pleasure' to meet our students, and Mrs Jackson, our school librarian, was incredibly proud of the way they represented the Academy.

On Thursday, we hosted our first 'Cake Break' of the year, where students with 96+% attendance and 0 negative points this half-term, had an extended break with hot chocolate and cake. We hope to be able to run these events more frequently next half-term.

As part of our Curriculum for Life, students have been learning about apprenticeships and, on Thursday, Year 11 students had a presentation on how to secure an apprenticeship.

Finally, we closed this half-term with House Assemblies. The competition between Dean Hole, Warburton, Bromhead and Cartwright house is fierce and is increasing as we get closer to our annual sports day in the summer term.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again congratulate our five teachers, who have been awarded National Professional Qualifications in different aspects of education this week. Miss Hill, Miss Carling, Mr Holmes, Miss Taylor and Mr Trevatt have embodied our values of ambition and determination, and the expertise they have developed as part of these courses, will help continue to develop the academy. It is a great example of the commitment the teachers at the Academy have to our students and their success.

I wish you all a peaceful and restful half-term, and look forward to welcoming all students back to the Academy on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

God Bless!

Kind regards,  
Anna Martin  
Principal



## ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, some of our year 9, 10 and 11 students took part in the impressive Intermediate Maths Challenge organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT). The students were recognised by their maths teachers as some of the top mathematicians in their year group

This challenge requires our students to use their mathematical reasoning skills, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve some really tricky problems.

To recognise the highest performers in the challenge, participants who are in the top 50% will be awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Good luck to all students involved!



## Cake Break

At the start of this half-term, we set students a challenge. To have over 96+% attendance and to get 0 negative behaviour points. Those students, who met this challenge, packed into the library for an additional break with cake and hot chocolate.





### AUTHOR VISIT

The BBA group attended an author talk with Dan Smith this week! Dan's book, 'Nisha's War' has been nominated for Nottinghamshire's Brilliant Book Award which is organized by Inspire ELS. The shadowing group enjoyed hearing about Dan's inspiration for the story and how he used aspects from his own life to form ideas for characters and plot twists. Students in the group are currently reading books nominated for the award; they will then vote for their winner next half-term. A big thank you to Carlton le Willows Academy for hosting the event.

For many of our students, this will be the second author they have met since joining the Academy, as we aim to provide students with as many opportunities as possible to meet published authors.



### Performing Arts Enrichment Information:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February- Full cast Matilda rehearsal- 3.15pm-4.45pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February- Full cast Matilda rehearsal- 3.15pm-4.45pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February- Swing Band- 3.15-4.15

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February- Concert Band- 3.15-4.15pm