



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers

At the end of a busy half-term it's nice to send you this bulletin showing how much the students and staff have achieved.

We had a very successful Open Evening recently supported not only by students and staff, but by Parents who have attended our Parents' Forums and wanted to help spread the word about the great things going on at KSA. We were truly grateful of this support. Our next Parents' Forum is on Thursday 15th November starting at 6pm, messages will be sent out closer to the time, we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Sent out with this bulletin is a special Halloween and Bonfire Night edition of the Safety Matters newsletter produced by Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service. It contains some important safety messages on topics ranging from fireworks to considerations around trick or treating. Please take the time to read this bulletin to ensure a safe and happy Halloween and Bonfire night.

With best wishes to you all for the half-term break.

Tony Segalini

Associate Principal



EPraise

Students are awarded EPraise points for going the extra mile, they are rewarded for:

- Exceptional Effort
- Exceptional Work
- Exceptionally Positive Behaviour
- Exceptional Homework
- Above and Beyond in the Community

The graph shows that at the end of this term Year 8 are in the lead, closely followed by Year 10.

Keep up the good work!



■ Year 7 ■ Year 8 ■ Year 9 ■ Year 10 ■ Year 11 ■ Year 12

CALENDAR

Monday 29th October

Term 2 starts

Wednesday 7th November, 3.45 - 4.45pm

KS4 Parents drop in to see Raising Standards Leader

Thursday 8th November, 6—8pm

6th Form Open Evening

Thursday 15th November, 6—7pm

Parent's Forum

Thursday 6th December, 4.30—7pm

Year 10 Parent's Evening

Wednesday 19th December

Last day of Term 2



Results Success



This academic year got off to a great start as the Academy celebrated excellent A Level results and its best ever set of GCSE results. Our congratulations go to the students who worked so hard to achieve these results.

GCSE results

BEST in the history of this school or any others on this site

59.5% of all students achieved level 4 (pass) or above in English & Maths

The school improvement 2017/18 added up to half a grade improvement on **all** students grades

Outcomes are at national expectations

A Level results

EXCELLENT A Level results & progression to University

100% of students went on to University or Employment
Continuous trend of students reaching world-class universities, this year was Harvard & Durham



Awards Evening

Following on the theme of success; families, staff and governors joined together to celebrate the many achievements of our students at our annual awards ceremony at the beginning of September.

Guests were welcomed by Associate Principal Mr Tony Segalini and Brooke Weston Trust CEO Dr Andrew Campbell, who introduced inspirational guest speaker Mr Haseeb Ahmad. Despite going completely blind due to a degenerative eye disease, Haseeb joined the GB Para triathlon squad at 38 years old, medalling at both national and international competitions and broke the World Blind Ironman record on 2nd October 2016.

To read more about the Awards evening please click [here](#)





During the Summer Holidays



CAMPS International Trip to Kenya

Over 20 of last year's Year 11 and 12 students went on a once in a lifetime expedition to Kenya this summer.

The four week trip was organised through Camps International to help improve the standard of living for rural communities. During their time in the country, students rebuilt walls for Mama's Guest House, installed lion lights at the national park, took part in a beach clean up and laid floors and renovated 27 desks at a local school.

When they weren't hard at work, the students had some down time and were able to explore more of the country and its culture. They stayed in the national park, went on safaris, were taught how to weave baskets by the locals and visited the beach.

Students had to fundraise £3,690 each for the trip themselves by organising a range of fundraising events. Student's organised activities such as car boot sales, cake sales and bag packing. They also contacted local charities and went live on Northampton's Inspiration FM to promote the trip.

Trip leader Miss Davies said: 'The students were incredibly proactive about their fundraising and came up with some great ideas to raise money for the trip.'

To read more about this incredible trip, please click [here](#).



National Poetry Day

The English Department and Library organised a range of activities in celebration of National Poetry Day on Thursday 4th October to promote the power of poetry, inspiring students and staff to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year's theme was change and Key Stage 3 students wrote Haiku's – creating poems from banks of words and produced some beautiful examples of black out poetry.

Inspiring, funny, thought-provoking poems nominated by staff covered the walls of the English wing for students to read.

Staff haven't missed out on the fun either and have been sent poems throughout the day.

Head of English Miss Evans said: There was a brilliant atmosphere in the Academy and both staff and students got fully got involved in the day.

'There was much debate amongst pupils about what constitutes "a poem" when they realised that some of the nominated "poems" were lyrics from songs they recognised. The English Department agreed with Samuel Taylor Coleridge's definition of a poem, which is simply "the best words in the best order."



Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 28th September Students from the Prince's Trust scheme at KSA held a cake and coffee morning and after school cake sale to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Year 10 students not only helped to sell the cakes and serve tea and coffee, but also organised the event and baked cakes. There was also a raffle competition to win a cake and awards were given for the best cake by staff and students.

The event counted towards the students' teamwork module of the scheme and helped the school to raise a total of £226 for the charity.



Road Safety

Please speak to your children about Road Safety

We are seeking your support in the message that we are giving to all students in assemblies and form time regarding road safety. Please talk to your children about the importance of crossing the road safely and courteously.

It is important that students only cross when it is safe to do so and do not run out in front of cars in the hope that the car will stop. Students have been reminded of how to be a responsible pedestrian and also about representing the school in a positive way to and from school. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child understands this message.



Nut Allergies

We have several students in the Academy who have severe nut allergies. Please be mindful of this when sending your children in with their packed lunches and avoid sending in nut products if possible.

Thank you.



Safeguarding information

Please be assured that if you or your child have a safeguarding concern this can be taken to any member of staff who will be able to record and report it securely so that it can be handled by our safeguarding team, who are:

Mr Tony Segalini – Designated Safeguarding Person

Mrs Claire Greaves, Mrs Kirsty Farrar, Dr Andy Kirk, Mrs Jane Watson – Designated Safeguarding Managers

Mrs Deborah Stevens – Designated Safeguarding Lead



Collecting Students for Appointments within the school Day

Please be reminded that if your child has an appointment within the school day, you must notify us in advance and they must be collected from reception by a person who is listed as a nominated contact on your child's records. Please notify reception@ketteringscienceacademy.org of the appointment time and who will be collecting your child as soon as you are able to. Thank you.



Car Parking



Can we please remind all parents/carers to consider others when parking your cars at dropping off and collecting times. We have received complaints from residents in the area who have been inconvenienced by parents' parked cars left in the way of driveways and limiting the access to their homes. We also ask for you to drive with care within the school car park, speed restriction signs have been added as a reminder. Thank you for your co-operation with regard to these matters.



Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if your contact details change so that we can keep our system up-to-date. You can email reception with any changes:

reception@ketteringscienceacademy.org

Thank you.