



SWB

Academy

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Principal's Update **Principal's Message**

As we arrive at half term I thought it was an opportune time to write to you to share some updates from the Academy.

I am sure that you are aware of the recent press coverage about the changes to England's exam system and the confusion that this has caused for parents. In order to help we have added the Department of Education video, which explains the changes, to our website. We hope this helps, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any other information.

One of our year 12 students, Karandeep Singh, recently applied for the prestigious "Progression to Profession" programme run by the University of Birmingham and was successful. This will mean that Karendeep will receive mentoring to support his aspiration to become a lawyer. Well done Karendeep this is an outstanding achievement. Year 13 have also started to receive their university offers from cities as widespread as Birmingham, London, Manchester, Liverpool and Swansea. SWB learning will be across the UK in 2017/2018!

Its not only the students who have seen success this year but Mr R Jones, who amongst many things, organises Duke of Edinburgh in the Academy, has been chosen to represent Great Britain at the European Karate Championships. Good luck Mr Jones!

Finally, can I express my thanks to all staff, students and parents for all their hard work and support to ensure that SWB Academy is a fantastic place to learn.



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Student / Parent voice

You will be aware that we have been surveying parents and students about their views of the Academy. Your views are vital to us and over 350 parents and over 550 students responded. Students rated the following areas of the Academy as outstanding:-

- * Sport and Performing Arts provision
- * Tutor time
- * Business Studies
- * Geography
- * School facilities
- * Careers advice
- * Availability of resources
- * Social Health Education
- * Community spirit
- * Regular marking of work

Students asked us to look at how we recognise and reward their efforts and we have taken a number of steps to ensure this happens. We will share these with you via Facebook and the website in the next few weeks

As parents you told us that:-

99% of you felt your child was safe at the Academy

97% of you had no concerns about behaviour

96% of you would recommend SWB to another parent

92% of you felt your child made good progress

92% of you felt that you receive valuable information about your child's progress

Key Dates

Half Term Holiday

Monday 20th February 2017—Friday 24th February 2017

Easter Holiday

Monday 10th April 2017—Friday 21st April 2017

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 1st May 2017

Whitsun Half Term Holiday

Monday 29th May 2017—Friday 2nd June 2017

School Production

The next SWB Academy production will be the ever popular Little Shop of Horrors and will take place in the Academy between on April 5th and 6th. Tickets are currently available at reception. The cast are hard at work practising for the final production and if you are lucky you will catch some early previews via SWBTV and Facebook.

Head Boy/ Head Girl

This term we held the application and interview process for Head Boy and Head Girl. The standard of applications was extremely high and the interviews were very challenging, however we finally appointed:-

Head Boy—Nasir Khalifa

Head Girl—Gugan Gill

Deputy Head Boy—Joshua Cotterill

Deputy Head Girl—Ellie Finch

Parking in front of the Academy

We recently wrote to ask you not to park directly in front of the Academy to help ensure that all students are safe as they leave the building. Unfortunately we still have some cars dropping off/ picking up students on the double yellow lines or the roundabout outside the leisure centre. Can I please ask you to pick up at the rear of the Academy in order to ensure everyone's safety.

Go 4 Schools

You will receive information from us in the coming months about the new Academy data system called Go 4 Schools. We have decided to introduce this system as a number of parents told us that you would like more regular information about your child.

When fully rolled out to you, the system will allow you to see up to date information about your child's progress, as well as their behaviour and attendance logs.