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Inspiring Education For All

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy half term at the academy, with staff and students working hard both inside the classroom and out.

- On our return in February, Mr Yeates delivered an assembly on the troubles in Ukraine, which was brilliantly informative and well received by the students, who asked interesting and engaging questions.
- During the assembly, we had an opportunity to remind students of our commitment at Buckler's Mead Academy to provide an 'Inspiring Education for all'. This is delivered through our belief that every child has the right to learn in a quiet, calm, orderly and respectful environment, and this has certainly been the case as I have moved around the academy and watched the lessons in action.
- We were delighted to welcome Year 9 parents into the academy for the Specialised Curriculum Evening, where they received advice and guidance on the choices for Years 10 and 11.
- Mr Tofts and his team of engineers have been working on the Flying Start Challenge, and we are proud to say they won their heat and are now heading to the Fleet Air Arm Museum to represent the academy in the finals.
- Ms Royle has been up to her neck in blazer orders, as we launched blazers as part of our uniform this term. I'm sure you'll agree the students look fantastic!
- After Easter the summer uniform expectations will be in place, which means students have the option to remove the jumper underneath their blazer. Shirts should be tucked in and all other uniform requirements remain in place.
- Rehearsals for our production of *Oliver!* Have continued, with a real buzz from the staff and students around this exciting event, ahead of the performance in the summer.
- Our new Year 6 students have now been contacted with transition activities planned for the next few months, which will ensure every Year 6 child has the opportunity to see the academy a few more times and meet key staff before they join us in Year 7 in September.
- Year 11 students and their parents attended a 'Key to Success' evening this week, with key information shared from a range of staff about the forthcoming exam period.
- The results of the Inter-House competitions this week are in, with Mrs Thomas pointing out the amazing teamwork and encouragement that was taking place. Well done to Lynx who were the overall house winners for Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 combined.
- The summer term promises to be an exciting one. A few weeks after we return, Year 11 students will be heading into the exam hall to take their GCSE exams. This is a really important part of a young person's life and we will ensure we are supporting them fully to get the very best grades they can.
- In site developments, the changing facilities in the Leisure Centre are being upgraded and the Astro Turf pitch will be re-laid in early May.

Thank you for all your ongoing support this term. I hope you have a lovely holiday.

Yours sincerely

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