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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear parent/carer

The Spring term is well underway and we are starting to see the first signs of the lighter evenings. The half term break was well deserved by our staff and students and we move even further into the school year. These two half terms always feel short but they are packed with things that are going on.

We sadly said goodbye to Andy Harris, our behaviour coordinator, at half term, and he is now going to be continuing his good work with students and parents but working for the local authority focussing in family care. For this half term we are delighted to have Jade Follett return to support the pastoral team and, in addition, welcome back Jenna Trolley in Science and Sarah Glover, Assistant Principal (English), who have returned from maternity leave.

This half term we are asking students to reflect on their mindset and work, once again, on their resilience through adopting a growth mindset approach to their learning. We want our students to challenge themselves and develop skills that will support lifelong development. We are proud to be piloting the PiXL Edge Masters programme at Post 16 and this focuses on the characteristics that support a growth mindset approach: leadership, organisation, resilience, independence, communication. We have already had great success with the PiXL Edge scheme and Ian Hartley is a PiXL Edge national associate and works closely with other schools to promote this good work.

With our older students now focussing on their mocks there are many opportunities for them to have additional support, with extra classes on at breakfast time (8 am), at lunch time and always after school. Please encourage your son/daughter to take advantage of these free extra tuition sessions as this will help the revision strategy they will need over the next few months. With the commitment they are already showing I am sure that the students will enjoy opening their results in August.

Our main school production is gathering momentum with tickets going on sale this week. Do make sure you try and get some as this is guaranteed to be a great success with even more students involved this year. Come and enjoy an evening at Fat Sam's speakeasy, I am sure you will not be disappointed!

Your feedback is always welcome to us and we strive to ensure that we reflect on your comments and use our findings to continue to improve our provision here at the Academy. In order to enable more reflection there is a survey link on our website that will direct parents to a short survey to complete. I am also collating the views of my staff and the students at the Academy. Please encourage your son/daughter to complete their survey as well.

These surveys are open until Friday 24th March 2017 and I will look forward to feeding back our findings in the future terms.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Boorman
Principal



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