



Blackfriars Bulletin



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Welcome to this fortnight's Blackfriars Bulletin, as you will see below, we have had a very busy few weeks and although we had a day off for Bank Holiday Monday, we seem to have crammed 10 days of activity into 9 days! The Shaw Trust' support continues to impact in school- last week we spent time looking at furniture choices – the Shaw Trust are



going to help us update our desks and chairs, conference tables and screens. This, together with all of the computers that we have had,

have helped to free up more of our own budget to spend directly on your child's education. We are also working directly with the Senior Leadership team of the Shaw Education Trust, several of whom are ex-Ofsted Inspectors, to help us to become Ofsted ready. We all work incredibly hard to ensure that the education, care and support that we provide for your child is outstanding – we just want to make sure that Ofsted recognise that. As a parent / carer, you play an important role in the inspection process – your views about what we do in school



impacts upon Ofsted's judgement. You can let them know your thoughts about school by filling in their parent view questionnaire now or at the time of the inspection when we will send out a letter to you. If you would like to complete the questionnaire now, please go to:

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Recycle Station:

One of the Student Council's projects this year has been to increase the number of recycling bins around the college and to raise awareness about looking after the environment. I'm pleased to announce that we now have our Recycle Station set up in reception at FE. Students can now recycle cans, plastics and paper on a daily basis. Keep an eye out for updates on just how much we are recycling!

Fund Raising

The photographic evidence is here! Just look at the lengths or heights, that our fabulous staff are



prepared to go to raise money for our Academy Debi Steadman, TA in Class 2 has raised £435 by doing a tandem skydive to raise funds towards resources for their PMLD classes



Aidan Jenkins, Maths and ICT teacher raised £300 running a 10k race to raise funds for more Numicon equipment within the school.

Website:

www.set-mat.co.uk

Scholar of the Week

George in Class 6 He has produced some lovely independent work in English for Mrs Gardiner and has been working very hard without any complaining.
Leon in Class 5 for his excellent manners and lots of magical moments.
Dan for showing very good behaviour over the last few weeks during wet breaks.

Citizens of the College

Sohail, 15.1 - For developing his communication skills and getting to know new people on his work experience at Upper Moreton Farm.
Billy, 14.4 - For coming 1st in his gymnastics competition. Well done Billy for showing sportsmanship and dedication towards this skilled sport

Champion rider Chloe

Chloe attended Scropton RDA on Monday 25th April for the royal visit by Princess Anne. Chloe had a wonderful time being part of the riding display showing off her equestrian talents and achievements and she was also asked to do a very special job with one of her friends after the riding displays. All the riders and volunteers were awarded a special rosette by Princess Anne. Chloe had the honour of helping the Princess by carrying one of the baskets of rosettes and presenting all the awards besides Princess Anne. Chloe was even interviewed by East Midland Today – not only a riding star but also now a media star!!



Academy Council

Keep a look out next week for the election papers for Parent Governor elections. In an academy, it is expected that each school has its own local governing body (known as an Academy Council) This means that we need to divide up the current Academy Council that serves Blackfriars, Walton Hall and The Coppice and establish our own local Academy Council. We need parents to be Councillors to undertake a very important role in the governance of our school. Parent councillors play a very important role in keeping the academy council aware of views from the parental perspective. They are a vital part of our team and I hope that there are parents willing to give their time and commitment to this important role. The usual term of office is 4 years but you can continue to serve even if your child leaves Blackfriars.

Communication Afternoon:

It was wonderful to see parents at FE taking part in our half termly Communication workshop. Parents and staff worked together to share ideas and best practice, as well as strategies to improve communication at home. Thank you for supporting college life!

Transition:

Students from our feeder schools have started to visit Blackfriars FE, getting to know staff and making new friends. More visits are being arranged throughout the summer so that new students feel welcome and familiar with the FE before they join us in September 2016. Thank you to all staff who have welcomed students into your class groups and adapted lessons to cater for everyone!

Leavers' Proms:

The FE Student Council has met to begin discussions and start planning for this year's leavers' prom. Last year was such a success, members of the Student Council are keen to make it even better. More details (and invites) to follow...

Meanwhile, at Newcastle, the date is set, Thursday 21st July – all we need now is a theme and that is the Year 11's job over the next few weeks. They have a tough decision because there have been some great suggestions. Our Year 11's are getting really good at being decisive – they have already chosen Drayton Manor Park for their Leaver's trip on Friday 15th July.

Careers Day:

On Wednesday 4 May, six class groups took part in a careers event. Students spent the day finding out about what else is available after Blackfriars FE as well as the alternatives to local further education colleges. Local organisations included: K9 Partnerships, Martec, Ayundante, Shaw Trust, Staffordshire County Council Cartec Employment Team, and Landau. We also had a fantastic surprise from a past student who came to help one of the organisations in their demonstrations. Students will now be thinking about which route they might want to take after Blackfriars FE.