

Getting in touch
with the
Academy

Celebrating Success
27th February



Who to Contact-
see later pages

Value for Term 3: Responsibility

Driver: Reflection

100 Club @ the Academy



546 students on track
for 100 Club Bronze



533 students on track
for Termly Award



271 students on
track for 100 Club
Silver Award.



Prep Draw Winners

Prep Award Winners

Olivia J – Bath 1

Lily B – Cambridge 1

Ruby P – Warwick 7

Shaarujan P – Cambridge 6



Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

Academy Success-Students with Top Learning Behaviours

Year 7

Chaplin-Jamil, Zak	11
Sherchan, Kenji	10
Collins, Destiny-Leigh	9
Ealey, Chloeanne	9
Hadi, Abdul	9
Kramer, Enzo	9
Smart, Lucifer	9
Noronha, Zian	8
Alderton, Caden	8
Allaway, Ollie	8
Cardozo, Hayden	8

Year 10

Gearon, Sydney	20
Kelly, Aoife	20
Alimeti, Iva	20
Omorodion-Itua, Deborah	19
Richardson, Rowan	19
Fernandes, Sylvain	19
Guiller, Angel	19
Kamaly, Riyad	19
Kaur, Jasneet	19
Kaye, Sophie	19
Koroma, Alisha	19
Matthews, Brooke	19
McCallum-Campbell, Amelia	19
McLaughlin, Theo	19
Richardson, Alana	19
Shanmuganathan, Rojithan	19

Year 8

Padda, Arnav	11
Glover, Alena	10
Dorey, Molly	9
England, Harry	9
Zheng, Kevin	9
Bunduchi, Gabriel	8
Solomon, Bianca	8
Sprawson, James	8
Vadlamudi, Saniksha	8
Blake, Honey	8
Costa Hadas, Isadora	8
Whatcott, Chelsea	8

Year 11

Cunha-Gisbert, Luna	8
Isom, Alfie	8
Pradeep, Shreya	8
Radley, Amelia	8
Harper, Emma	8
D'Costa-Nishad, Ria	7
Pham, Michelle	7
Sergeant, Jessica	7
Oliveira Lima, Ana Laura	7
Pullen, Elissa	7
Kendall, Courtney	6
Liggett, Macy	6
Hans, Dishika	6
Sprawson, Katie	6
Braccia, Siena	6
Gamble, Lissy	6

YEAR 9

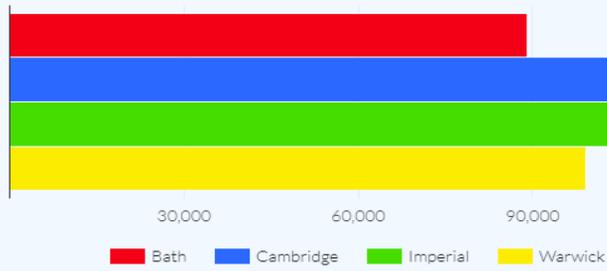
Juyal, Maitri	11
Pham, Nicole	11
Marchetti, Beatriz	11
Mohamed Hussain, Rimsha	10
Douglas-Onyido, Rebecca	10
Edwards, Cameron	10
Gurung, Deepsika	10
Lovell, Ellie-Mae	10
Pathuri, Gnana Varshitha	10
Pereira, McKayla Anaya	10

The students above all have the most outstanding learning behaviours on their report. This means these students are ALWAYS eager and enthusiastic about learning. They ALWAYS set themselves challenging goals and ALWAYS try to outperform previous best by ALWAYS checking work and making improvements.

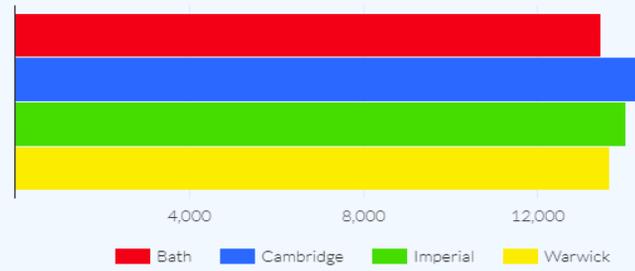


Academy Success

House points



This term



Top students

- Pratiksha Punmagar (Imperial 11) (2033)
- Emma Harper (Imperial 9) (1860)
- Siena Braccia (Warwick 8) (1841)
- Chelsea Craig (Cambridge 4) (1775)
- Jasmina Chaplin-Jamil (Imperial 8) (1693)
- Leah Seru (Bath 8) (1676)
- Isabelle Lane (Cambridge 9) (1652)
- Ugochukwu John (Imperial 4) (1580)
- Macy Liggett (Cambridge 8) (1578)
- Elissa Pullen (Bath 8) (1572)

Past week

- Mustafa Ali (Cambridge 11) (56)
- Joshua Aliu (Imperial 11) (55)
- Helia Taheri (Cambridge 11) (51)
- Dimitar Kuzmanov (Bath 11) (50)
- Phoebe Kaye (Warwick 11) (35)
- Keiran Leddy (Bath 6) (24)
- Olivia Hicks-Pullen (Bath 5) (23)
- Abie Igbinoba (Warwick 10) (20)
- Marius Dumbrava (Cambridge 7) (20)
- Rhys Baker (Bath 4) (20)

Average in tutor group

- Imperial 11 (691.1)
- Warwick 9 (651.8)
- Warwick 8 (609.4)
- Bath 8 (580.3)
- Cambridge 11 (545.3)
- Warwick 11 (526.1)
- Cambridge 8 (522.4)
- Cambridge 9 (511.1)
- Imperial 9 (510.6)
- Imperial 8 (492.3)

Cambridge Student Successes

Top students

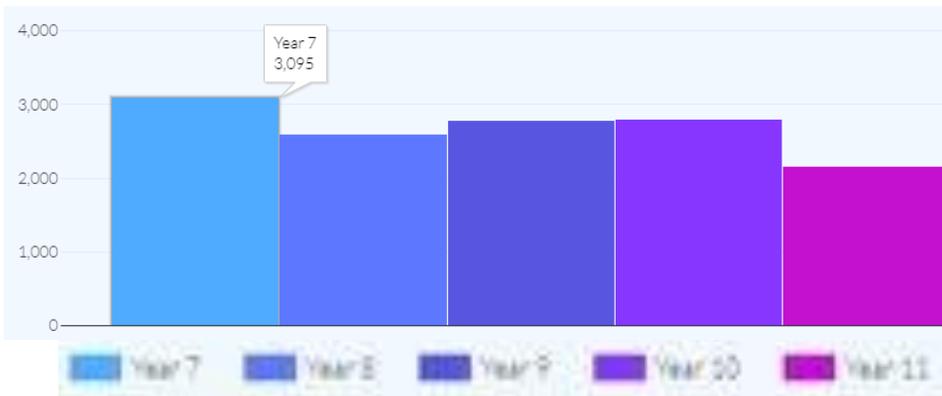
- Chelsea Craig (1775)
- Isabelle Lane (1652)
- Macy Liggett (1578)
- Leo Millard (1549)
- Charmaine Pearce (1399)
- Leonard Maris (1337)
- Ross Demelo (1324)
- Zarah Pantia (1309)
- Christiana Bello (1278)
- Riyad Kamaly (1246)

This month

- Marius Dumbrava (72)
- Alexander Whitaker (64)
- Mustafa Ali (63)
- Chloeanne Ealey (62)
- Cameron Edwards (57)
- Jewel Pinto (56)
- Jayden Smith (56)
- Kacper Grzyb (55)
- Dua Siddique (54)
- Brooke Matthews (53)

This week

- Mustafa Ali (56)
- Marius Dumbrava (20)
- Abirami Senthikumar (19)
- Alexander Whitaker (19)
- Lanzo Fernandes (18)
- Cameron Edwards (18)
- Samuel Putnam (16)
- Logan Miller (16)
- Kacper Grzyb (16)
- Libby Mackie (16)



Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

Message from Dame Sally Coates-

I am writing to inform you that Mrs Robinson will retire at the end of the academic year after 13 years leading Swindon Academy. She will be greatly missed and we are already extremely grateful to her for the wonderful contribution she has made to the school as its Principal and Executive Principal. Whilst we are still in the process of recruiting her successor, everything is in place for a smooth and seamless transition.



In the meantime, however, we have agreed to a secondment for Mrs Robinson to be Executive Principal of The Nuneaton Academy starting this week. This is a school currently facing a number of significant issues and which urgently requires the support of someone with her expertise. Mrs Robinson will therefore be spending the overwhelming majority of her time there between now and the summer. She will, of course, return to Swindon Academy so that everyone has an opportunity to say thank you and farewell to her before she officially retires.



In her absence, we are very pleased to have appointed Mrs Wright as Interim Principal of the academy for the remainder of the academic year. As Secondary Headteacher she is already very closely involved with the running of the whole school and is ideally placed to lead the school in Mrs Robinson's absence. She takes up her post this week and I know that everyone in the school will welcome her appointment.

Message from Karen Wright-Interim Principal

I am both delighted and excited to take up my new post as Principal for the rest of the academic year and look forward to working alongside our Primary Head Teachers to support their work in our 2 primary schools. To support me in leading the secondary phase I am really pleased to announce that Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Jordan have gained promotion to Joint Heads of Swindon Academy Secondary for the rest of the Academic year.



Well done to Year 7 boys football team.. They performed brilliantly as a team this week and came away with a 5-5 draw against Kingsdown in their first game of the season.

Our Year 9 boys football team played a closely contested game against a strong Deanery side. The boys dug deep and came out 5-4 winners. Excellent work.

Finally, our U16 boys football team were excited to get back in action on the field, and with captain Brooklyn leading the side. The boys were drawing 1-1 at half time against Kingsdown but came out firing in the second which resulted in an 8-1 win! Fantastic.



In our Performing Arts Department

Essential Information for Parents

For the Parent Handbook, Uniform Guide and how to use Epraise, please click:

[Handbook, Uniform & Epraise](#)



Find out what your child is learning this term

[Knowledge Organisers](#) for all years for all terms



100% book - Year 7 mainstream
Aim to memorise 100% of the knowledge on these Knowledge Organisers

Term 4

Swindon Academy 2021-22	
Name:	
Tutor Group:	
Tutor & Room:	

*If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you!
If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you!

EVERY THURSDAY!
In D11 - 3.35-4.45

SINGING STARS!

Join Now!

sign up now on Epraise!

- Earn accolades!
- Epraise points
- Performances all year!
- Solos!
- Develop confidence!

Research has shown that singing can be good for you on many levels. It may **help lower stress, boost immunity, enhance memory, improve mental health, and help you cope with physical and emotional pain!**

Come along and join us every Thursday in Music for Singing Stars.

Staff are welcome too!

This term we are looking at Part of Your World.

In PARTS we have catch up for coursework for year 10-13 every Friday until 4.30.

Deadlines approaching:

Year 11 solo and ensemble performance (23rd march), year 10: component 1 coursework (31st march) year 12: unit 1 coursework (31st march) and year 13: unit 6 solo performance recital (31st march)

Learn something new every day

COME AND PLAY! GUITAR CLUB! in D11 Every Wednesday! 3.35-4.35

WEDNESDAY KEYBOARD CLUB!
Play and Learn Keyboard with Miss Gurnell 3.35-4.35pm in D11

PLAY I LEARN TRUMPET TROMBONE
EVERY MONDAY AFTERSCHOOL - Starts 12th September 2022!

PLAY I LEARN CLARINET FLUTE
EVERY MONDAY AFTERSCHOOL - Starts 12th September 2022!

FREE Instruments to borrow and practice at home!

Sign up on Epraise now. Minimum commitment 1 term!

SWINDON ACADEMY MUSIC PRESENTS BAND CLUB
WHEN? EVERY TUESDAY 3.35-4.45PM

PLAY I LEARN VIOLIN
EVERY WEDNESDAY AFTERSCHOOL Starts 12th September 2022!

Opportunities to perform in school concerts...

Learn new skills!

Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

Last week saw each College come together to review their performance in Term 3. College champions went through last terms competitions, celebrating their colleges successes and evaluating where improvements could be improved! You can see a snapshot of some of the results. College Championship totals will be revealed in Roll Call this week!

Term 3 Attendance



3rd 1st 4th 2nd



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The best in everyone™

Work Hard - Kindness - Responsibility

Term 3 Behaviour



1st 4th 3rd 2nd



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Champions also introduced this week's College competition for World Book day. Champion groups will need to decorate their door, using a book of their choice. All doors will be judged on Monday 6th March.

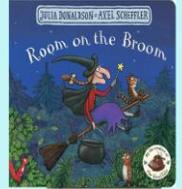
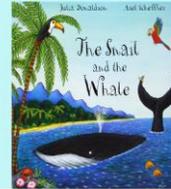
World Book Day College Competition

Each champion group needs to decorate their champion doors with a book cover!



World Book Day College Competition

Here is some inspiration



Welcome Ms Quinn – Imperial College Manager

We are delighted to welcome Ms Quinn as the new College Manager for Imperial. She is really looking forward to working with pupils and families in her college.



To celebrate pancake day our amazing young carers made 500 pancakes at break time. They went down a storm and we all loved eating them.

Thanks to Mr Halls and Mrs Hicks for supporting this event, same again next year please! 😊 👤



Charities

You can donate to the Turkey & Syria relief fund via epraise. Each point donated = 4p. As an Academy we would like to raise £200, to help support those families in Turkey & Syria whose lives have been impacted so dramatically due to the earthquake.



Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief Fund

On Monday 6 February at 4:17am local time, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey (officially known as Türkiye) near the city of Gaziantep, devastating parts of Türkiye (Turkey) and Syria. Donate to help the Red Cross's Relief Fund in Turkey and Syria. The British Red Cross is a part of the Disasters Emergency Committee. Please donate today and help us reach families and communities who have lost everything.



Target: £ 200.00

What happened last week

Last weeks assembly was all about the importance of mastery and that becoming an expert at something takes deliberate practice. Students took part in sessions on managing their mental energy and managing their stress levels.

We finally had the final of Boucher Ball where a strong Imperial 9 side took on Bath 8. Imperial 9 dominated the game, but Miss Coles carefully planned final few minutes tactic secured them the win in the Grand Final. Well done Bath 8.

"The Taskmaster"

Year 11's are invited for games, challenges, pizza and prizes..... forget those GCSE's for the night!



Register to come: <https://unitedcollegesixthform.applica.com/1> You must of applied to UCSF to come to this event, so if you haven't applied yet, do it now!

UCSF**What happened last week in Sixth form**

Up 4 Discussion this week was about the origins of Pancake day and the importance of traditions. This week's assembly was on procrastination and why we do it and how we can reduce it, followed by the exciting announcement about the changes to the 6th form environment coming this term. On Friday we launched Wellbeing Wednesdays. Students will have the opportunity to take part in activities such as book club, mindful meditation, gardening, yoga, HIIT workouts, mindful coloring and origami, games and Dance. This change is based off feedback from the student voice last term which said students wanted more support with their personal Well being

Super-curricular talks

This week Mike Frost delivered a talk about solar eclipses and the aurora borealis. The talk discussed these events, his expeditions and included details and information about photographing these subjects.

Girls in STEM Event at BD Medical

Students learned about the production of medical equipment and the engineering process behind it- including the design process, 3d- printing, metroscopy and ensuring the materials are appropriate for the temperatures etc they will be experiencing. Students also got the opportunity to find out about the importance of microbiology in the production of medical equipment. They learned about the processes required to ensure safe levels of bacteria, the role of blue horse-shoe crab blood and also got to try and make bacteria art.

**Bake Sale Fundraiser for Ukraine**

A year since the start of the War in Ukraine our year 12's wanted to do a cake sale to raise money to support those affected. Lewis and his team raised over £100. Well done and thank you to the team.

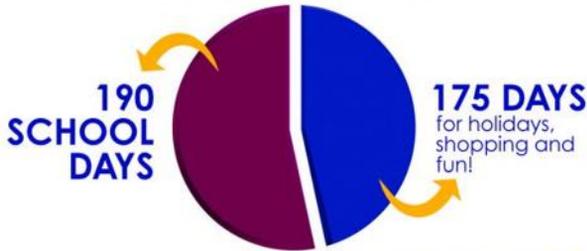
**HealthReach Programme - Reading University**

As part of our enrichment programme students interested in a career in the health care sector took part in the first of 5 workshops. Healthreach is a mobile outreach project designed to support access to health and life science careers and courses, by inspiring, engaging and raising awareness of the variety of career choices in the health sector. Today's workshop was all about measuring health.



Attending school every day and being on time gives the **BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS**

IN ONE YEAR



90% ATTENDANCE OR LESS has a serious impact on education and reduces life chances.

BEING LATE 5 MINUTES EACH DAY over a year, adds up to 3 days lost.



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS



When possible, book them outside of school hours.

ILLNESS



Unless it's serious, bring your child to school and we will keep an eye on them throughout the day.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS



There are 175 days a year when students aren't in school.

Tutor Attendance:

Bath 1	96.7%	Imperial 1	100.0%
Bath 10	88.8%	Imperial 11	92.6%
Bath 11	88.6%	Imperial 2	90.8%
Bath 2	90.4%	Imperial 3	90.8%
Bath 3	99.1%	Imperial 4	91.1%
Bath 4	91.4%	Imperial 5	86.1%
Bath 5	90.9%	Imperial 6	92.9%
Bath 6	93.5%	Imperial 7	94.4%
Bath 7	95.4%	Imperial 8	88.3%
Bath 8	90.4%	Imperial 9	92.5%
Bath 9	86.1%	Imperial 10	100.0%
Cambridge 1	92.9%	Warwick 1	91.3%
Cambridge 10	93.5%	Warwick 10	94.0%
Cambridge 11	88.7%	Warwick 11	76.2%
Cambridge 2	93.2%	Warwick 2	94.6%
Cambridge 3	94.9%	Warwick 3	98.1%
Cambridge 4	94.4%	Warwick 4	90.0%
Cambridge 5	98.8%	Warwick 5	98.3%
Cambridge 6	90.0%	Warwick 6	93.8%
Cambridge 7	86.8%	Warwick 7	86.9%
Cambridge 8	91.7%	Warwick 8	94.8%
Cambridge 9	87.5%	Warwick 9	91.7%



“Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.”

Information & Taster Events

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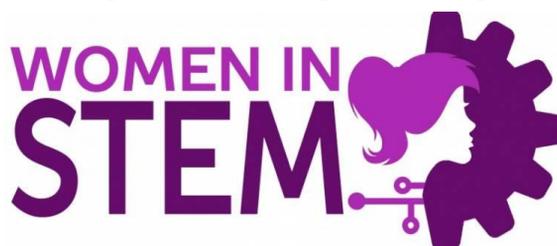
Grammar Stream In Action at Swindon Academy

Parents and carers are invited to a short event on a weekday morning to enable them to get a feel for our teaching. These sessions last an hour. The morning starts with a quick introduction by the Grammar Stream leaders and then you will be escorted by students from the Grammar Stream on a tour of our classrooms, to get a glance into some lessons. The dates of the Grammar Stream in Action Mornings will be:

- **Wednesday 1 March 2023 at 9:45am**

Year 10 Geographers will be going to Bristol on Friday 3rd March to carry out field work

On Tuesday, a group of girls from Year 10 will visit a medical event as part of increasing the number of girls studying STEM subjects.



Looking ahead:

Date	Event	Date	Event
28.02.23	MC 100 Prize Essay Competition at MC	13.03.23	Yr 9 Parent Option Meeting
01.03.23	Grammar Stream Open Morning 9am-11am	13.03.23	Y11 & Y13 Final Mock Exams Week 1
02.03.23	Strike Day Year 11 in school UCSF pupils in for independent study	15.03.23 16.03.23	Possible Strike days Year 11 & 13 will be in for exams on 15th & 16th March
6 th – 10 th March	Careers Week Option Assemblies yr 9	23.03.23	Y11 Music BTEC Unit 5 Performance to Parents
09.03.23	Staff CPD School finishes at 1.20pm	29.03.23	Yr 11 & Yr 13 Parents Evening
		Date TBC	Young Musician of the Year 2023 Auditions

WHAT'S COMING UP?



We have very high standards in everything we do, and we want your child to always look as smart as possible. Wearing smart uniform helps to create the right conditions for learning and enables pupils to take pride in belonging to our community.

Now that we are at the midpoint of the academic year, we are noticing that a small number of our students are not wearing their uniform to the same high standards that they started the year with. We recognise that the cost-of-living crisis may be a cause for this. However, we are determined to support you and your child get their uniform back to the high standards that they were earlier this year. Our students look smart and ready to learn when they are wearing their uniform with pride.



General Uniform List

Item	Standard Expected
Blazer	Maroon academy blazer with academy badge. Sleeves must be worn at full length at all times.
Shirt	A blue long or short-sleeved shirt suitable for a tie. (No fashion blouses—there must be a top button on the shirt with a stiffened collar) Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
Trousers / Skirt	Plain black tailored school trousers (ankle length) or plain black tailored skirt (no denim, jean style, Lycra, cords, combats, leggings, skinny fit trousers, chinos or tracksuits). Skirts should be of an appropriate length, no shorter than 4cm above the knee. (Please take care when buying trousers as many shops sell trousers that are labelled "school trousers" but they will not comply with our Uniform Policy.)
Tights/Socks	Should be black or natural. Socks should be black. Both tights and socks should be plain, not patterned.
Jumper (optional)	An academy jumper can be worn under the academy blazer. This should have the College colour.
Tie	Each College has a different coloured stripe on the tie. Students must wear their tie at all times.
Footwear	A plain black school shoe, no trainers, sandals or boots (this includes Ugg boots, Doc Martins and ankle boots). If students are not wearing the correct footwear they will be expected to borrow a pair of shoes from R12—the shoes will be treated with a hygiene spray after each use. Failure to wear the shoes provided within 10 minutes of the request being made will result in the student being placed into RZone until the end of the day or until uniform is rectified.



Makeup, Nails, Jewellery
 Jewellery should be minimal and not break health and safety rules. No body, facial/head piercings (including tongue piercings) are allowed. Facial piercings will need to be covered with a clear retainer during the Academy day.
 Any use of makeup should be discreet and ONLY clear nail varnish is permitted. Nail extensions/gels are not allowed. If makeup or nail varnish is considered inappropriate, we will provide removal materials and expect students to comply with the request. Students who fail to comply will be placed in the RZone.

Hair
 Hair should be of a natural colour and sensible, profession style. The academy does not permit extreme hair styles or colours. No slits should be cut into either hair or eyebrows.

Each week we are going to support your student to address any uniform concerns they might be experiencing.

Week 1 (starting 27th February). We are going to do a full uniform check of every student and congratulate students & parents where full correct uniform is being worn. Where students are not wearing full correct uniform, we will be talking to them and their parents about what needs to change and offer support. This week we are going to ensure that all students that attend Swindon Academy are wearing the correct socks/tights.

Tights/Socks	Should be black or natural. Socks should be black. Both tights and socks should be plain, not patterned.
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Week 2: Trouser/Skirt Week 3: Blazer/Shirt Week 4: Footwear Week5: Tie

By Easter, all students will be supported so that they can wear full school uniform.

Prep Update

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Number of preps completed last week	750	754	619
Epraise points earned	£30	£30.16	£24.76
80% + completion	47%	49%	47%

Since the removal of prep detentions for Year 7-9, it has been great to reward so many students with Epraise points for prep completion.

All students in Years 7-10 who complete their prep each day receive 1 Core Prep Epraise point, as well as being in the running to receive one of the weekly prizes, drawn in rollcall.

Congratulations to the 48 students below who have completed 100% of all their prep since the removal of prep detentions.

Victoria K	Year 9	Bath 1
Imara W	Year 8	Bath 2
James R	Year 7	Bath 2
Jensen W	Year 8	Bath 2
Jewel R	Year 8	Bath 2
Armaan S	Year 8	Bath 3
Ellie F	Year 9	Bath 3
Zunaid H	Year 9	Bath 3
Aveena R	Year 9	Bath 5
Piper F	Year 8	Bath 7
Dua S	Year 7	Cambridge 1
Izan d'S	Year 9	Cambridge 1
Chelsea H	Year 8	Cambridge 2
Chloeanne E	Year 7	Cambridge 4
Kacper G	Year 7	Cambridge 5
Nithin Arun P	Year 8	Cambridge 5
Vlance F	Year 7	Cambridge 5
Ella B	Year 9	Cambridge 6
Ilyah-May W	Year 8	Cambridge 7
Aaron G	Year 9	Imperial 1
Akarshan M	Year 9	Imperial 1
Eymen A	Year 8	Imperial 1
Raguel S	Year 8	Imperial 2
Adinath J	Year 8	Imperial 4
Jasmine G	Year 8	Imperial 4
Deneeshiya B	Year 9	Imperial 5
Kai S	Year 9	Imperial 5
Daniel R	Year 9	Imperial 6
Alfie C	Year 7	Imperial 7
Arnav P	Year 8	Imperial 7
Danny H	Year 7	Imperial 7
Lillie-Marie P	Year 8	Imperial 7
Nicole P	Year 9	Imperial 7
Shivani S	Year 9	Imperial 7
Lilly-Mae W	Year 8	Warwick 1
Rosina W	Year 8	Warwick 1
Aaron S	Year 9	Warwick 2
James S	Year 8	Warwick 2
Lexi-Mai L	Year 9	Warwick 2
Rishitha M	Year 9	Warwick 2
Ricardo Morris T	Year 8	Warwick 3
Alexis E	Year 8	Warwick 6
Daisy-May R	Year 8	Warwick 6

Prep Award Winners this week

Olivia J – Bath 1

Lily B – Cambridge 1

Ruby P – Warwick 7

Shaarujan P – Cambridge 6



BUT...



We still need your support with this, 99% of our parents said they would support their child to complete their prep if we moved to a system of rewards and not sanctions. Your child needs your support with this, please celebrate the points your child receives and encourage them to do their Prep.

We are not going to settle with 48% Prep completion as this means 52% of our students will not make as much progress as they should. Where students do not complete their prep over a period of time, they will fall below the standards of their peers. This will result in set changes and lower attainment at the end of year 11.

GCSE results = £salary earned

Research shows that students who secured one grade higher than their peers across their GCSEs are likely to earn on average £207,000 more in their lifetime.

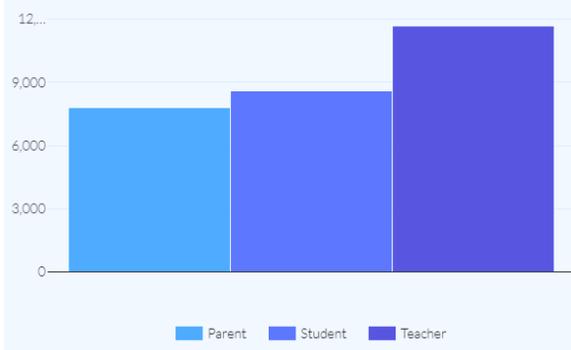
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93% of our students now have at least one parent accessing EPRAISE. This is fantastic but we still need to work to get 100% of parents accessing EPRAISE as this is how we communicate with our parents.

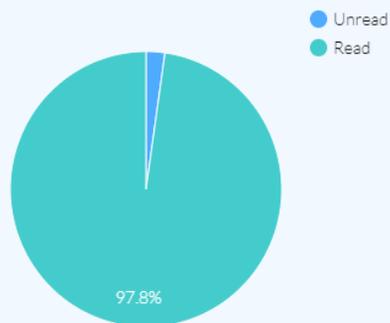
Teachers have sent just under 12,000 messages to our parents. Parents have sent just under 8,000 messages. I am sure you agree this does show we communicate with our parents.

Conversations started by user type

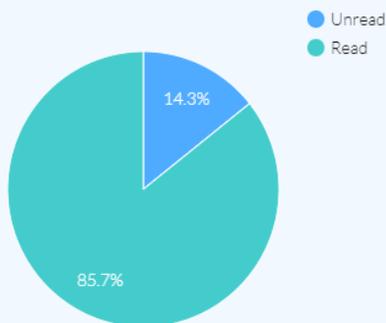


However, not all of our messages to parents are read but 98% of messages to teachers are read and 86% of messages to our students.

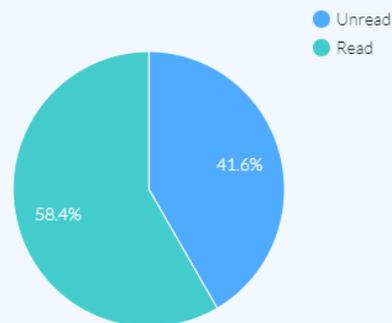
Conversation status - Teachers



Conversation status - Students



Conversation status - Parents

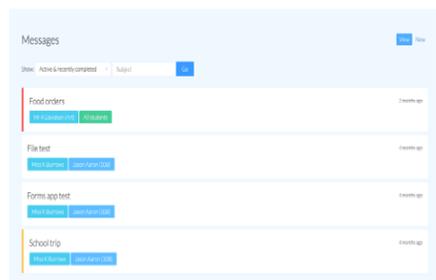


Parental feedback is asking for us to communicate with our parents more. We are working hard to address this, but we do need parents to read any messages that are sent to you on EPRAISE or you will not feel communicated with or informed about your child.



Accessing your messages

On the website, you can find your messages under Me > Messages. On the app there is a dedicated messages tab. Messages allow you to send and receive messages from your child's/children's teacher so you can keep up to date with any communication. To create a new message, select the New button at the top right. Once you have selected your child, you should see a list of all their teachers. Note that messages that are to multiple parents cannot be responded to and are moved to the 'completed' section once you have read them.



Please note that if you have children at one of our Primary schools you will need to change school on your app to find out about what is happening. The Epraise sites are separate.

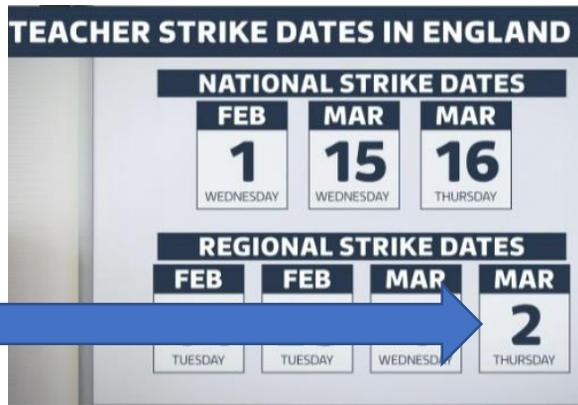
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- Swindon Academy Secondary Wiltshire, England



Year	Mathematics	Science	English	History	Art	PE	Music	PSHE	RE
Year 7	85%	80%	82%	78%	75%	80%	78%	80%	75%
Year 8	82%	78%	80%	75%	72%	78%	75%	78%	72%
Year 9	80%	75%	78%	72%	70%	75%	72%	75%	70%
Year 10	78%	72%	75%	70%	68%	72%	70%	72%	68%
Year 11	75%	70%	72%	68%	65%	70%	68%	70%	65%

You should have received your child's Term 3 report via email this week. Please take the time to talk through the report with your child. It is good to celebrate the success and talk about where improvements are needed.

Teacher strikes are to take place on March 2nd in our area. The secondary phase of our Academy is closed to students in year 7-10. Year 11 students must attend 8.50am to 2.45pm. On this day there will take part in a Maths Drop Down Day and sit their Physics Paper 2 Mock exam. Attendance is essential. UCSF students can attend for independent study.



Year 9's and Year 8 Grammar Stream went on a trip to Reading University this week to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of James Bond. Our students attended lectures and workshops on writing & breaking codes, the psychology of lying and how ninjas made excellent spies, and how James Bond had been portrayed differently through the ages. After a campus tour students became film critics for the opening scenes of 4 James Bond movies.

Our Year 7 Grammar Stream cohort went to Reading University on Thursday this week as part of their Ignite programme. During this visit we did a session on the science of food including a chocolate tasting session and a lecture on how cocoa can improve heart health. The students then had a campus tour and lunch in the university refectory. This was followed by a lecture on how dinosaurs are portrayed through film and theatre which included looking at artistic and film adaptations of dinosaurs over the last century.



On **Wednesday March 1**, Year 6 pupils across the country will find out which secondary school has offered them a place for September 2023. The vast majority of pupils will be offered a place at one of their preferred schools – most will be offered their top choice. We had 333 applications for 180 places.



LET'S GO ZERO 2030

Schools working together to be zero carbon

As part of Swindon Academy's 'Zero Carbon' initiative, students were asked through the student voice agenda how we can reduce our carbon footprint and make the Academy more sustainable. Student suggestions will be presented by senior council members this week to Academy Headteachers. If any students have any further suggestion's with how we can be more 'Green' at the Academy, please contact Mr Oke via Epraise.

In the UK, 1 in 10 girls can't afford menstrual products, and 1 in 7 have struggled to afford them, leading to missed school, work, and social events.

This does not need to apply to any student attending Swindon Academy.

Students can pick up free sanitary products discretely from all SLT offices at the Academy. Parents can collect products from our reception, too. Please take advantage of this.



Advance Notice:

On Wednesday 15th March we will be hosting our year 8 voluntary Parents Evening. SLT & College Champions will be available to meet with parents and answer any questions you have. We will not be in a position to provide additional information to that we have reported to you on your child's report.

YEAR 8 Parents' Evening

Well Being Activities

What is the name of your club?	Year groups	Location	Day
Textiles Club	KS3	D4	Tuesday
Product Design NEA	Year 11 & 13	S3	Wednesday
Product Design NEA	Year 11 & 13	S3	Thursday
Year 10/11 Maths Drop in	KS4	Library	
Origami Club	KS3&4	G2	Tuesday
Climbing Club	All year groups	Sports Hall	Wednesday
Brass Club	All Years	D10	Monday
String Ensemble	All Years	D10	Wednesday
Clarinet Club	All Years	D11	Monday
Guitar Club	All Years	D11	Wednesday
Band Club	All Years	D11	Tuesday
Keyboard Club	All Years	D11	Wednesday
KS4/5 Support	10,11,12,13	D11	Friday
Singing Stars	All Years	D11	Thursday
Chess Club	All Years	M10	Thursday
Young Carers	All Years	S5	Tuesday
Combined Science (foundation) Drop-in	Year 11	R8	Tuesday
Refresh your Memory	Y11	W10	Tuesday
KS4 & KS5 Football	KS4 & KS5 (Yr10, 11, 12 & 13)	3G	Monday
Badminton	All Years	Sports Hall	Monday
KS4/5 Basketball	Years 10, 11, 12 & 13	Sports Hall	Tuesday
Fitness Suite	All Years	Fitness Suite	Tuesday
Elite Dance	All Years	Dance Studio	Tuesday
Glow in the dark' Dance	All Years	Sports Hall	Tuesday
Gymnastics Club	All Years	Sports Hall	Wednesday
Volleyball Club	All Years	Sports Hall	Wednesday
KS3 Dance	Years 7, 8 & 9	Dance Studio	Wednesday
KS3 Boys Football Clubs	Years 7, 8 & 9	3G	Wednesday
Fitness Suite	All Years	Fitness Suite	Wednesday
Girls Football Club	All Years	3G	Thursday
Table Tennis Club	All Years	Sports Hall/Canopy	Thursday
KS3 Basketball Club	Years 7, 8 & 9	Sports Hall	Thursday
Boxing Club	All Years	Fitness Suite	Thursday
Sixth form football	Years 12 & 13	3G	Monday
Dungeons and Dragons academy	KS3	S5	Wednesday
Feminist Club	Y9	R8	Tuesday
Macbeth Rehearsals	Y9 Y10	G3	Wednesday
Homework club/prep support	all years	D1	every day



Signs a child might be struggling

A large number of children and young people will experience behavioural or emotional problems at some stage. For some, these will resolve with time, while others will need professional support. It might be difficult to know if there is something upsetting your child, but there are ways to spot when something's wrong. Look out for:

- significant changes in behaviour
- ongoing difficulty sleeping
- withdrawing from social situations
- not wanting to do things they usually like
- self-harm or neglecting themselves



When to get professional help for a child or young person

You know your child better than anyone, so if you're worried, first think if there has been a significant change in their behaviour. If there has, is it caused by any specific events or changes in their life? Does it only happen at home, school or college, or when they're with others or alone?

If you're worried or unsure, there is lots of support out there (see the support section on this page). MindEd for Families also has information explaining some common behavioural problems in different age groups.

[MindEd: Should I be concerned or worried?](#)



Getting in touch with the Academy



How to Access EPRAISE:

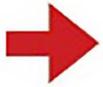
- Go to Google search Epraise log in/search
- Please select your school/choose Swindon Academy Secondary
- Go to parents/enter your email (must be the one given to the Academy) & leave password blank.
- You will then receive an email and follow instructions.
- You can also download the Epraise App

EPRAISE

- Is the best way to get in touch.
- We will try and get back to you within 2 days (not weekends)-usually much quicker.
- If you do not get a timely response, please forward your message directly to K.Wright (Head Teacher)
- Please use the table overleaf to direct your message to the most appropriate person:

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**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY**



Emergency Contact

To contact the Academy during the day for reasons that need a quick response please:

- Epraise message P.Pastoral

Or

- Phone Reception 01793 426900 (please be aware that unless it is an emergency, reception will only EPRAISE the most appropriate person.)

Or

- Phone Pastoral Support 01793 4266980 (please be aware that unless it is an emergency, reception will only EPRAISE the most appropriate person.)

To meet with a College Manager/SENCO/Attendance

- Parents can book appointments via EPRAISE to meet with a College Manager during the day every day.
- Parents of SEN students or parents with queries about SEN can book to meet a SENCO on Mondays 2.15pm-3pm, Wednesdays & Fridays 8.50am to 9.30am .
- Parents can book to meet with a member of the Attendance Team between 10am and 11am each day.
- To book go to EPRAISE-Community/Parents Evenings and Select the right event/day.

**PARENT
MEETING**

We will also offer drop-in appointments for parents at the above times. Parents need to be willing to wait to be seen.

Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

Query about.....	Epraise.....
Contacting Head Teacher	K.Wright
Contacting Senior Vice Principal (Student Development)	A.Lawrence
Contacting Vice Principal (Teaching & Learning)	L.Jordan
Pastoral matters/Uniform	P.Pastoral or your child's College Manager Bath C.Roberts, Cambridge K.Nicholls, Imperial L.Quinn Warwick R.Harding
Attendance/Medical Appointments/Punctuality	A.Attendance
Prep Work/Bedrock/Seneca/Sparx	P.Prep
Detention	P.Pastoral
Parent Pay/FSM/Trips & Visits	J.Greenwood
Safeguarding	D.Ramshaw
UCSF (Sixth Form) Queries	L.Dodsworth
SEN	C.Oke & R.Suleman
Epraise Shop/Clubs	C.Oke
Grammar Stream	L.Rowe
D of E/ Camp/ABC Week	N.Warren
Password/Chromebook queries	P.Prep
Subject Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE/Music/Drama/Dance D.Boucher • Maths/Business Studies/CSc L.Roche • English E.Cole or D.Carryl • Science L.Rowe • History J.Rivers • Geography C.Greenwood • RE/HSC H.Green • Dt & Art L.Thomas • Spanish A.Alvarez
Champion (Tutor)	P.Pastoral or your child's College Champion Bath M.Jones Cambridge J.Higgins Khan Imperial J.Capstick, Warwick S.Thomas
Year 11	D.Boucher