



Celebrating Success

23rd January 2023

Sparx Maths Champions

Students with over 8000 Sparx Points

- Aditya G, 8GS/Ma, 41945 Points
- Shirleen S, 10a/Ma1, 16588
- Ebony L B, 10c/Ma2, 16478
- Marius D, 8-6/Ma, 15465
- Abirami S, 8-2/Ma, 15156
- Andrey A, 8-5/Ma, 14839
- Michael D, 9GS/Ma, 14419
- Jasmine G, 8GS/Ma, 14181
- Armaan S, 8GS/Ma, 14173
- Alexander D, 9GS/Ma, 14146
- Olivia J, 7-3/Ma, 14136
- Annamaria U, 8GS/Ma, 13610
- Thays M, 11c/Ma3, 13261
- Simmi G, 7-4/Ma, 13137
- Olivia K, 8-3/Ma, 13134
- Grace W, 7-3/Ma, 12855
- Addison F, 7-5/Ma, 12678
- Alexis E, 8-5/Ma, 12472
- Olivia H P, 7-6/Ma, 12197
- Jewel R, 8-1/Ma, 12167
- Isabelle B, 7-2/Ma, 11997
- Daniel R, 9-2/Ma, 11625
- Bianca S, 8-1/Ma, 11545
- Birdzhan H, 11c/Ma3, 10902
- Anabelly D, 11c/Ma3, 10291
- Ebonie C, 10b/Ma2, 10202
- Alessandra M, 8-1/Ma, 10149
- Analie d'S, 7-3/Ma, 10102
- Harshita Devi B, 8-1/Ma, 9851
- Sidhartha G, 11a/Ma2, 9432
- Jessica K, 8-5/Ma, 9100
- Luca C, 7-1/Ma, 9092
- Jaszlyn F, 11a/Ma1, 9061
- Carey Z, 7GS/Ma, 9011
- Shakkia L B, 10c/Ma3, 8679
- Shania D, 7GS/Ma, 8590
- Victoria A, 11a/Ma3, 8564
- Arthiya M, 7GS/Ma, 8544
- Sophie K, 9GS/Ma, 8473
- Kian M, 9-5/Ma, 8452
- Phoebe M, 8-2/Ma, 8336
- Alaina-Rose G, 7-4/Ma, 8172
- Shreyash B, 8-2/Ma, 8111
- Charlie M, 7-4/Ma, 8106
- Beatriz M, 9GS/Ma, 8077
- Hareem S, 7-2/Ma, 8006

Value for Term 2: Responsibility

Driver: Duty

Academy Success:

Progress Success

At the end of last term our students sat exams. We have calculated the top 10 students in every year that have secured the best progress score across all of their subjects. The names of these students can be found at the end of the newsletter. Congratulations to these students on their fantastic achievement.



100 Club @ the Academy

658 students 'On Track' for Bronze 100 Club



288 students 'On Track' for Silver 100 Club



Congratulations to the 320 students that received their Bronze Badge on Friday



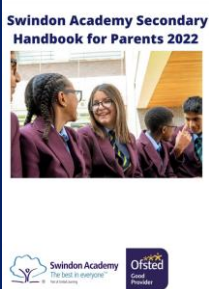
Who to Contact- see later pages

Getting in touch with the Academy

Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

Useful information

UPDATED Parent Handbook for 2022-23
Click below



Uniform/Equipment Handbook. Click below



Find out what your child is learning this term

Knowledge Organisers for all years for all terms

Click Below

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

Term 4

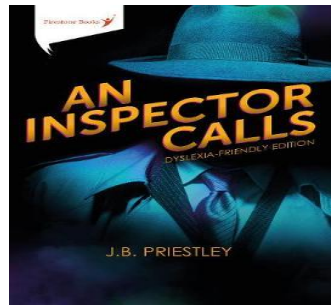
Swindon Academy 2021-22
Name:
Tutor Group:
Tutor & Room:

"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you."

Epraise Parent Guide Click Below



Last week @ the Academy



Year 11 started their studies of 'An Inspector Calls' on Tuesday. It was a very productive day - we watched a BBC film and started reading the play. Several students volunteered to read roles and they did a brilliant job. Well done year 11!

Year 9 Grammar Stream at Marlborough College working out how to make their own timing devices. Groups each had different sets of equipment they needed to use to time a piece of music as accurately as possible



Sporting Results

We are very proud of Avi in Year 8.. he was successfully selected to represent Swindon in the Wiltshire Cross Country competition on a cold Saturday morning. He was outstanding and represented his team so well... achieving a top30 finish.

A well done to the Yr7 girls football team, They had a brilliant evening of football this week against Dorcan, Highworth and LPA. There have been so many improvements made as a team, with some excellent shots on target being produced.

The Yr8&9 girls football team have been busy this week, firstly competing in an indoor tournament at Dorcan. The girls came away with two strong wins against RWA and Commonweal. They were then back out in action at The Deanery for another tournament towards the end of the week, coming away with two draws and a win against strong Ridgeway, Highworth and Deanery sides.





This week's College assemblies were intra-college competitions. Four students from each Champion group alongside their college champion competed against one another to find out which champion group were the best at 'Catchphrase' in their college. Each College winning group from all four colleges will come together for the Catchphrase final.



United College Sixth Form

Tutor Programme and PSHE

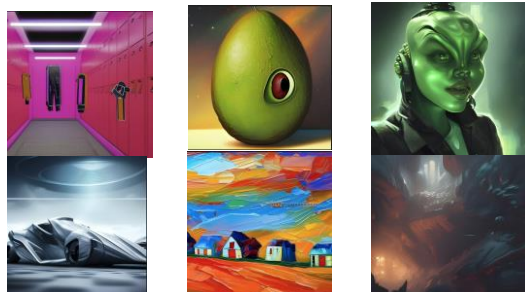
This week all students debated something a little more local than usual; they discussed the article 'Why we think Swindon is not the worst places to live in England' and many students shared the things they liked about their town. Year 13 made the final touches to UCAS and learnt about how to create their own personal quizzes to aid revision. In Year 12 students enjoyed an assembly about the British Civil Rights movement, Windrush, the Bristol Bus Boycott and Notting Hill. Students in Year 12 PSHE discussed knife crime, including the dangers and why some people feel the need to carry a knife. Year 12 also learnt about the impact too little sleep has on their studies. All Students finished the week with a Mock the Week quiz which highlighted some of the news stories this week.

Super curricular talk

This week's talk was delivered by our very computer Science teacher Mr Weston. Students discussed how Artificial Intelligence can be used to generate art works from text-based prompts. They covered the currently legal and moral issues surrounding the topic and had the opportunity to creating their own pieces of art.

University Applications

All UCAS applications should now be completed and sent to Mrs Dodsworth for checking. The cost of the application this year is £27. Please speak to Mrs Dodsworth if you have any difficulties with making this payment. The official UCAS deadline is **Wednesday 25th of January at 6pm** but it must be sent to Mrs Dodsworth before this to be checked if you haven't done so already.



Introducing Mrs Nicholls @ the Academy

We are delighted to Welcome Mrs Nicholls to the Pastoral Team as a College Manager. Due to staff absence, Mrs Nicholls, will be in post until 31st August 2023.

“I worked at Marlborough College for 6 years. I enjoy live music, films and reading. I have 2 teenage children aged 16 & 18. I enjoy working with teenagers, no 2 days are the same and each challenge I am faced with is different and brings a great sense of achievement when a difference is made.”

Attendance Matters:

An **AMAZING 142** Students still have **100%** Attendance since September

CONGRATULATIONS to the **717** students who hit **100%** ATTENDANCE last week!

500 students with "GOOD" Attendance sitting between **95% - 100%**
Are **YOU** one of the **377** students with **OUTSTANDING** Attendance

College attendance



1st with **92%**



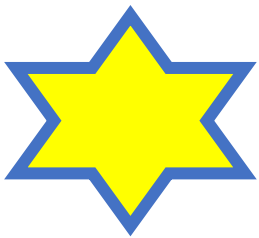
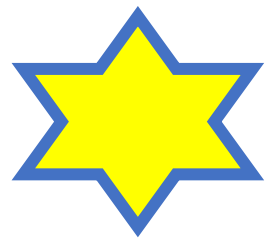
2nd with **91.1%**



3rd with **91%**



4th with **9%**



So does Punctuality.....

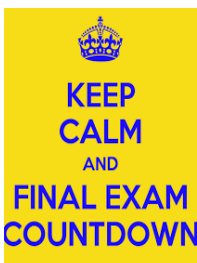
What does being late say about you? - Often being late, can give a person the wrong impression about you, especially if it's the 1st time that someone meets you – if you are continuously late you may give the impression that you don't care and won't be trusted with important tasks and roles with responsibility.

If you are someone that is often late then "Never Be Late Again" with 5 Tips to Guarantee You'll Always be on Time!!!

- 1. Remind yourself why you want to be more punctual** – to stop detentions? Give the right impression? Rush less?
 - 2. Know yourself** – If you know you're a late person, then act on it – take back control
 - 3. Set your watch later 5 minutes earlier than it actually is** – I do this, it really does work.
 - 4. Stop trying to squeeze in "just one more thing."** - this will give you time to do things properly and you'll feel less stressed
 - 5. Prioritize your sleep** – sleep well, think well – act well!!! - this should really be number 1
- Have a **FANTASTIC** week - Mr Warren

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Wednesday 1st February – Staff CPD – school finishes at 1.20pm
 Friday 3rd February – School Photos
 Thursday 9th February – Year 8 GS visit to Reading University
 9th -10th February – School Show ‘A Midsummer Nights Dream’
 Friday 10th February – End of Term – 3.35pm Finish



Countdown to Public Examinations:

There are 115 days / 16 weeks till the first GCSE and A'level exam.
 The exam period starts on the 15th of May and ends on the 28th of June.

Well Being Activities @ the Academy Term 3 – All club information is on Epraise. Go to Community and Activities.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Badminton	Dance	Darts	Chess
Woodwind	Origami	Drama	Junior Scientists
Yoga	Basketball	Guitar	Orchestra
Production	Dance	Volleyball	Table Tennis
KS4 Football	Fitness Suite	KS3 Football	Basketball
EAL Support	School Show	Climbing	Street Dance



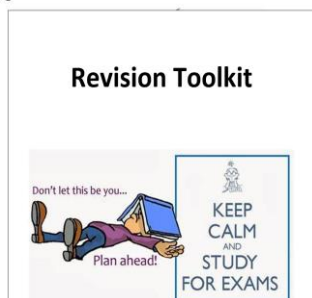
Paris and Disneyland Trip December 2023 Launch

Following two successful trips in December, we are ready to launch this Year's trip to Paris and Disneyland. Students will get to spend 1 day visiting the sites of Paris, including the cobbled streets of the old town, a trip to the top of the tallest skyscraper in Paris and visit the Paris Christmas Market. Day 2 students will spend 5 hours exploring Disneyland. The Price is £285 which includes transport, accommodation and meals. There are 10 discounted tickets available for those on Free School Meals at £200. The Trip launches at 9am Monday 23rd January. Places will fill up fast.

Contact Mrs J Greenwood or Mr D Harris on Epraise for more information.

Year 11 click below for revision strategies:

Parents of Year 11, click below for revision guidance



Top 10 tips to support your child through their exams

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Students will be given exam timetables with dates for each exam nearer the time.

Half term revision session will be offered during February, Easter and May half terms. Timetables will be sent out in advance of each Holiday.

Full Mock exams will be held during the weeks beginning the **13th and 20th of March**

Parents evening for Year 11 and 13 to speak to subject teachers will be held on **Tuesday 28th of March** between 4 and 7pm



Year 8 Camp in Numbers

23 weeks until the bus departs school for the Y8 Camp – the best school week of the year!!

112 students have signed up, **28** excited staff, **4** coaches booked, **5** Days of Summer Fun and Games

Get in touch with **Mr Warren** via epraise if you a want more information ... **Don't MISS OUT**

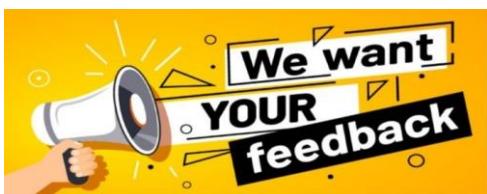
Planned action by the NEU

The industrial action is a result of a national dispute between the NEU and the government and is not specific to our school nor to United Learning. The overwhelming majority of schools locally and nationally will be impacted but each school will have different arrangements for pupils due to the number of members of its staff who are likely to strike.

The NEU plan action on the following dates:

- 1st February: national strike
- 2nd March: Southwest, Southeast and London
- 15th and 16th March: national strike

We do not yet know the impact of this strike on the academy. We will conform this in the coming days.



Prep Survey

Following your feedback on the United Learning Survey and the PRD Parent survey, we are currently reviewing our approach to Prep. We want to hear your views.

At the time of writing 135 parents have completed the survey. This may not represent the majority of our parents.

Please do take a couple of minutes to complete the survey. The link has been sent via Epraise message.

Epraise

Epraise is our main method of communicating with parents. Parents have asked to know more about what their child is doing at school, and we are looking at how the EPRAISE App can be used to do this.

To get the most out of your EPRAISE App you need to have notifications enabled. This means you get immediate updates on any points your child has received or any incidents they have been involved in, including informing you about detentions. We are currently looking at how we can inform parents of the details of the points/detentions so you can have meaningful conversations with your child at home.

Without notifications, the EPRAISE App (or website) will still let you know about your child, but you will need to remember to check the app (website) every day.

I want to say thank you to Mrs Harding our fab College Manager who is also a parent at the Academy, as we are working together to get the most out of this app.

Each week we will be adding to this so that parents are informed about each step they need to take.

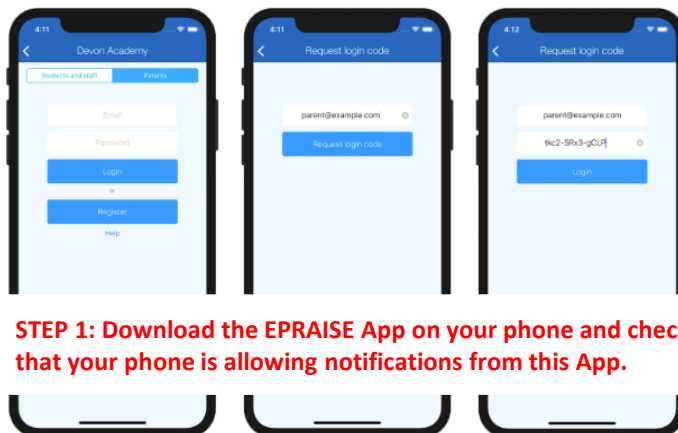


To get the App on your phone:

To register on our iOS or Android app you can:

1. Download our app (just search for epraise in your app store) and open it
2. Select your school
3. Tap the 'Register' button
4. Enter the email address that has already been given to the school
5. Tap the 'Request login code' button
6. Enter the login code sent via email
7. Tap 'Login'

Our app will log any user out that does not have a passcode or other authentication automatically whenever they leave the app, or after 30 days of inactivity if they do have authentication, to help provide a minimum level of security. You can use the 'Register' button to log in again in the future if you are logged out.



STEP 1: Download the EPRAISE App on your phone and check that your phone is allowing notifications from this App.

Top Progress Students

Year
7

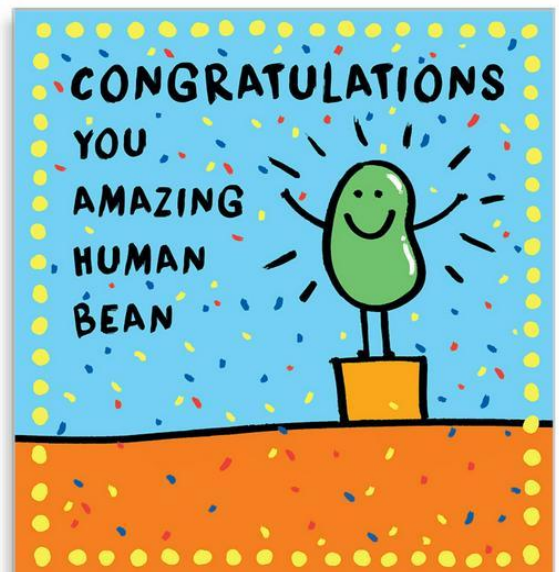
Stacey, L
Noronha, Z
Fernandes, V
Fateru, E
Gracias, S
Siddique, D
Stewart, O
Moreira, N
Tremlett, A
Sherchan, K

Year
8

Jagath, A
England, H
Padda, A
<u>Sanda, S</u>
Saqib, A
Morris Tjim, R
Zheng, K
Dorey, M
Garg, A
Gutierrez, J
Silveira, R

Year
9

Marchetti, B
<u>Pathuri, G</u>
Boyce, E
<u>Munnaluri, R</u>
<u>Benatous, D</u>
Rodrigues, A
Cano, C
Curtis, T
Manoharan, A
Gonsalves, J



Top Progress Students

Year
10

<u>Morilha Da Silva</u> , F
Palha, V
Bucuresteanu, C
<u>Pagayonan</u> , J
Knight, Z
<u>Omorodion-Itua</u> , D
Palha, A
Richardson, R
<u>Ibitoye</u> , J
<u>Burgaj</u> , A
Fernandes, A

Year
11

Oliveira Lima, A
Cunha-Gisbert, L
Pearce, C
Martinez, Y
Morris-Tjim, D
Pham, M
Hutchison, N
Chatha, S
Butler, L
Radley, A



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:

epraise

Emergency Contact

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

- Epraise message P.Pastoral

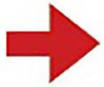
Or

- 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.)

**IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY**



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.

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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 S.Oakley, Imperial N.Chapman, 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 R.Squires
Champion (Tutor)	P.Pastoral or your child's College Champion Bath M.Jone,s Cambridge J.Turner, Imperial J.Capstick, Warwick S.Thomas
Year 11	D.Boucher