

Getting in touch
with the
Academy

Celebrating Success
10th July 2023

Who to Contact-
see later pages



Value for Term 5: Responsibility

Driver: Accountability

100 Club @ the Academy



17 students on
Track for Bronze



79 students on
Track for Silver



126 students on
Track for Gold

339 Students on Track for Termly Award

*Year 11 are no longer included in these figures

Academy Success - 100 Club Update

Number of students on track to join the 100 Club in Term 6

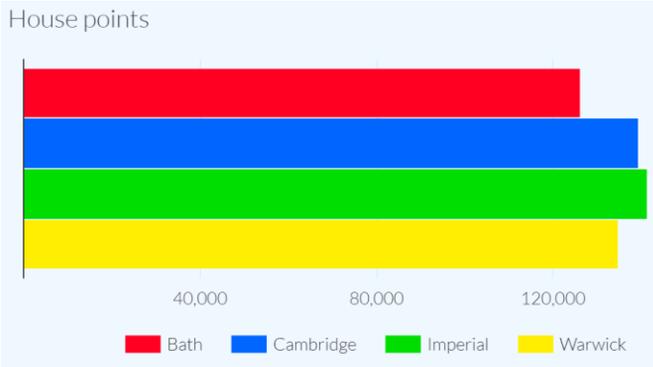
COLLEGE	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
	4	16	40
	3	20	26
	8	20	27
	2	23	33

Congratulations to the following champion Groups who have the most students on
Track for a Termly Award

BATH - 2 CAMBRIDGE - 3 IMPERIAL - 7 WARWICK - 1,2 & 6



Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility



BA = 126,321 CA = 139,351 IM = 141,465 WA = 134,878

Champion Group Winners,
 Least Demerits - **Warwick 3**
 Most Points - **Bath 3 & Warwick 6**
 Best Attendance - **Imperial 7**



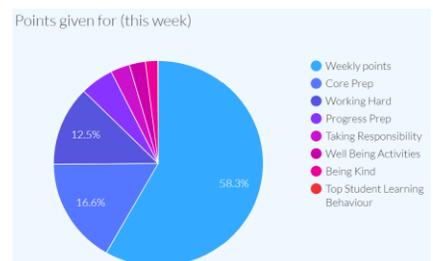
Congratulations to the top students in the Academy this week

Top students	Past week
1. Pratiksha Punmagar (Imperial 11) (2061)	1. Cassie Baker (Cambridge 6) (25)
2. Chelsea Craig (Cambridge 4) (2001)	2. Rowan Richardson (Bath 2) (23)
3. Emma Harper (Imperial 9) (1975)	3. Enzo Kramer (Imperial 3) (21)
4. Siena Maria Hemmings (Warwick 8) (1932)	3. Lexi Smart (Warwick 6) (21)
5. Jasmina Chaplin-Jamil (Imperial 8) (1811)	3. Kenji Sherchan (Bath 3) (21)
6. Leah Seru (Bath 8) (1790)	3. Scarlett Walker (Imperial 7) (21)
7. Ugochukwu John (Imperial 4) (1764)	7. Dua Siddique (Cambridge 1) (20)
8. Isabelle Lane (Cambridge 9) (1760)	7. Krystal Loder (Cambridge 4) (20)
9. Rowan Richardson (Bath 2) (1714)	7. Kacper Grzyb (Cambridge 5) (20)
10. Joshua Pagayonan (Bath 4) (1694)	7. Amelia McCallum-Campbell (Bath 6) (20)

Congratulations to Year 7 who have the highest points total over the last 7 days with 1,395 points.



Points given this week



Celebrating the top 121 students in Years 7-10, top for prep in Term 6, well done for all your grit, stamina and determination on prep

Bath	Cambridge	Imperial	Warwick
Bodson L B1 30 Points	Dua S C1 24 Points	Akarshan M I1 25 Points	Aaron S W2 23 Points
Charlie A B1 28 Points	Id d'S C1 22 Points	Zhaplin J I1 33 Points	James S W2 30 Points
Chloe J B1 23 Points	Id d'S C2 23 Points	Aleksandra P I2 20 Points	Marcus P W2 28 Points
Victoria K B1 32 Points	Phoebe M C2 27 Points	Jai M I2 26 Points	Rishitha M W2 29 Points
Beatriz M B2 34 Points	Honey B C3 23 Points	Raguel S I2 26 Points	Riya D W2 32 Points
Elsiana W B2 20 Points	Iay W C3 20 Points	Tommy H I2 32 Points	Annamaria U W3 21 Points
Jensen W B2 21 Points	Jayden S C3 30 Points	Caden A I3 32 Points	Bianca S W3 21 Points
Savannah P B2 28 Points	Leonie N C3 24 Points	Enzo K I3 25 Points	Eric C W3 30 Points
Sophie K B2 34 Points	Marius D C3 35 Points	Snigan D I3 21 Points	Gnana P W3 23 Points
Armaan S B3 27 Points	Shamarah F C3 35 Points	Adinath J I4 34 Points	Lilly H W3 21 Points
Ellie F B3 23 Points	Anaya C C4 33 Points	Chelsea W I4 35 Points	Rorris T W3 22 Points
Kenji S B3 32 Points	Chloeanne E C4 26 Points	Jasmine G I4 34 Points	Cin C W4 28 Points
Musab R B3 21 Points	Libby M C4 26 Points	Jimmy H I4 21 Points	Junaria C W4 23 Points
Pam T B3 25 Points	Luca C C4 20 Points	Logan D I4 24 Points	Gabriel B W5 28 Points
Ruben C B3 23 Points	Michael D C4 20 Points	Deneeshiya B I5 26 Points	Toby B W5 34 Points
Ruwin F B3 20 Points	Abirami S C5 24 Points	Kai S I5 20 Points	Deepsika G W6 30 Points
Tdwards N B3 21 Points	Alicia K C5 25 Points	Rouglas O I5 32 Points	Isabelle B W6 24 Points
Tianna C B3 25 Points	Tume A C5 22 Points	Addison F I6 25 Points	Joel F W6 25 Points
Zunaid H B3 20 Points	Vlance F C5 21 Points	Ayana M I6 22 Points	Lexi S W6 28 Points
Emmanuel F B4 20 Points	Andrey A C6 29 Points	Daniel R I6 22 Points	Maitri J W6 32 Points
Isis R B4 35 Points	Cassie B C6 21 Points	Jakub B I6 31 Points	Oliver D W6 30 Points
Jacob R B4 32 Points	Imogen O C6 21 Points	Sophie C I6 34 Points	Tori W W6 20 Points
Joshua G B4 20 Points	Paige H C6 30 Points	Alfie C I7 20 Points	Aleksander L W7 20 Points
Kenneth W B4 32 Points	Shaarujan P C6 23 Points	Arnav P I7 28 Points	Brisa L W7 21 Points
Ruby C B4 23 Points		Jacob P I7 20 Points	Harry E W7 25 Points
Cay W B5 22 Points		Llne S I7 33 Points	Leah C W7 34 Points
Elliot O'N B5 23 Points		Nicole P I7 33 Points	Lucifer S W7 22 Points
Keiran L B6 35 Points		Scarlett W I7 22 Points	Mia C W7 21 Points
Kobey R B6 21 Points		Shivani S I7 21 Points	Mirage S W7 27 Points
Mariam K B6 22 Points		Tia H I7 29 Points	
Mnaya P B6 31 Points			
Paige S B6 33 Points			
Shreyash B B6 25 Points			
Ashwin B B7 22 Points			
Carey Z B7 20 Points			
Kevin Z B7 28 Points			
Mason V B7 27 Points			
Piper F B7 32 Points			



Prep changes for September 2023.

Following an assembly with all students this week regarding prep changes, we have sent all parents the following letter outlining the changes from September.



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7th July 2023

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KS3 prep arrangements from September 2023

I am writing to inform you of changes that will be taking place with regards to prep in Years 7, 8 and 9 from September 2023.

Earlier this year, we removed prep detentions from KS3 to allow students to take more ownership, reduce anxiety and attend more after school clubs.

Whilst many students have demonstrated great personal responsibility by continuing to do their prep, we feel it is important to report to parents that prep completion rates across years 7-9 have fallen dramatically. Approximately 40% of students have chosen **not to complete** any prep since the change was made.

Our latest survey on prep indicates that 90% of parents believe that their child should be doing some prep and as a school we do not believe that allowing students to opt out of prep will help them secure future success in their GCSEs and A-levels.

From September, to support students to complete prep in Bedrock (English) and Sparx (Maths), we will be offering twice weekly after school sessions where students can get help with completing their prep in Bedrock and Maths.

However, if a student fails to complete their weekly prep in Bedrock and Maths and chooses not to take responsibility by attending after school support sessions, they will be required to sit a 1-hour behaviour detention.

We would like to thank parents for their continued support in helping us to get this right for all of our students.

Many thanks

Mr D. Harris

Dance World Cup update. Olivia (yr7) was placed 5th in National Group section "Italian" performance. The standard of dancing is incredibly high this year and we are extremely proud. Olivia wanted you to know how she's getting on.



Alex Danson Visit

This week, students enjoyed the opportunity to meet hockey legend Alex Danson. She visited the school and students were able to experience a hockey masterclass, a question & answer session and got to hold her Olympic Gold medal. A fantastic day, and extremely inspiring for those involved.



#2023ULmusicfest

On Monday, July 3rd several students from KS3 and 4 performed Harry Styles As it was and an Original Song (New Story) to over 800 other united learning students, teachers and special guests in Croydon. Their performance was simply...

AMAZING! Well done EVERYONE!



A note from Catherine Barker (Head of Music and Performing Arts for United Learning)

I was so impressed by your young musicians. It was particularly powerful to see the KS3 band, followed by KS4, showing the musical journey that your students go on at Swindon. Several people have also commented to me on how your KS4 group were a real highlight of the event.



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Creative

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: _____
Teacher 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."

This week in DART, students in year 10 have been making chicken nuggets from scratch. They have coated and breaded them to give them a crispy texture. Students then experimented with different cooking methods to cook them, using: the oven, air fryers and deep fat frying. As you can see from the photos the results were very varied!

A shoutout this week to Shira and Katie for supporting me in the demo work and cooking the vegetarian options. Well done and thank you.

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Please complete the form sent to you on epraise if you'd like your child to leave Secondary Sports Day to make their own way home. We will use the information from the form to generate a card for students to make their own way home. Students without this card will be taken back to the Academy on the coaches provided.

A copy of the information for Sports Day has been sent via epraise too.



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Dear Parents/Carers

On Tuesday 18th July 2023, we are holding our **Annual Secondary Sports Day**



All students need to arrive at the Academy at 8:20am BUT wearing full PE kit. We will then be travelling to the County Athletics Ground. Unfortunately, parents are unable to watch our secondary sports day. The first event starts at 10am. Students need to bring a packed lunch with them and plenty to drink. All students that are eligible for FSM will have a packed lunch from the Academy. Once at the track students will not be prepared for the day; if it is sunny, they need to bring sun cream and a hat; if it is cold or the possibility of rain, they need to bring a jacket/coat (preferably waterproof). Should the weather be such that the Sports Day cannot go ahead; lessons will carry on as normal. Fingers crossed that this is not the case. There is no cost involved in this event, but we are planning on having an Ice Cream Van on site; so, some money for ice creams would be useful.

The final event is planned for 1:30pm and after this; we will bring students back to the Academy, our expected arrival time is 2.45pm. Students will be dismissed as soon as they arrive back at the Academy; or if you prefer, they can remain in the canteen until our normal finishing time of 3.35pm. Should you wish your child to go home directly from Sports Day, you need to complete the teams form that has been sent to you on epraise by 3pm on Monday 17th July. We will use this information to provide your child with a coloured card to be dismissed directly from the County Ground if you wish them to do so, any text or message on the day will not be accepted.

I am sure that we will have a super Sports Day and I look forward to seeing the majority of our students participating in this annual event.

Yours sincerely

Karen Wright



Our 'Kindness Wall' has made a big impact in the canopy area. Students have all contributed to the wall and wrote a note of kindness for others to read. All week students have been gathering to find their note and read others. #Be Kind



Kindness costs nothing but it means everything.



Charities

With only a few weeks left until the Summer holidays, don't forget you can donate epraise points to our charities.



The epraise shop has been restocked ready for students to spend any points they have before we break up for summer. Last chance to buy and stock up for September!

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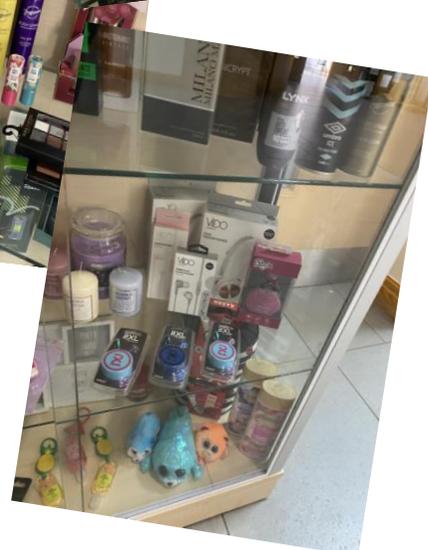
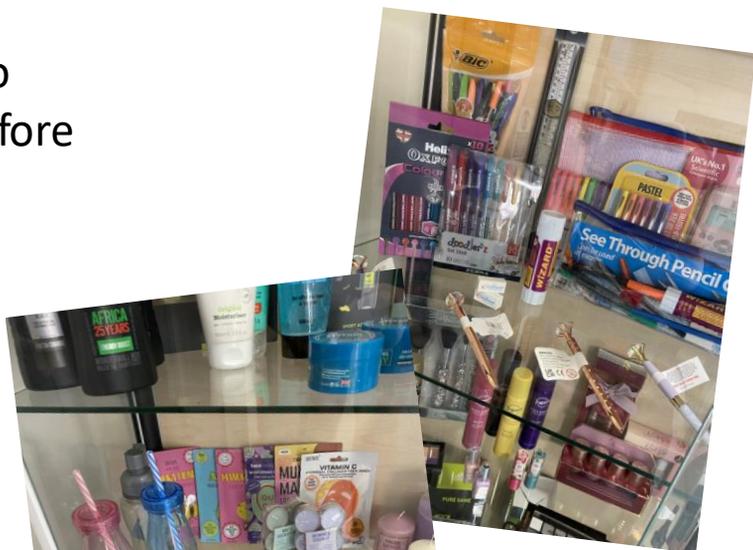
Great Work = Points

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How many points do you have?

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...and they danced the night away. Thank you, Class of 2023 for a great night. You definitely loved the dance floor! Good luck for the next chapter of your journey.





Year 11 Graduation



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United College Sixth Form

Your bright future starts here

Part of Swindon Academy & United Learning
Beech Avenue, Swindon, SN2 1JR



Good
Provider



Our Sixth Form Ball



As we prepare for ABC week we have many Employers, Providers, Higher Education establishments, motivational speakers, that will be working with our Year 10 and 12 students to start preparing them for the world of work once they leave Swindon Academy. Its going to be a fun and informative week - which we are looking forward to.

Careers Fair... Attention Year 10s
When:-Thursday 13th July 2023 from 4pm-6pm
Where:- Swindon Academy

We have many employers/providers attending our Careers Fair- a great opportunity to discuss your future.
Don't Miss Out!!!

If you attend with your parents/carers, you'll be in with a chance of winning a £50 Amazon voucher. See you there!

amazon.co.uk gift card **a**
£50

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

Your Careers Hub's and its new look, based in the library. Im looking forward to working with all students at Swindon Academy in the future!



For questions about careers, contact our Student Careers Officer:
daniela.king@swindon-academy.org

WHAT'S COMING UP?

Date	Event	Date	Event
10 th – 14 th July	ABC Week		
18 th July	Sports Day		
19 th July	Progress review Day		
25 th July	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.20pm		

Progress Review Day – Wednesday 19th July

Please don't forget to sign up for your child's progress Review Day appointment on the 19th July.

To sign up go to Epraise/Community/Parents Evenings.

You need to make 1 appointment with your child's tutor.



There are several events happening in Swindon for SEND students over the summer holidays, here is an insight into some of the activities

SWINDON SEND SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2023

JULY 2023

Safer
Streets



Healthy
Relationships

Grooming
and
exploitation

Online
Safety

Free summer workshops for external youth services!

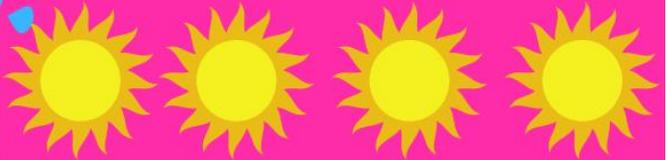
The Barnardo's Safer Streets Team are offering free healthy relationships workshops to organisations working with young people aged between 12 and 18, up to a maximum of 30 young people per session.



Please email
saferstreets@barnardos.org.uk
for more information.

Welcome to the 2023 edition of the Swindon Summer SEND News Splash. This is the fourth edition of this newsletter and is full of activities and clubs available to children and young people in Swindon.

Not all the activities in this programme are SEND specific. Contact the activity organisers direct if you wish to discuss your child's individual needs.



Aiming High



Many children and young people with disabilities will be able to access the range of groups and activities available in this summer edition of News Splash. Reasonable adjustments should be made to ensure that children and young people with disabilities receive the same service, as far as this is possible, as those without disabilities.

Inclusion Funding is available through Aiming High for children and young people who would be unable to access community groups and activities despite reasonable adjustments, and require additional support to do so. Inclusion Funding is provided directly to the community group or activity provider to employ additional staff so that the child or young person can access the activity.

Referrals for Inclusion Funding can be made via the [SBC website \(https://www.swindon.gov.uk/xfp/form/720\)](https://www.swindon.gov.uk/xfp/form/720). If you are unable to refer online, contact Aiming High via AimingHigh@swindon.gov.uk or 01793 464080. Referrals are accepted from parents, carers or anyone working with the child, including the community group or activity provider.

We recognise that some children will be unable to access community groups and activities even with additional support provided through Inclusion Funding. Please contact Aiming High to discuss specialist services.

For more information on Aiming High, visit the [Local Offer website - Short Breaks page \(https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/shortbreaks/\)](https://localoffer.swindon.gov.uk/shortbreaks/).

Term 6 information is on Epraise, sign up today!

Monday	Tennis - Years 10,11,12 & 13
	Brass Club
	Clarinet Club
	Football - Years 10,11,12 & 13
Tuesday	Young Carers (alternate Tuesdays)
	Basketball
	Canvas Club
	Fitness Club
	Young Musician Rehearsals
	Tennis Club
	Football - Years 7,8 & 9
Wednesday	String Ensemble
	KS4 Band Rehearsals
	Tennis Club
	Softball Club
	Fitness Club
	Athletics Club
	Dungeons & Dragons Academy
Thursday	Cricket Club
	Chess Club
	KS3 Band (invitation only)
	Fitness Club
	Rounders Club
Everyday	EAL support
	Homework Club





**Safer & Smarter
Parking**

When children are walking or cycling to school, we know that parents are concerned about the danger from traffic. School gates should be safe places.



SWINDON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

If you would like to report any road traffic concerns please use this email address ssez@swindon.gov.uk



**If you need to drive
your child to school:**

**For the safety of your
child, their friends, and
the local community we
ask that you park safely,
legally and considerately
around schools.**

Getting in touch with the Academy



How to Access EPRAISE:

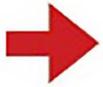
- Go to Google search Epraise log in/search
- Please select your school/choose Swindon Academy Secondary
- Go to parents/enter your email (must be the one given to the Academy) & leave password blank.
- You will then receive an email and follow instructions.
- You can also download the Epraise App

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.

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Query about.....	Epraise.....
Contacting Principal	K.Wright
Contacting Head Teacher	A.Lawrence L.Jordan
Pastoral matters/Uniform	P.Pastoral or your child's College Manager BA C.Roberts, CA K.Nicholls, IM L. Quinn WA R.Harding
Attendance/Medical Appointments/Punctuality	A.Attendance
Prep Work/Bedrock/Seneca/Sparx	P.Prepare
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.Prepare
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 BA M.Jones CA J.Higgins Khan IM J.Capstick, WA C.Ganney
Year 11	D.Boucher