

# Getting in touch with the Academy

# Celebrating Success 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Who to Contact-  
see later pages

Value for Term 3: Work Hard

Driver: Grit

## 100 Club @ the Academy



434 students on track  
for 100 Club Bronze

384 students on track  
for Termly Award



246 students on  
track for 100 Club  
Silver Award.



## Roll Draw Celebrations

Every Friday in Roll Call we celebrate student success from the week. Students are put into a draw, and we spin the wheel to find winners who get an Amazon voucher. Mrs. Drinkwater also shares Sports results, Championship Updates and Top Champion Groups of the week. Congratulations to this week's winners.

### Congratulations to our prize winners this week,

- 100% Attendance - Armeen K
- 100% Prep Completion - Paige H
- 100% Bedrock Completion - Jai M
- 100% Behaviour - Roll Over
- PE Students of the Week - Anaya C & Casey N

### Champion Group Winners,

- Least Demerits - Cambridge 3
- Most Points - Bath 2
- Highest Attendance - Imperial 1



Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

A big well done to the 444 students from years 7-10 who were entered into the 'Behaviour' draw in Roll Call on Friday. The students were entered on the basis that they have not received a demerit during Term 4 so far.

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|------------|------------------|------------|
| <b>1st</b> | <b>Bath</b>      | <b>117</b> |
| <b>2nd</b> | <b>Imperial</b>  | <b>109</b> |
| <b>3rd</b> | <b>Warwick</b>   | <b>111</b> |
| <b>4th</b> | <b>Cambridge</b> | <b>107</b> |

The winner of the draw receives a £5 Amazon voucher and I'm pleased to announce that the winner is Jay W in Year 10!



Well done to Bath who pick up maximum points towards the College Championships for having the most students with Zero demerits so far in Term 4!



The INSPIRE programme aims to give Swindon Academy students opportunities to participate in a range of activities to supplement their Academic education.



**Work Hard - Kindness - Responsibility**

## INSPIRE PROGRAMME

### ACADEMY PLEDGE

Swindon Academy will deliver an extensive range of opportunities to enable students to develop character, compassion and service. Young people will look back on a joyful school experience that has inspired and challenged them, and prepared them for life.

### STUDENT PLEDGE

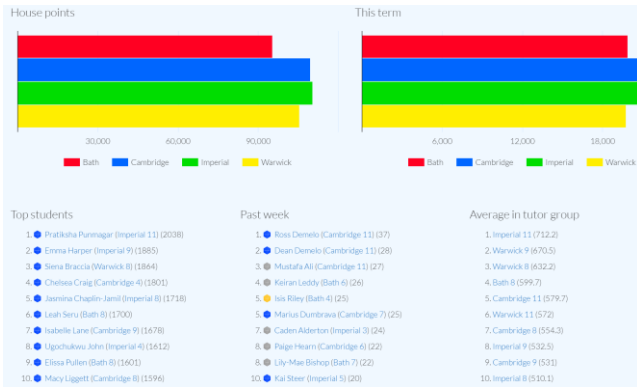
I am expected to contribute to the academy and to society; to try things which I think I cannot do; to persist in the face of difficulty; to become resilient in overcoming obstacles; to manage myself; to work independently on things which challenge me; to work with others and in teams; to be courageous and caring; to lead.

### IN ADDITION TO MY LESSONS, I WILL:

1. Participate in a sporting activity for at least half a term.
2. Participate in a performance activity for at least half a term.
3. Commit to other well-being activities for at least half a term.
4. Help others by participating in a social action campaign or by volunteering my time.
5. Demonstrate the academy values: word hard, kindness and responsibility.
6. Attend cultural, artistic or sporting events.
7. Represent my academy/college/year group by taking part in a cultural, artistic, charitable or sporting event for an audience.
8. Demonstrate my leadership skills.
9. Attend a residential trip.
10. Listen to an inspirational speaker.
11. Participate in experiences that help me make informed decisions about my future and how to get there.



| Name                   | Year | Tutor       | House     | Achievements |
|------------------------|------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| Ugochukwu John         | 10   | Imperial 4  | Imperial  | + 18 more    |
| Abirami Senthilkumar   | 8    | Cambridge 5 | Cambridge | + 14 more    |
| Rebecca Douglas-Onyido | 9    | Imperial 5  | Imperial  | + 13 more    |
| Alessandra Moisa       | 8    | Imperial 7  | Imperial  | + 13 more    |
| Arnav Padda            | 8    | Imperial 7  | Imperial  | + 12 more    |
| Maisie Trotman         | 9    | Bath 7      | Bath      | + 12 more    |
| Haneen Eldegail        | 10   | Imperial 7  | Imperial  | + 11 more    |
| Ruben Cabala           | 9    | Bath 3      | Bath      | + 11 more    |
| Harshita Devi Batta    | 8    | Imperial 3  | Imperial  | + 11 more    |
| Charlie Allen          | 8    | Bath 1      | Bath      | + 11 more    |



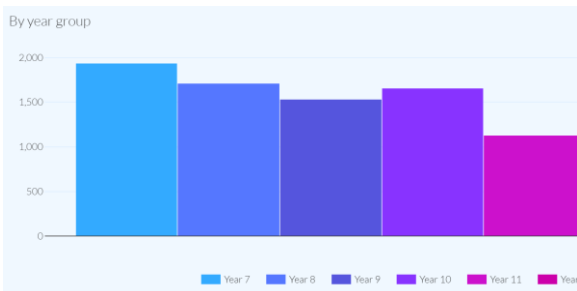
## College Points

**Bath = 95,358**

**Cambridge = 109,489**

**Imperial = 110,250**

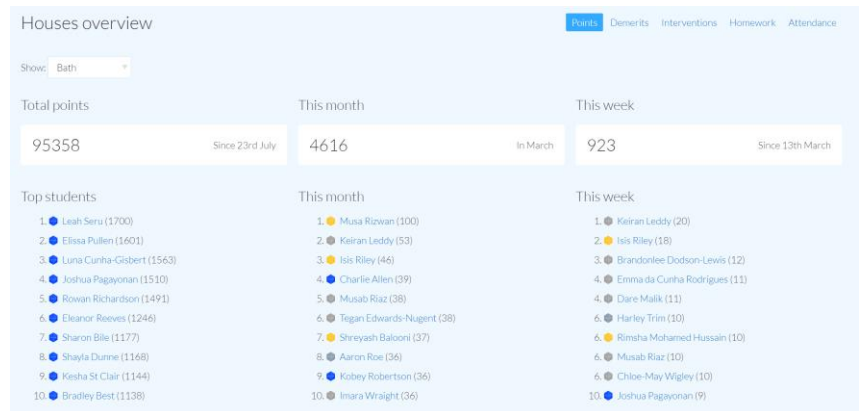
**Warwick = 105,312**



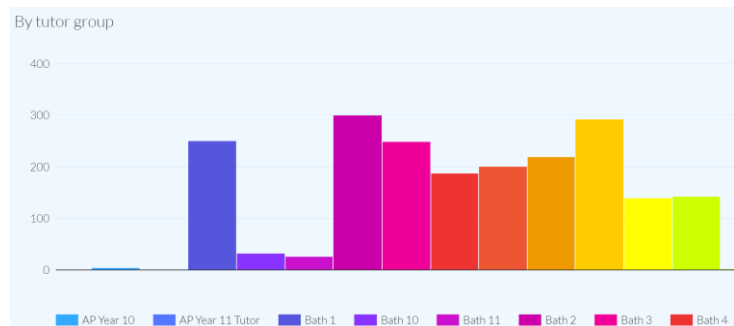
Congratulations to Year 7 who have the highest points total over the last 7 days with 1,930 points

## Bath Student Successes

Congratulations to the top students in Bath College this week.



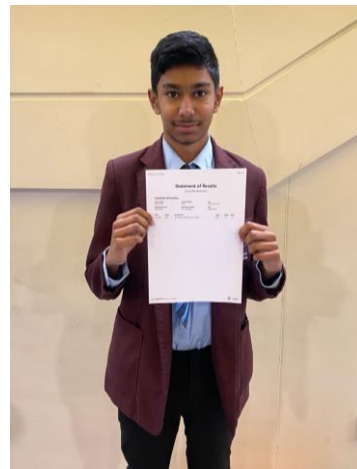
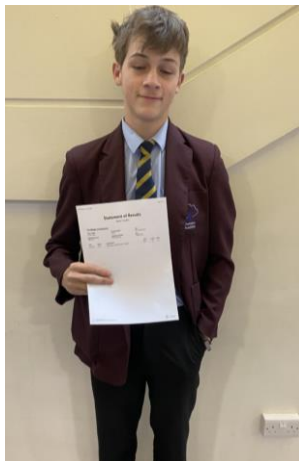
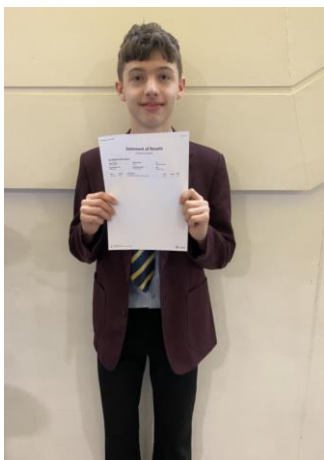
Congratulations to Bath 2 for having the most E-Praise Points. 300 Points in the last 7 days.



Our Year 7 and 11 boys football teams were back out in action this week., with both teams facing Dorcan as their opposition. The Year7s worked well in attack and had many shots on target throughout the game. Unfortunately, the boys didn't get the win, but we go again next time.

The Year 11s fought hard throughout their game, with some excellent shots from Brooklyn. The game finished 1-0 to Dorcan.

This week saw our Year 11 Sport Studies cohort receive their R051 OCR exam results. We were so proud of our sport students and their achievements in the exam. A shout out to Charlie for scoring 56/60, Cayden and Jayden for scoring 53/60 and Ven for scoring 52/60.

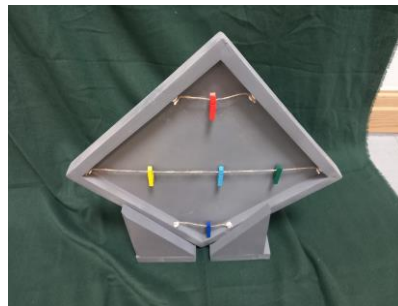
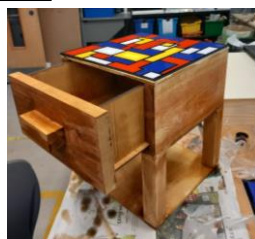


## In our Performing Arts Department

For those of you who were lucky enough to get tickets for the sold out school show, you would have experienced a magical and hilarious tangled web of love and mischievous fairies.. The show began with the talented Billy Povey and Jayne Da Cunha Gama displaying love's young dream followed swiftly by Charlie Howe Hutton's hilarious portrayal of Helena and her love for the rogue Demetrius, played with his usual flair and character, Xhulian Qarri. We watched in awe at the expert Caitlin Payton and Joshua Kafka Markey as they presented feuding fairies with finesse and manipulated the chaos of the forest. The group of mechanicals, led by the determined Ellen Kuchar, brought barrels of laughter with their slap stick routines and random use of props! The star of the show was of course Puck played by Arnav Padda, who not only stepped in late to the role but demonstrated the sheer talent available at Swindon Academy. I can honestly say that every cast member, dancers, chorus and musicians alike, contributed to a magical and visually inspiring event that will be the talk of Swindon Academy for a while to come. A massive congratulations to everyone involved!



# GCSE Product Design drop down day



Well done to the year 11 product designers for engaging in a drop-down day last week and producing some high-quality outcomes. The students in this group were on their feet all day and worked hard to manufacture some aesthetically pleasing and functional products at the end of the day! Well done to you all.



## Welcome to.....

This week we welcome Miss Promgreen to Swindon Academy. Miss Promgreen is a trainee teacher at Nova Hreod Academy and will be spending three weeks in our Art Department to experience life in a different school.

Miss Promgreen has a Fine Art background and is mostly looking forward to a new experience and getting to know all the wonderful students Swindon Academy.

Please make Miss Promgreen feel welcome if you see her around the Academy over the coming weeks.



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."



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...



Have fun



Make new friends



Gain qualifications



Achieve



Develop new skills



Experience new things

Build your confidence



self esteem

Develop awareness of other cultures, religion, ethnicity and gender differences



Have the best possible start in life!

## ATTENDANCE WILL IMPACT ON YOUR GRADES

GREATER THAN  
**95%**  
ATTENDANCE



80% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend more than 95%

LESS THAN  
**90%**  
ATTENDANCE



53% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSE's including English and Maths when they attend less than 90%

# Trips & Visits

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, year 7 are visiting St Mary's Church. They will be walking to the church during the school day as part of their RE Curriculum.



On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, year 8 will be visiting the Black Country Living Museum

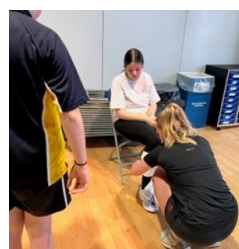


# ABC Week



## Year 9 ABC Week

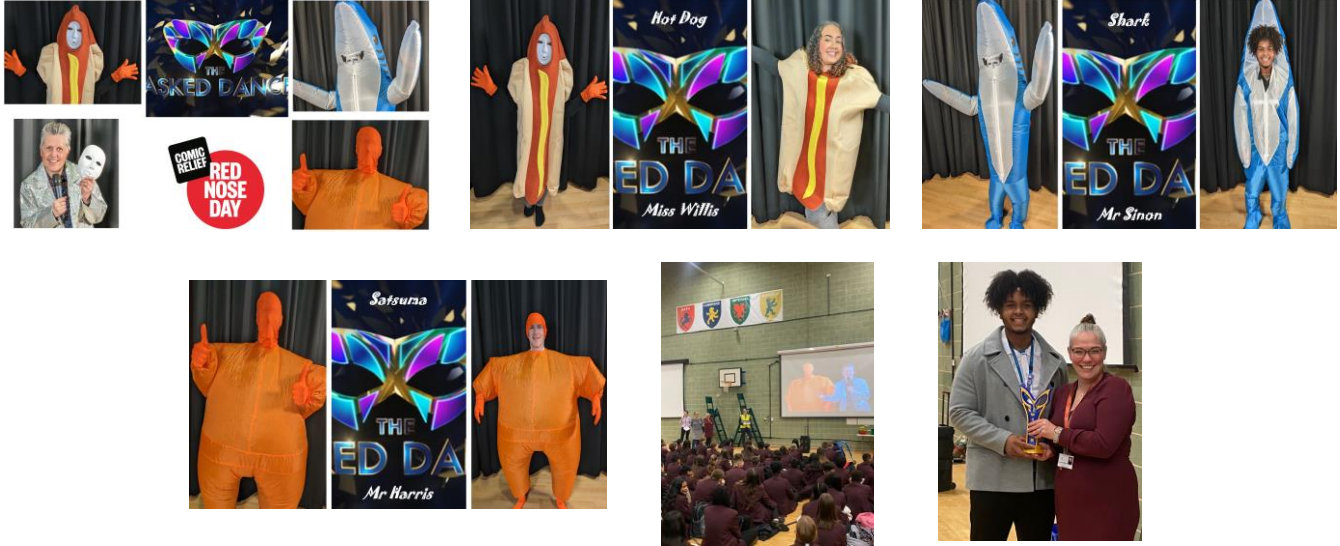
We are looking forward to working with Year 9 for a fun filled week of activities in Health and Well-Being Week. It will be great to see the students working together, challenging themselves, and trying something new.





### The Masked Dancer

In Champion Time on Tuesday the students were shown part one of Swindon Academy does the Masked Dance for Comic Relief. As a Champion Group they then tried to guess who's behind the mask. Over Wednesday and Thursday students then voted for their winner.



During Friday's Roll Call we revealed who's behind the mask and presented the winner with a trophy. A special thanks to Simon Halls for filming and editing the video and to Mr Cunnington for making the trophy. Congratulations to ??? who was the winner. Student still have time donate vis e-praise.

### Charities



Please continue to donate online for Red Nose Day, the cause will be available until Friday 24th March. Thank you to those students that purchased Red Noses from the prefects from the Epraise shop.



Red Nose Day 2023

Please donate for Red Nose Day. There will be activities happening at lunchtimes, plus we have the Masked Dancer.

Target: £ 400.00



**What happened last week for Year 11**

I am so proud of how the year 11 have been tackling these two weeks of exams. Wednesday and Thursday were pretty hectic with exams back to back and our students showed so much resilience and grit. During the tutor sessions we had this week students looked at communication and the idea of how sometimes we can find ourselves in an echo chamber that only reflects our own ideas and opinions. They also looked at the how being solution focused can impact on positive thinking .

**Sixth Form place offers**

If you have applied for Sixth Form, you must log on to your application and accept your offer ASAP

[United College Sixth Form \(applicaa.com\)](http://unitedcollegesixthform.applicaa.com)

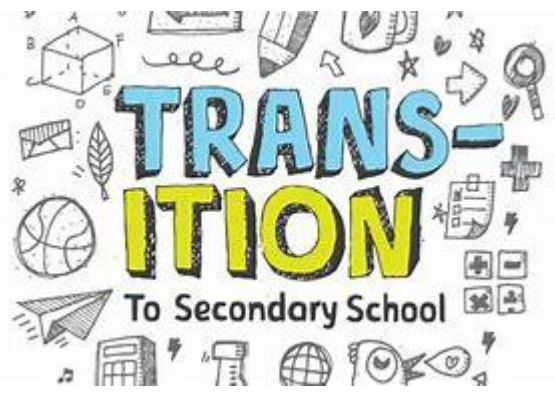
**Sixth Form Applicants event**

Register to come: <https://unitedcollegesixthform.applicaa.com/1>

You must have applied to UCSF to come to this event, So, if you haven't applied yet, do it now!



Transition to Secondary



Here are some key dates for you to add to your diary:

- 19<sup>th</sup> June: Parent Information Meeting for pupils in Y6 at Alton Close or Beech Avenue
- 20<sup>th</sup> June: Parent Information Meeting for pupils that have a place in the Grammar Stream
- 21<sup>st</sup> June: Parent Information Meeting for pupils that are joining us from other primary schools
- 28<sup>th</sup> June: Transition Day – pupils joining us in September will spend the day at Swindon Academy

We will also be busy behind the scenes speaking to all of the year 6 teachers and SENDCO's.

Following the Information Evenings, we will contact every parent by phone so that you can share with us any important information you would like us to know from a parent perspective.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please email [admin@swindon-academy.org](mailto:admin@swindon-academy.org) and your message will be passed to the most appropriate person to follow up.



### Has your child thought about a job in the NHS?

Support your child. There are hundreds of roles to consider encourage your child to take the quiz to find out if any of them suit.

Other useful resources for navigating your career within the NHS can be found here: [Health Careers | Step into the NHS | help young people discover NHS careers](#)

### NHS Careers untapped Event Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 from 4.30-6pm.

For more details and to register for this event (tick N/A Not in London) please click on this link:

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

🤔 Still unsure about what role is right for you? Take the NHS careers quiz here: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/findyourcareer>

### Get help deciding your next steps here –

Explore your education and training choices.

[Get the Jump: explore your education and training choices |](#)

[National Careers Service](#)

Search for live vacancies here..

[Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

**Be inspired .....**

Look into Apprenticeships for the future at **Rolls Royce**

[Apprenticeships & School leavers | Rolls-Royce](#)

### Free online Careers Events for parents and students....

**Monday 20th March at 4.30pm - First Step event**

[How can Tropicana reach a young audience? -](#)

[Register to attend](#)

**Thursday 23rd March at 6.30pm - Invites students, career leaders and parents to attend**

Omnicom Media Group and Rapp agencies talk about the exciting career opportunities they are recruiting for.

[Register to attend](#)

### Speakers for school has opportunities for students under the following headings...

**Discovery Accountancy with Employer: ICAEW** – and learn about the most common myths

29.3.2023 4.30pm-5.30pm sign up to the 1 hour session closing date to apply 26.3.2023 Age: 14-19

[Discovery Accountancy - and learn about the most common myths - Speakers for Schools](#)

**During Easter break;-**

**A day in the life of a design studio Employer: Alexandra Lunn Studio Ltd** Discover the world of design! Join this session for insights into Adobe Creative and how to run a design studio, receive tips and hints in terms of what you can be doing now to improve chances of success within this industry in the future!. Age: 14-19 **Application deadline:** 28/03/2023 **Dates:** 11/04/2023 – 11/04/2023 **Timings:** 11:00 – 12:00

[A day in the life of a design studio - Speakers for Schools](#)

### Just for fun... following on from last weeks results.....

[Buzz quiz - icould](#)

**Ms L.D** - Is a Koala 🐨 - loyal and caring. Popular job roles for a koala include education or animal care, which suits both her job and love of animals really well! It also suggests child development and health and social care as subjects for koalas, which are both subjects she loves 😊

**Miss Serratore** Is a Black Bear- Reliable, realistic and natural leader. Normally in control and in charge. They are great at communicating and are full of energy and like to problem solve. 😊

**And last but definitely not least.....**

**Mr Warren** is a Seal – Enjoys working with people, are great at multi-tasking and love learning new skills. Full of enthusiasm, they are interested in thinking behind an idea and looking at how things affect people. A natural coach, Seals are quiet and caring bosses. They are people-focused, often bringing original approaches to their role, often funny with a good sense of humour.

# Your Bright Future starts here



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

Both Year 12 and 13 started off the week with an assembly; Year 12's focus was on the next steps for their future, whether that be an apprenticeship, university or the world of work and Year 13's saw the launch of their Yearbook, showcasing their time here at United College Sixth Form. Tuesday was Up For Discussion, Year 12's focused on the new David Attenborough show about Britain's declining wildlife that seems to have been side lined by the BBC and Year 13 discussed how women carry the load when it comes to unpaid work, such as housework and childcare. Wednesday and Thursday were strike days this week, but students from both years were in for exams or to revise for any upcoming mocks. Then to finish off the week, Years 12 and 13 enjoyed a Mock the Week about current events in the news.

## **Biology talk from University of Bristol**

Students attended a talk by Bristol university about the importance of electricity within biology. They looked at its role in the natural world and within our bodies. They also looked at ECGs and how to build a homemade one.

## **Leadership roles**

The current student leadership team will be stepping down from their roles after the Easter half term, which means that we need a whole new leadership team from the current Year 12s. Students were informed in an assembly about the different roles that are available to them.

The student council is led by two Student Presidents whose role it is to liaise with the council and the Directors of Sixth Form about any enhancements they would like to make, any charity events, college competitions or supra-curricular events that they would like to lead.

The council is also made up of the following roles; academic champion, healthy lifestyle champion, diversity and inclusion champion, charity champion, four college captains and a supra-curricular champion. All of these roles give students a chance to lead on different aspects of United College Sixth Form, ensuring that all students have a well-rounded experience here.

Year 12 students can apply for the Student President roles now, by writing a letter of interest to Mrs Dodsworth.

## **Revision tips**

Over the past few terms y13 have learnt a number of revision strategies. Here are some of the key tips for success when revising to ensure you are working smarter and not harder. Make sure your revision time is planned, and that you've scheduled in regular breaks. For example, if you have scheduled in 20 minutes for revision make sure you take a 2 minute break. For subjects that have a lot of key terms or case studies, many of our students have found flash cards to be a fun and easy way to revise with friends. If your studying social sciences, brain dumps can help you see what information you've committed to your long-term memory, and which is still missing. If your studying science or maths, make sure you're completing past papers... but don't stop there. Use the mark-schemes and textbooks to mark your answers to see where you can improve. If you're a parent reading this, the best way you can support your child is by quizzing them regularly using their flash cards or notes, as well as helping them manage their work-life balance. Revision is important, but ensuring you are getting enough sleep and social time is also important in the long-term.

A reminder of the key events taking place this week:



- MC 100 Prize Essay at Marlborough College



- Year 7 and 8 Grammar Stream Visit to Marlborough College



- Y11 Music BTEC Unit 5 Performance to Parents



- Business Studies trip to Cadbury's world

**Looking ahead:**

| Date             | Event                                    | Date     | Event                                |
|------------------|--|----------|--------------------------------------|
| 27, 28, 29 March | Spanish Speaking Mock Exams              | 17.04.23 | TD Day – school closed to all pupils |
| 28.03.23         | Yr 11 & Yr 13 Parents Evening            | 21.04.23 | Deadline for 100 project essays      |
| 31.03.23         | End of Term<br>School finishes at 3.35pm |          |                                      |
| Easter Holiday   | Holiday School for pupils in Y11 & Y13   |          |                                      |
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# WHAT'S COMING UP?

### Mock Exams

Mock exams continue this week for year 11, 12 and 13 **until Thursday 23rd of March**. We are incredibly proud of how students have approached the exams and the level of preparation they are putting in. We have been talking to students in school about the importance of getting a good night's sleep and ensuring that they have a good breakfast each morning so that they sustain their energy levels throughout the intense period of exams. The Sleep Foundation recommend that children get within the **age range 13-18 get 8-10 hours of sleep each day** to support recovery and cognitive function.

We cannot stress enough the importance of students **being in everyday** and the positive impact this has on their performance. We are making daily attendance calls to support students with this and thank all parents for working with on this.



### Fast approaching.....

A reminder that year 11/13 parents evening will take place on **Tuesday 28th March between 16:00-19:00**. Appointments are limited and allocated on a first come serve basis, so we advise parents to book in advance to avoid disappointment.

*Appointments can be booked on E-praise by clicking on Community-Parents Evening.*

### Student Progress Reports (Years 7-13)


Will be **sent via e-mail** to all parents the week beginning **the 17th April**. For years 7-10 the report will indicate whether pupils are currently 'on track' to make expected progress across subject areas and attitude to learning grades. For years 11-13 the report will indicate current GCSE/A-level Working at Grades as well as an up-to-date predicted grade.

**Year 9 Options update – Please choose your options via the epraise form before 8pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

Thank you to all of the Year 9 students and parents for their engagement in the Options process.

Please visit the Options page on our website here [Options \(swindon-academy.org\)](http://Options (swindon-academy.org)) for more information on the Options process.

For any further questions or advice please contact me via epraise message and we will contact students directly to support them with their choices.

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| Stage 4   |
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| Review of Selection   |
| WB 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2023  |
| <p><b>Epraise form closes Monday 20th March 8pm.</b><br/>                 Every student's selection will be reviewed by the year 9 options team.<br/>                 From the 17th April students and parents will be contacted if the selected options need to be reviewed. <b>Final option choices will be shared with students during Term 5.</b></p> |

### Spanish Speaking Exams and Preparation

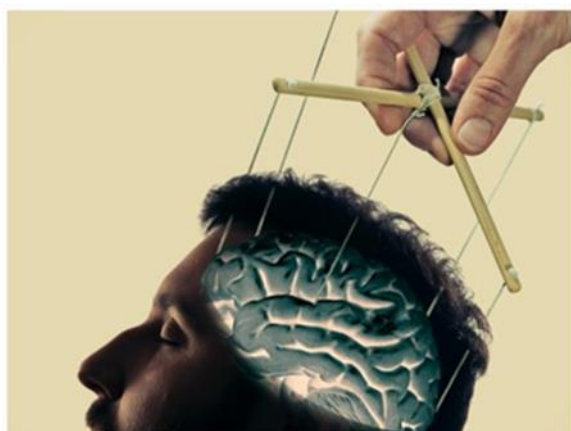
The Spanish department are busy getting Year 11 students ready to take their final speaking exams.

**Mock exams will be: 28th, 29th and 30th March**



**Real GCSE Speaking exams: 2nd, 3rd and 4th May**

Teachers are offering afterschool support for the speaking exam **every Thursday between now and the exams. All students doing Spanish are welcome.**



#### Literacy in PSHEC

This week in PSHEC literacy, students have been considering the use of Artificial Technology to read people's minds. They debated the ethics of developing the technology to be used publicly by weighing the positives and negatives of using the technology to scan people's minds in public spaces. They also questioned who should be able to access the data collected from this sort of technology.

### Camp Committee Launch

Camp committee needs you!

Are you in year 8 ? Are you going to camp? Would like to help make camp this year the biggest and best year yet? If so, then then the camp committee could be for you! Join us on a Wednesday 335-430 to plan the events, make tee-shirts, prepare goodie bags and much more in preparation for camp in July.

Camp committee meetings start on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March in D4 after school and will be weekly up to the week of camp itself. Any questions please see Miss Morgan, Miss Nicholson or Miss Church. See you there!



Every Thursday after school three members of the MFL teams stays after school to run the Speaking Club for yr 11. Please encourage you son/daughter to join us, it makes a difference in the exam.

28th, 29th and 30th March - Spanish mock speaking exams. Your son/daughter will be given a time and an exact date for this by their Spanish teacher.

2nd, 3rd and 4th May - Real and final GCSE Spanish speaking exams. Again, your son/daughter will be given an exact date and time for this

There are so many ways that your son/daughter can revise for their final exams. This means completing all prep, completing all revision tasks set and attending where possible extra support and practice after school and during the Easter Holiday.

The Spanish department will be offering some sessions over the Easter Holiday to help prepare Year 11 for these final exams.

Lastly, welcome back to Ms. Alvarez who has recently returned from her maternity leave and will be taking over the role of DTL for Spanish.





## Vaccinations

The nursing team are in on Tuesday to administer the HPV, DTP and Meningitis vaccinations. If you have given consent for your child to have the vaccination, they will be collected from their lesson and taken to the Dance Studio where the nurses will be set up.

If you have not given consent then you will need to contact your GP surgery to check what your options are.



## Consent

The immunisations are delivered through Virgin Care. If you wish for your child to be vaccinated in school then consent has to be given to Virgin Care through the online booking system that we send out on their behalf. This will always be sent to you using Epraise. They will only vaccinate people where consent has been given through their online system.



## Free Family 'Learn to Cycle' and 'Cycle Confidence' Events

Do you know someone who would like to learn to cycle or improve their confidence on two (or more) wheels?

Thanks to grant funding from Sustrans and Sport England, Swindon Cycle Campaign has organised free events to help everyone get cycling – from toddlers to teens to OAPs.

These events will be held at the Swindon County Ground Athletics Track on the following dates:

- Sunday 2nd April 2- 6pm (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-learn-to-cycle-and-cycle-confidence-event-tickets-565545199917>)
- Monday 3rd April 12.30-4.30pm (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-learn-to-cycle-and-cycle-confidence-event-tickets-574585118557>)
- Sunday 28th May 2-6pm (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-learn-to-cycle-and-cycle-confidence-event-tickets-577428864277>)
- Monday 14th August 12.30-4.30pm (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-learn-to-cycle-and-cycle-confidence-event-tickets-577459656377>)

The events aim to be inclusive and offer a hub of free support and advice for anyone interested in getting cycling. There will be opportunities for free bike safety checks, repairs and security marking. And a fleet of disability cycles will be available to trial for those who need a bit more support.

We'll also have local bike shops supporting the event, giving people chance to try a range of cycles from trikes to e-bikes and equipment to carry children.

British Cycling ride leaders will be leading novice-friendly guided bike rides to Coate Water and around some of the nearby network of traffic-free cycle paths. We'll be announcing more in the coming weeks too, so follow Swindon Cycle Campaign on Facebook to keep updated.

Pre-booking for the adult and child 'learn to cycle' and 'cycle-confidence' sessions is essential as spaces will be limited – the Eventbrite links appear above.

### Swindon Academy INSPIRE sign up's

This term we have plenty of offerings available for all students across a range of year groups. From dance club through to dungeons and dragons, you can sign up and attend as many as you like! To sign up you must login to your epraise, select the community tab, followed by activities and then select the club you would like to attend. Get yourself signed up and come along!

The screenshot shows the 'epraise by firefly' website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Me', 'Community', 'Rewards', and 'Downloads'. On the right, there are notification icons for a calendar (1047), a group of people (1047), and a speech bubble (3). The main content area is titled 'Activities' and has tabs for 'All', 'Current', and 'Signed up'. A search bar with a 'Go' button is present. Three activity listings are shown:

- Back stage club Y9&10**: professional training in Programming Lights & Sound Lighting Design Light Installation Setting up for the Band Mics/ Headphones/ Wiring. Years 9 & 10. 6 signed up. Every Monday at 3:35pm. Status: AVAILABLE. Buttons: Show signups, Sign up.
- Badminton (all years)**: Sports Hall. 36 signed up. Every Monday at 3:35pm. Status: AVAILABLE. Buttons: Show signups, Sign up.
- Band Club**: Practice and develop band skills whilst boosting your creativity. Open to all! Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13. 12 signed up. Every Tuesday at 3:35pm. Status: AVAILABLE. Buttons: Show signups, Sign up.







# Prep Update

Thankyou to the 139 parents/guardians who completed our latest prep survey. Your feedback is really important to us. It's great to hear that the vast majority of students are now doing the same amount of prep as before, but are feeling less stressed or anxious about their prep work.

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| Parents saying their child is less stressed/anxious about prep             | 92% |
| Parents saying their child is doing the same amount of prep as before      | 67% |
| Parents saying they would value a <u>weekly</u> Epraise message about prep | 72% |

Prep Leaderboard - Y7-9 total preps completed last week

|   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |
| <b>425</b><br>1 <sup>st</sup>   | <b>410</b><br>3 <sup>rd</sup>   | <b>407</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup>   | <b>413</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup>   |

## 100% For Prep Year 7-10 Last Week

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Charli C          | Tegan Edwards-N   |
| Charlie A         | Tianna C          |
| Charlie M         | Zara M            |
| Chloe J           | Zunaid H          |
| Connor W          | Chloe R           |
| Cristiana B       | Emmanuel F        |
| Eleanor A         | Isis R            |
| Evie F            | Jacob R           |
| Kelsea K          | Jake P            |
| Maria A           | Joshua G          |
| Olivia J          | Joshua P          |
| Prithviraj P      | Kenneth W         |
| Victoria K        | Matheesha F       |
| Angel G           | Ruby C            |
| Ashlei-Jae B      | Zoya H            |
| Beatriz M         | Aveena R          |
| Cristian A        | Chloe-May W       |
| Elsiana W         | Elliot O'N        |
| Helen T           | Fedia B           |
| Imara W           | Frankie H         |
| Inderpreet Kaur N | Lacee-Marie L     |
| James R           | Lucy H            |
| Jaycee K          | Rimsha M H        |
| Jensen W          | Amelia McCallum-C |
| Jewel R           | Huzaifah R        |
| Mackenzi M        | Keiran L          |
| Rowan R           | Kobey R           |
| Sapna G           | Mariam K          |
| Savannah P        | Maximus T         |
| Sophie K          | McKayla Anaya P   |
| Tamia Yon-G       | Megan T           |
| Vanessa-Bianca    | Molly D           |
| Florea B          | Oliver L          |
| Armaan S          | Paige S           |
| Charlotte T       | Shreyash B        |
| Ellie F           | Aaron R           |
| James H           | Ashwin B          |
| Kenji S           | Carey Z           |
| Kezra T           | Faith S           |
| Musab R           | Fifi A            |
| Pam T             | Gehan K           |
| Poppy B           | Harley T          |
| Ruben C           | Hasan U           |
| Scott H           | Kevin Z           |
| Troy C            | Lauren L          |
|                   | Mason V           |
|                   | Piper F           |
|                   | Riley-Mae A       |

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|--------------|----------------------|
| Andrei D     | Imsoong R            |
| Antonio P    | Michael D            |
| Barbara M    | Poppy A              |
| Caitlin W    | Tadiwa M             |
| Chloe E      | Zarah P              |
| Dua S        | Abirami S            |
| Ianis B      | Alicia K             |
| Izan d'S     | Brian Z              |
| Joshua I     | Brooke M             |
| Julia P      | Ellie R              |
| Logan M      | Ellie-Mae K          |
| Nishtha K    | Kacper G             |
| Shania D     | Kian D               |
| Yusuf Y      | Kristiyan K          |
| Aden B       | Maria Clara S        |
| Chastity G   | Megan O              |
| Chelsea H    | Nithin Arun P        |
| Ebonie C     | Parth S              |
| Iona d'S     | Pip W                |
| Jacob S      | Tume A               |
| Jewel P      | Vlance F             |
| Kooper E     | Andrey A             |
| Lanzo F      | Aysha A              |
| Paige F      | Cassie B             |
| Phoebe M     | Chardonnay P         |
| Riyad K      | Ella B               |
| Saniksha V   | Enada C              |
| Sophia B     | Felipe Morilha da S  |
| Alana R      | Imogen O             |
| Ashwin R     | Jasneet K            |
| Chelsea M    | Joannette M          |
| Christiana B | Kenzie M             |
| Cliward G    | Kyra K               |
| David O      | Libby M              |
| Erlisa K     | Mikolaj G            |
| Israel O     | Paige H              |
| Jayden S     | Shaaruhan P          |
| Leonie N     | Alexander D          |
| Mihaela M    | Aviel de M           |
| Nyeshia W    | Cameron E            |
| Shamarah F   | Honey B              |
| Theo McL     | lylah-May W          |
| Vagan R      | Jade M               |
| Alexander W  | Kailum S             |
| Anaya C      | Liam S               |
| Chloe Page-N | Lili D               |
| Chloeanne E  | Luana Felismino de G |
| Daniella T   |                      |
| Dominic P    | Marius D             |
| Evie R       | Millie S             |
| Gurjot S     | Tanishq P            |
| Imsoong R    | Victoria S           |

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Akarshan M      | Aliyah C       |
| Analie d'S      | Aniela I       |
| Archit K        | Bonnie B       |
| Avlon F         | Corey D        |
| Ellie-Mae P     | Deneeshiya B   |
| Emmanuel I      | Finley H       |
| Evie W          | Grace W        |
| Eymen A         | Kai S          |
| Jay W           | Lexi C         |
| Layla R         | Rebecca D-O    |
| Lita S          | Shirleen S     |
| Solomon O       | Addison F      |
| Zak Chaplin-J   | Aman W         |
| Aleksandra P    | Ashmitha N     |
| Cecilia C       | Ayana M        |
| Charlie B       | Dana E         |
| Deborah O-I     | Daniel R       |
| Jai M           | Evie H         |
| Lucas K         | George B       |
| Owen W          | Jakub B        |
| Peace C Okeke-A | Kye B          |
| Raguel S        | Rojithan S     |
| Simmi G         | Sophie C       |
| Tommy H         | Sreejith S     |
| Trinelle d'S    | Valencia R     |
| Aaliyah F       | Alfie C        |
| Aditya G        | Arnav P        |
| Caden A         | Caelan d'S     |
| Emily O'H       | Danny H        |
| Enzo K          | Haneen E       |
| Harshita Devi B | Heloisa P de S |
| Joshua Keene-B  | Iva A          |
| Lolita L        | Jacob P        |
| Malachi McC     | Katie F        |
| Musaddaq A      | Lilly-Anne S   |
| Rowan Rana-M    | Nicole D       |
| Snigdha D       | Nicole P       |
| Tamia M         | Shivani S      |
| Tyler O         | Tia H          |
| Adara B         |                |
| Adinath J       |                |
| Alisha K        |                |
| Amy-Lee S       |                |
| Chelsea W       |                |
| Esmee C         |                |
| Jasmine G       |                |
| Jimmy H         |                |
| Logan D         |                |
| Luca B          |                |
| Mathew P        |                |
| Prianna S       |                |
| Ugochukwu J     |                |
| Zak K           |                |

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|------------------|---------------|
| Abdul H          | Aben C        |
| Aoife K          | Deepika G     |
| Chung Yin C      | Gabriel B     |
| Deepsika G       | Indi-Mae C    |
| Emily B          | James C       |
| Emily R          | Saffron S     |
| Gnana V P        | Samir A       |
| Junaria C        | Sienna I      |
| Lilli Starmer E  | Veeksha C     |
| Lilly-Mae W      | Abigail S     |
| Maitri J         | Alexis E      |
| Robyn E          | Alicia P      |
| Samuel P-H       | Anthony-J T   |
| Sylvain F        | Ashley A      |
| Toby B           | Casey S       |
| Tyler R          | Daisy-May R   |
| Aaron S          | Ebony L B     |
| Aisha S          | Hayden C      |
| James S          | Isabelle B    |
| Kelsie May H     | Joel F        |
| Lexi-Mai L       | Kyisha G      |
| Lily-May D       | Lexie W       |
| Marcus P         | Megan B       |
| Peter U          | Miya C        |
| Rishitha M       | Oliver D      |
| Riya D           | Tori W        |
| Ruby D           | Aleksander L  |
| Shakkia L B      | Alfie C       |
| Sophie K         | Amarissa S    |
| Valencia P       | Amy V         |
| Annamaria U      | Armando B     |
| Bianca S         | Brisa L       |
| Ellie R          | Cat de C      |
| Gnana P          | Christopher A |
| Isabelly O       | Gia Q         |
| Jeshika G M      | Hailey W      |
| Lilly H          | Harry E       |
| Nazir S          | Leah C        |
| Ralfs P          | Lucifer S     |
| Ricardo Morris T | Mia C         |
| Spencer S        | Mirage S      |
| Sydney G         | Ruby P        |
| Zian N           | Timaima M     |
| Alex C           | Warwick 7     |
| Alexander P      | Warwick 7     |
| Aurora de A      | Warwick 7     |
| Caitlin R        | Warwick 7     |
| Connor M         | Warwick 7     |
| Fabio C          | Warwick 7     |
| Lydia M          | Warwick 7     |

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# General Uniform List

| Item                     | Standard Expected   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Blazer</b>            | Maroon academy blazer with academy badge. Sleeves must be worn at full length at all times.   |
| <b>Shirt</b>             | 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.  |
| <b>Trousers / Skirt</b>  | 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. <i>(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.)</i>   |
| <b>Tights/Socks</b>      | Should be black or natural. Socks should be black. Both tights and socks should be plain, not patterned.  |
| <b>Jumper (optional)</b> | An academy jumper can be worn under the academy blazer. This should have the College colour.  |
| <b>Tie</b>               | Each College has a different coloured stripe on the tie. Students must wear their tie at all times.   |
| <b>Footwear</b>          | 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. |



This week we will be focussing on skirts, trousers and black socks.  
 A reminder that we have new and pre-loved items for sale.  
 If there any issues with your child's skirt or trousers you will be contacted by your child's College Manager so that the issues can be addressed.  
 Uniform checks will be introduced into Roll Call from the first week back after Easter.

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

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>Trousers / Skirt</b> | 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. <i>(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.)</i> |
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A reminder to students that you are rewarded with Epostcards for demonstrating the Academy values of; Work Hard, Be Kind and Take Responsibility.

At the end of each term a draw is made on Epraise for each value, the students selected receive a £10 Amazon Voucher.

BE  
KIND

WORK  
HARD

TAKE  
RESPONSIBILITY



### Student Voice (Senior Council Mtg)

The Senior Council will be feeding back to students on Friday 24th March. Once feedback has been given students will be asked to discuss agenda items for the next cycle of the student voice which begins in Term 4. We will also be looking for different students to represent their Champion group at the College Council.

Here are the items the Senior Council will be feeding back on:

- Swindon Academy offer a huge range of after school clubs and enrichment activities, but which ones would you like to be offered?
- Swindon Academy is working towards being more environmentally friendly and working towards a sustainable future? Are there any recommendations on how the Academy can improve what is already being done?
- Swindon and the surrounding area are blessed with wonderful business and industry professionals. What industry talks would you want Swindon Academy to arrange to come in to speak to you?
- What has gone well during your SRE lessons last term?
- What would you like corridors during lesson changeovers to look like? One-way systems are staying.
- 100% club – What prizes would you like to see?

STUDENT  
VOICE

# 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

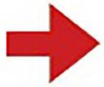
Or

- 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 Principal                        | .Wright   |
| Contacting Head Teacher                     | A.Lawrence L.Jordan   |
| Pastoral matters/Uniform                    | P.Pastoral or your child's College Manager<br><b>Bath</b> C.Roberts, <b>Cambridge</b> K.Nicholls,<br><b>Imperial</b> L. Quinn <b>Warwick</b> 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"> <li>• PE/Music/Drama/Dance <b>D.Boucher</b></li> <li>• Maths/Business Studies/CSc <b>L.Roche</b></li> <li>• English <b>E.Cole</b> or <b>D.Carryl</b></li> <li>• Science <b>L.Rowe</b></li> <li>• History <b>J.Rivers</b></li> <li>• Geography <b>C.Greenwood</b></li> <li>• RE/HSC <b>H.Green</b></li> <li>• Dt &amp; Art <b>L.Thomas</b></li> <li>• Spanish <b>A.Alvarez</b></li> </ul> |
| Champion (Tutor)                            | P.Pastoral or your child's College Champion<br><b>Bath</b> M.Jones <b>Cambridge</b> J.Higgins<br>Khan <b>Imperial</b> J.Capstick, <b>Warwick</b><br>C.Ganney  |
| Year 11                                     | <b>D.Boucher</b>  |