



69,571

80,733

82,620

78,468

Celebrating Success

21st November 2022

Sparx Maths XP Champions.
Students who achieved the most Extra Points by going above and beyond in their Maths homework last week

- Olivia K Warwick-1 3074 XP
- Ebony LB Warwick-6 2752 XP
- Phoebe M Cambridge-2 2335 XP
- Marius D Cambridge-7 1859 XP
- Shirleen S Imperial-5 1703 XP
- Olivia HB Bath-5 1664 XP
- Laila W Warwick-5 1594 XP
- Gabriel B Warwick-5 1575 XP
- Kian M Imperial-5 1520 XP
- Zian N Warwick-3 1349 XP
- Amy V Warwick-7 1291 XP
- Michael D Cambridge-4 1216 XP
- Annamaria U Warwick-3 1153 XP
- Abirami S Cambridge-5 1138 XP
- Summer R Warwick-4 1107 XP
- Aleksandra P Imperial-2 1024 XP
- Olivia J Bath-1 1014 XP
- Armaan S Bath-3 1013 XP
- Jasmine G Imperial-4 1012 XP
- Jewel R Bath-2 1010 XP
- Alexander D Cambridge-7 1010 XP
- Simmi G Imperial-2 1009 XP
- Ruby W Warwick-3 1009 XP
- Andrey A Cambridge-6 1003 XP

Who to Contact
see later pages

Getting in touch with the Academy

Value for Term 2: Kindness Driver: Gratitude

"Showing gratitude is one of the most simple yet most powerful things humans can do for each other"

Students in school everyday = 93.1% and 67% with 100% in Term 2

Attendance – Every minute MATTERS!!

It **GREAT** to see that our Attendance % is very slowly going up **BUT** we still need to improve .. Our school attendance % on a Monday and Friday could be **SO** much better. **"let's do it!"**

How will Attendance impact your GCSE?	
Attendance %	Effect of Attendance % on GCSE Grade
97% - 100%	+1.4
93% - 96.9%	-0.7
90% - 92.9%	-1.5
85% - 89.9%	-1.9
80% - 84.9%	-2.7
0% - 79.9%	-3.3

Academy Success

Congratulations to the Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils graduating from our Lexonik Reading Programme this week. Certificates will be issued to students over the coming week.



Congratulations to the year 8's named below for being the top pupils for learning behaviours.

Arnav P	12	Sarah-Maria C	10
Oliver D	10	Harry E	10
Aleksander L	10	Sophie C	9
Leonie N	9	David O	9
Savannah P	9	Alexander P	9
Armaan S	9		

100% @ the Academy -DONE

All pupils qualify for the 100% club at the start of each term. Pupils remain in the club for completing all prep, being in school everyday and a clear behaviour record. Pupils who achieve this for 2 terms go into a draw for a star prize. More on this next week.

Term 2
527 students
'On Track'



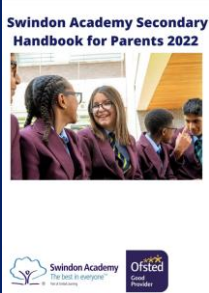
Term 1&2
470 students
'On Track'



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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



We had lots of activities for the Swindon Youth Festival of Literature. Year 8 had a trip to The Wyvern to see Matt Oldfield. HE Spoke passionately about fusing the worlds of football and writing. Showing us how to create a book from start to finish! He passionately read part of his new book to the students, and they eagerly waited to hear if Ronaldo would score for his country.

KS4 and KS5 Dance students had a fantastic opportunity to work with Mel Knott, Senior Lecturer at De Montfort University, to experience a taster day of what dance is like at University as well as look as current and past student, like myself, to see what BA Hons training routes they can take post 16. This will continue with the students going back to visit the university in the new year, meet the students and watch their end of year shows. We also will have this same experience in the new year with London Contemporary Dance school.



Assemblies

Our focus was on Children in Need and Anti-bullying this week. Biggest shout goes to Mr. Oke who got a bucket of food gunge tipped over him to raise money. What a great sport and he definitely deserved those cheers. In assembly. We also had activities at break and lunch to raise money including 'Just Dance' and an SA favorite - Karaoke.

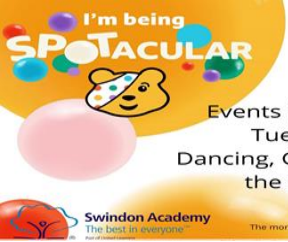


Sporting Results DBO

A brilliant performance from both our Year 8 and Year10/11 basketball teams this week. Our Year 8s played against Nova which resulted in a draw, and our Year10/11s gave a brilliant team performance, against a strong Highworth side, resulting in a 42-38 win. Well done to Trepil who scored 22 of the points for the team. Congratulations to all our Cross-Country runners this week who competed in the Swindon Cross Country Championships on an early Saturday morning. There were some excellent displays of grit, determination and enthusiasm from our runners and plenty of stand-out performances. Well done to Avi who is now through to represent Wiltshire in January.



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Children in Need
Every lunchtime donate & join in!
Events in the canopy from Tuesday to Friday incl. Dancing, Games, Karaoke & the famous cake sale...
Donate through Epraise or cash... Watch out for Friday's Assembly! The more money you raise the more gruesome the task for College Champions

Children in Need

On Friday our total stood at £400. Epraise is still open for any further donations. Thank you for your generosity.

World Cup

Students will be given the opportunity to watch the England v Iran match on Monday 21st. We will gather in the Main Hall and Sports Hall to cheer the teams on. Good luck to all the nations that are participating.



Pantomime

On Wednesday 14th December Y7 will be getting into the festive spirit with a visit to the Wyvern for a traditional family Pantomime. Oh yes we are!

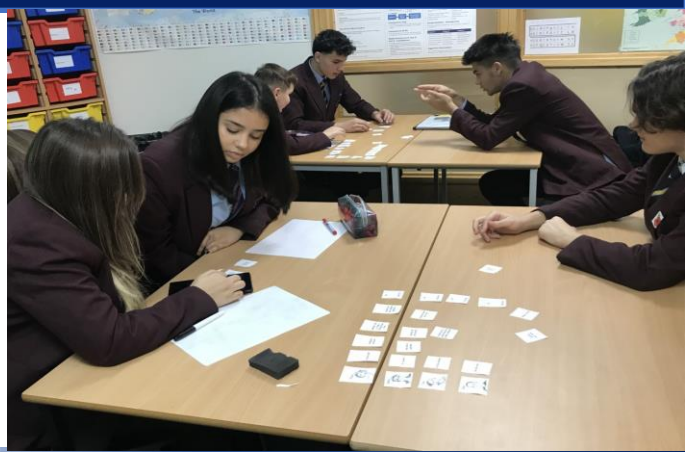
United College Sixth Form

PE students from 6th form had a trip to Bath University this week to visit their amazing sports facilities. They had a lecture on sport, exercise and health courses and got to try out some of the specialist equipment. It was hard work by the looks of it!



Introducing Ms Motte – Teacher of English as an Additional Language

I was born in France and came to the UK over 40 years ago to teach French. 16 years ago I qualified to teach English as an Additional language as my experience learning English as a foreigner will help me understand the difficulties a non-native speaker will encounter. For the last 6 years I have been at Swindon Academy teaching EAL. The classes are international. As well as teaching English language and culture I have learnt a lot about other countries and languages. I am very proud of my students and all they achieve through their hard work and dedication.



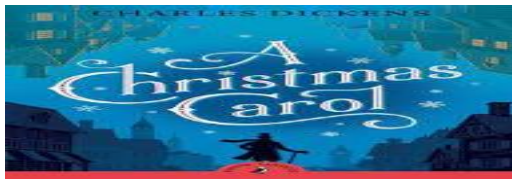
The week ahead @ the Academy

Paris Trip
 This week the first of two trips head off to Paris to enjoy some of the sights of the city, the Christmas Markets and Disneyland. Have a wonderful time.



Year 11 & 13 Certificate Collection
 A reminder that pupils who took their GCSE's and A Levels this Summer can collect their certificates on Wed 23rd November between 4.30pm-5.30pm

Christmas Carol Y11
 This Tuesday year 11 will watch a performance of A Christmas Carol and will spend the rest of the day studying 'A Christmas Carol' in preparation for their English GCSE next summer.



Bath Philharmonia are in on Friday this week to work with 7GS on a Creative Music Workshop. Bath Philharmonia is a family of musicians dedicated to making orchestral music part of our lives. We look forward to seeing what our students can produce in a day!



Wellbeing Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cheerleading	Fitness suite	Canvas making	Card Making
EAL Support	Keyboard Club	Cooking	Chemistry Drop-in
KS4&5 Football	KS3 Basketball	Climbing	Table Tennis
Woodwind Club	KS3 Netball	Darts	SEND drop in
	Spanish Spelling Bee	Drama	KS&5 Street Dance
	Young Carers	KS3 Football	

A full list of Term 2 clubs can be found on: Epraise – Community – Activities. Sign up today!

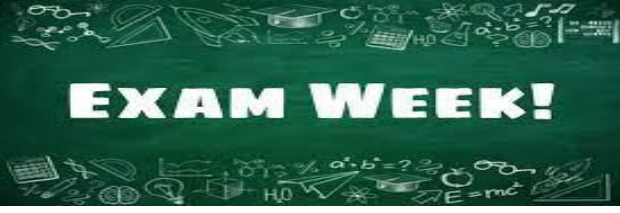
Looking ahead

November
 Monday 21st - World Cup fever @ the Academy.
 Wednesday 23rd - Year 11 & 13 Cohort 2022-can collect Exam Certificates 4pm-5pm
 Friday 25th - Year 7 GS Music Event
 Tuesday 29th - Battle of the Bands

December
 Tuesday 13th December: Marlborough College Carol Service (yr7) & Christmas by Candlelight
 Wednesday 14th December: Year 7 visit the Wyvern Panto.
 Thursday 15th December: Christmas Lunch @ the Academy
 Friday December 16th: End of Term. We will close at 1.20pm

Academy News

Last week was Anti-Bullying week, students discussed this important issue in Time2Talk during Champion Time. Students explored how we can be kind to one another and take responsibility for how we treat others. A reminder to parents and students that you can report any bullying concerns using the 'I would like help with' function on Epraise.



1 week to go until Exam Week. Exams for all year groups start on Monday 28th November. Please encourage your child(ren) to revise and prepare for these exams. The results will determine sets for after Christmas.

Have you booked your tickets yet! Limited tickets available now. Book now to avoid disappointment.

SA will be celebrating Christmas on Thursday 15th December. The elves are coming to town. All will be revealed.

Short Story Competition

Well done to all champion groups for taking part in Swindon Academy's short story competition. A special well done to Imperial 4 for coming first, Cambridge 4 for coming second, Warwick 7 for coming third and Bath 6 for taking the fourth position!

Trapped Souls by Imperial 4
Screaming silently. Bound in a world unknown. Searching for their freedom. Trapped souls that bled agony unveiling a life unlived. Captured for eternity. The serpentine roots stretched up to take its next victim. This is the tree of untold stories.

Cambridge 4
His tyrannical wrath shook the water. Clouds stacked on top like bodies; war was about to begin. Bodies disappeared like sounds dissipating into the surroundings. Their empty souls were deafeningly quiet. Bloodshot eyes. Crimson skin. Devilish hunger. Could Gurjot survive?

Dark Sky by Warwick 7
He gloated, in the depth of the starry sky,
The fluorescent smell filled him whilst the peacefulness surrounded him whole,
The sky was a mystical maze,
So much depth, yet so little knowledge of the world.

The last Chance
By Bath 6
The Black hole pulled Johnny in closer, its gravity tugging. Johnny could feel the blazing heat as he was dragged in. Suddenly, a force clasped him, wrenching him away. "NO!", he shouted. That was the last chance. It's over forever.....

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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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Emergency Contact

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

- Epraise message P.Pastoral

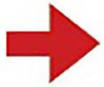
Or

- 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