

**Getting in touch
with the
Academy**

**Celebrating Success
17th July 2023**

**Who to Contact-
see later pages**



Value for Term 5: Responsibility

Driver: Accountability

100 Club End of year Celebration on Tuesday 25th July

Progress Report

Thank you for attending PRD and for your support this year.

Your feedback and queries will be responded to before we break up.

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Before buying uniform ready for September, please make sure you check the Uniform and Equipment Expectations, found online here: <https://www.swindon-academy.org/secondary/secondary-uniform>



Please take note the changes highlighted in **yellow**:

- Skirts now must be pleated
- We will only allow stud piercings - no hoops, rings, bars, chains.
- A reminder that students must wear black school shoes.

General Uniform List

Blazer*:	Swindon Academy maroon blazer with logo.
Tie*:	Students must wear their tie at all times. Colleges have different coloured stripes on their ties.
Jumper: (optional)	A plain navy V neck jumper can be worn under the blazer
Shirt:	A plain blue, long or short-sleeved shirt suitable for a tie. There must be a top button on the shirt with a stiffened collar. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
Trousers/Skirt:	Plain black tailored trousers (no denim, Lycra, cords, combats, leggings, jean style, skinny fit or tracksuits), or a black pleated skirt of an appropriate length.
Socks/tights:	Plain black — no patterns
Footwear:	Plain black school shoes. No trainers, high heels, wedges, sandals or boots.

* Starred items must be purchased from Monkhouse Schoolwear Specialists (monkhouse.com)

PE Uniform List

Outdoor :

- Swindon Academy Navy Polo Shirt * (College colour specific)
- Swindon Academy Hoody* or Rugby shirt (optional)
- Navy Blue Skort/ shorts or Navy Tracksuit Bottoms (plain)
- Long Navy Blue Socks
- Shin Pads
- Moulded Football Boots (recommended)
- Swindon Academy Rain Jacket* (optional)
- Sports Trainers
- Gum Shield (recommended)

All jewellery must be removed for PE and long hair tied up.

Indoor:

- Academy Navy Polo Shirt* (College colour specific)
- Navy Blue Skort or shorts
- Long Navy Blue Socks

Accessories and Make-Up

Makeup, Nails, Jewellery:

Jewellery should be minimal and not break health and safety rules. **Only stud earrings and nose studs are allowed.** No other form of piercing jewellery is allowed.

Nails must be of a natural colour and a sensible length for school activities. Any use of makeup should be discreet. Hair should be kept in a natural colour and sensible style for school. We do not permit extreme styles or colours.

Equipment List

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Students are expected to bring a bag to school that is big enough to contain an A4 folder, their books and equipment. It is expected they should have their PE kit with them on days they have PE. A PE kit bag is recommended.

Equipment

- We expect every student to bring the following to school every day:
- **Knowledge Organiser** for the term.
 - **A Resource Pack**, containing a whiteboard, black drywipe marker pen, a whiteboard rubber and a glue stick.
 - **A large clear pencil case** containing the items shown below:



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



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 allowed to leave the site so they need to bring everything they need for the day. Students need to 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





On Thursday 20th July we will be revealing our **College Championship winners!!** Which college will take the crown and win the 2023 Championships! Bath had the lead at the end of Term5, with Warwick closely in 2nd... but will another college snatch the lead...**all to be revealed on Thursday!**



It's almost time!



WHO WILL IT BE?

This week, Year 7 have been learning more about how to protect and care for their local environment and the people who live in our community. They have been getting involved in 10 different activities to improve the environment for local wildlife as well as giving back to local residents.

Holiday at home



Big Lunch



Forest



Tree Decorations



Gardening



Little Libraries



Pinehurst Funday



Bug Hotels



Potty Painters







Year 9 ABC Week 2023

Sports and Team Building with some added glow!



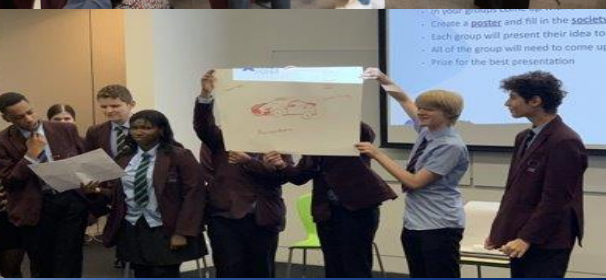


Students of the Week and Team Year 9

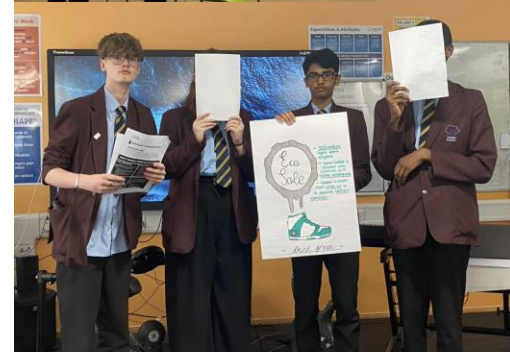
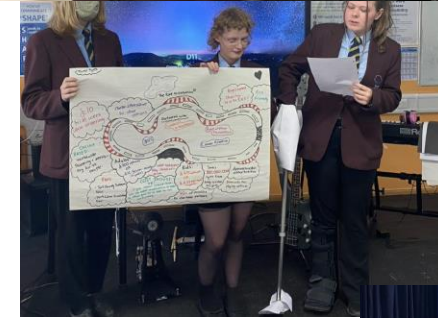




- **Monday-** Guest speakers, Employability workshops, Unifrog
- **Tuesday-** Trips to the University and College
- **Wednesday-** Enterprise Challenge
- **Thursday-** Interview workshops, industry talks, Careers Fair
- **Friday-** CV's and mock interviews



• Create a poster and fill in the societies
• Each group will present their idea to
• All of the group will need to come up
• Prize for the best presentation



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Sixth Form News – ABC WEEK

Monday – Teamwork

The sessions on Monday were all about building the Year 12s teamwork skills. In the morning they had the motivational speaker Cam Parker followed by a team skills presentation. To build on this students worked as teams to complete some tricky problem-solving tasks, working with people in their year group whom they usually wouldn't work with. The day ended with a problem solving and presentation workshop.

Tuesday – Problem Solving

One Tuesday, students worked all day in their groups to solve a worked based problem. They had a HR Problem, a Diversity Problem or a Strategy Challenge to solve in their groups. They had to perform a SWOT analysis of the companies and then work out how they would solve their problem before presenting to the rest of the year. All groups did brilliantly and really understood the challenge they had taken on.

Wednesday – Dragon's Den

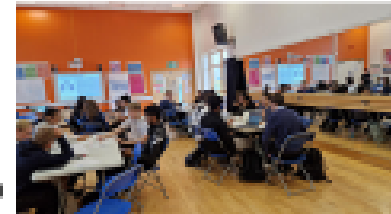
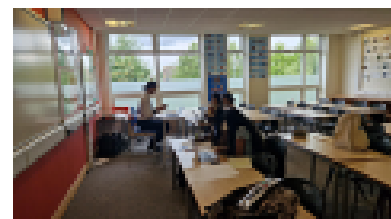
This day was all about business, with the help of the brilliant Project Platform. In their teams, students worked through different stages to help them create a good or service that they would have liked investment in. Students discussed ideas, different roles within in companies and salaries, they thought about marketing and profits before presenting their business to the Dragon's. We had some amazing ideas from a cocktail making vending machine to an AI collar that helped you understand what your pet was saying.

Thursday – Careers

In these sessions, students received a presentation on interview skills and the do's and don'ts of a good interview, thinking about using the STAR method. They also had talks from Ask Apprentices and Oxford Brookes University about the different next paths in life. Then in the afternoon students had the opportunity to go to a range of talks from different industries such as the police, solicitors, childcare professionals and the RAF.

Friday – Interview Time

To finish off the week, Year 12s created their own professional LinkedIn profile to help them connect with professionals when they start in the big wide world and then practiced their own elevator pitch to help sell themselves in 30 seconds. Then to finish off, students had a mock interview with some a range of different employers who asked them a range of questions. All students did brilliantly and were dressed the part!



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



ABC week for Year 10s

Thankyou to all year 10 students and staff for making it a fabulous event. This is the first ABC week I have been involved in since working here, I have enjoyed it very much. Looking forward to working with all students in the future to talk everything career related. Ms King :-)



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

ABC Week Memories..... Well Done Year 10



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WHAT'S COMING UP?

Date	Event	Date	Event
18 th July	Sports Day	05.09.23	Year 7 return 8.20am
19 th July	Progress review Day	06.09.23	Year 11 return 8.20am
25 th July	Last day of term – school finishes at 1.20pm	07.09.23	UCSF Return 8.20am
17.08.23 24.08.23	A Level Results GCSE Results	08.09.23	Year 10 return 8.20am
		11.09.23	Year 8 and Year 9 Return

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

Smoothing and exploitation

Online Safety

REAL LOVE LOCALS

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.

Believe in children
Barnardo's

Please email safestreets@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/sbc/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/>).

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