



Celebrating Success

28th November 2022

Sparx Reader Champions
Students with over 13000 points on Sparx Reader since September

Bath 1 Charlie A 63602 Points
 Bath 1 Jaylon T 15799 Points
 Bath 2 Jensen W 19240 Points
 Bath 3 Armaan S 24259 Points
 Bath 4 Jacob R 14438 Points
 Bath 6 Ivelina S 17708 Points
 Bath 6 Mariam K 17980 Points
 Bath 6 Shreyash B 14236 Points
 Bath 7 Faith S 14882 Points
 Bath 7 Harley T 37909 Points
 Bath 7 Kevin Z 14552 Points
 Bath 7 Piper F 14256 Points
 Cambridge 2 Chastity G 14392 Points
 Cambridge 3 Mileka D 18093 Points
 Cambridge 4 Chelsea C 15129 Points
 Cambridge 5 Abirami S 15432 Points
 Cambridge 5 Alicia K 29774 Points
 Cambridge 6 Andrey A 14776 Points
 Cambridge 6 Joannette M 18396 Points
 Cambridge 7 Aviane M 14572 Points
 Cambridge 7 Kooper E 20388 Points
 Cambridge 7 Marius D 40208 Points
 Imperial 1 Jayden S 18797 Points
 Imperial 1 Layla R 15347 Points
 Imperial 2 Raguel S 16881 Points
 Imperial 3 Aditya G 30831 Points
 Imperial 3 Harshita Devi B 17255 Points
 Imperial 4 Amy-Lee S 20204 Points
 Imperial 4 Chelsea W 14026 Points
 Imperial 7 Jacob P 21106 Points
 Imperial 7 Shivani S 24476 Points
 Warwick 1 Isadora Costa H 22513 Points
 Warwick 1 Rosina W 17075 Points
 Warwick 2 James S 14605 Points
 Warwick 3 Bianca S 15014 Points
 Warwick 3 Isadora P 18807 Points
 Warwick 5 Gabriel B 14502 Points
 Warwick 6 Bethany P 22771 Points
 Warwick 6 Daisy-May R 14113 Points
 Warwick 6 Oliver D 27599 Points
 Warwick 7 Harry E 15283 Points
 Warwick 7 Mirage S 14798 Points

Value for Term 2: Kindness
 ‘showing consideration for the needs of other people’

Driver: Thoughtfulness

Academy Success:

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Congratulations to the year 9’s named below for being the top pupils for learning behaviours.

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| Beatriz M 11 | Riley A 9 |
| Affifah A 10 | Eric C 9 |
| Ruben C 10 | Troy C 9 |
| Rebecca D-O 10 | Zunaid H 9 |
| Cameron E 10 | Elle-Mae K 9 |
| Gnana P 10 | Nishtha K 9 |
| Deepsika G 10 | Elle-Mae L 9 |
| Maisie T10 | McKayla P 9 |
| | Paige S 9 |

**Who to Contact-
 see later pages**

100% @ the Academy

Term 2 we have 449 students ‘On Track’

Term 1&2 409 students ‘On Track’ for 100 Club



**Getting in touch
 with the
 Academy**



Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

Useful information

UPDATED Parent Handbook for 2022-23
Click below

Swindon Academy Secondary Handbook for Parents 2022



Uniform/Equipment Handbook. Click below



Uniform & Equipment Expectations



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

EPRaise INFORMATION BOOKLET



Last week @ the Academy

On Tuesday, year 11 enjoyed a festive day of revision! We started our day with a two-hour performance from Initiate Theatre: they adapted 'A Christmas Carol' into a play and held a question-and-answer session at the end. The students very much enjoyed revising the plot and characters as well as finding out about careers in acting! For the rest of the day, year 11 worked extremely hard with their class teachers to revise the novella in detail. They impressed us with how much they remembered from last year and were engaged and positive throughout the day. Well done year 11!



World Cup COE It sure was coming home at SA on Monday. The big screens were down for a whole-school gathering to watch England's first World Cup win.

Year 7 Grammar Stream students took part in a creative music workshop on Friday 25th November with Bath Philharmonic musical director Jason Thornton where they created 'mood' music based around the theme of Nature. Students composed 2 original pieces of music, Enchanted Forest and We are Swindon.



University of Reading

This week Year 7 Grammar Stream had their first workshop with Reading University as part of our involvement in their Ignite Programme. They were given a talk on Higher Education which covered topics such as student finance, access to Higher Education and misconceptions about university. We will be following this up with a day trip to Reading University in February 2023.

Sporting Results

The Year 7 girls experienced their first secondary football tournament this week at host Abbeypark. The girls worked brilliantly together displaying some excellent passages of play.



An incredible performance from our Year 10/11 basketball team – winning 50-20 against Lawn Manor this week.



A big congratulations to our Year 7 boys football team. The boys won their match this week 6-3 against a strong Corsham side.



Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

Driver = Gratitude

Definition = the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
noun

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

Randy Pausch



Work Hard - Kindness - Responsibility

Assemblies this week focussed on our fortnightly driver 'Gratitude'. Students were asked to think about what they are grateful for and how they can show gratitude to one another. Our Remembrance service and Children in Need day demonstrated how we have shown our gratitude to as an Academy.



Our Christmas activities start next week in Champion Time, students will be creating Christmas Jumpers for their Champion to wear in a catwalk! Which member of staff will be 'strutting their stuff' to victory and gaining critical college points!

United College Sixth Form LDO

Year 11 1-1 Post 16 interviews

Over the last 2 weeks year 11's have been having their interviews for UCSF as well as Guidance interviews on their next steps. These interviews will continue this term and will be supported by Jess Hill from Study higher. We've really enjoyed talking to the students about their future plans and their high aspirations.

Exams

Next week all students in sixth Form will be taking exams. For year 12 this will be their first proper set of exams for their A'levels taken in the hall. For year 13 these are really important exams as they form the basis of the predicted grades that are used on student UCAS applications. Any students who miss any exams will be expected to sit the exam at the earliest opportunity.

Careers talk from Great Western Hospital

This week Sixth formers and year 11 had the opportunity to listen to a talk from Jacqueline Fawcett on working in the health sector. Jaqueline talked through the different routes in to health care and took questions from students



Coming up next week - Interested in a career in technology? We have a talk from Renishaw a technology and innovation company. Wednesday 30th 3.45 in Sixth Form. The talk is open to year 10-13 contact Ms Eldred

This week in Sixth Form

All students enjoyed celebrating England's first win on Monday
In Up for discussion students in year 13 debated the positives and negatives on debating the World cup in Qatar, students in year 12 looked at the importance of evaluating evidence in effective debating. In Assemblies both 12 and 13 they learnt about managing their stress levels in the run up to their exam period

Introducing Mr. Burton @ the Academy ALA



My name is Mr. Burton. I am a new teacher in the Science department and have started my journey in teaching this year. I have always had the tendency to ask "why?", feeling inclined to figure out how the world around me works. I went on to specialise in Physics, a subject which aims to explain all things, as big as the universe and as small as a quark. I am very passionate about Physics, and Science in general. Teaching science at Swindon Academy, I hope to inspire some students to get stuck in with their Science, exploring how vast and exciting the subject is.




WARWICK and **BATH** are Joint COLLEGE attendance winners this week!



EVERY DAY COUNTS


School and future success starts with good attendance!

DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...



3 DAYS LOST	6 DAYS LOST	10 DAYS LOST
5 MINUTES LATE 15 hours lost to learning	10 MINUTES LATE 30 hours lost to learning	15 MINUTES LATE 50 hours lost to learning

Remember
Your education is important - don't miss out!



100%
Your attendance is excellent!
Our target for all students

97% Well done!	6 DAYS ABSENCE 30 hours lost to learning You're on the right path for success, keep it up!
95% We're concerned	10 DAYS ABSENCE 50 hours lost to learning A poor attendance gives you less chance of success.
90% Seriously worried	19 DAYS ABSENCE 95 hours lost to learning Very poor attendance has a serious impact on your education and may reduce your life choices.



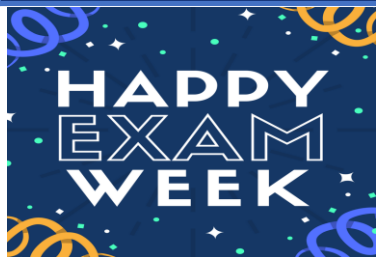
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WEEKLY TUTOR CHAMPIONS
1st – Warwick 3
2nd – Imperial 7
3rd - Bath 3

So does Punctuality.....

Being late for school has a negative impact learning.
Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning.
Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted.
Students need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work.

Attending School regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.



Starts today. Our students have been well prepared for these exams. They need to approach the exams with confidence and show their teachers what they know! Results will be on the Full Academy Report that you will receive at our Progress Review Day in January. Sets will be updated over Christmas ready for our return to Term 3 in the New Year.

On Thursday 1st December Year 7 Grammar students are going to Marlborough College to attend a talk on 'Gases in Air'. Experiments will be demonstrated with liquid nitrogen (a very cold liquid), dry ice (solid carbon dioxide), oxygen, acetylene, hydrogen and helium. There will be some loud bangs and some setting fire to materials.



Please join us to celebrate and enjoy the musical talent we have at the academy. Not to be missed!

Wellbeing Activities @ the Academy Term 2

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	

Please go to Epraise – Community – Activities for a full list of clubs on offer during Term 2.

Looking ahead ALA

Tuesday 29th November- Battle of the Bands
 Tuesday 13th December- Marlborough College Carol Service (yr7)
 Tuesday 13th December - 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
 3rd and 4th January – Training Days – school closed to pupils
 Tuesday 5th January – all pupils return to school – normal school hours
 Thursday 12th January – Progress Review Day
 Wednesday 1st February – Staff CPD – school finishes at 1.20pm

9th and 10th February – School Show
 'A Midsummer Nights Dream'
 10th February – end of term 3

The Christmas Epraise Shop is now up and running. Students can exchange their well-earned points for Christmas Presents for their families. This year our staff have awarded nearly 80,000 points an average of 75 points per student. These points recognise all students demonstrating our values of Hard Work, Kindness and responsibility.



♥ J'adore Paris ♥

As you are reading this, a group of 40 Swindon Academy students from years 8 – 10 have just returned from another magical trip to Paris and Disneyland. Highlights included visiting Montmartre, Paris's oldest area with its quaint streets and little souvenir shops, sightseeing from the 56th floor of Paris's tallest tower, the Tour Montparnasse, Christmas shopping in the Christmas Market near the Louvre as well as a visit to Disneyland. It really was an action-packed non-stop adventure.

Year 8 student: I was really nervous as it was my first time abroad. I've always wanted to visit Disneyland and going to Paris was very exciting.
Year 8 student: Seeing the Eiffel Tower in real life is something special, it's so much bigger than you imagine - it was like a dream come true.
We hope everyone had a "bon voyage"!

Trainee teacher visits to Marlborough College
Trainee teachers from Swindon Academy went to Marlborough College last week to experience teaching and learning in a very different setting. Mr. Burton, Ms Martin, Mr. Grant, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Williams and Miss Spindler all spend a day in the science, Pe, Languages and English Departments over the course of the week. Staff reported the visits were highly useful and gave them a new perspective.



Year 7 have been working on Counterbalances in their PE Lessons. They have been working really hard and have produced some impressive results. They are extremely supportive of one another which makes the lessons extremely enjoyable and purposeful. Ms Stevens is really proud of them.

Medication

Following a direction from Swindon Borough Council, we are only allowed to give out medication to pupils with a Health Care Plan or are on prescription from the GP. If we currently have medication in school, this is in reception for collection. Any medication not collected by 3rd December will be disposed of.



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Creative Writing

Year 7 and 8 Category - 2nd place to Chelsea W for 'Nature'

Year 9 – 11 Category - 3rd place Owen W for 'TIME IS AGAINST US'.

Poetry

Year 7 and 8 Category - 3rd Place Lauren L for Illustration

Year 9 – 11 Category - 1st place Sydney G

All students who received 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in any of the competition are also invited to the celebration event on 1st December.

More information about this will be sent to you this week.

Congratulations everyone, we are really proud of you.



On Friday 18th November, six students were chosen by the English Department for their phenomenal knowledge of books. These students were enrolled as the Swindon Academy Book Quiz Team. The members of the Swindon Academy Quiz Team were: Vagan R, Destiny-Leigh C, Charlie A, Piper F, Kobey R and Maitri J. The team accompanied the Librarian to Ridgway School to take part in the Interschool Book Quiz against sixteen other schools. Our quiz team worked together to pitch their wits against other teams from other schools. The students enthusiastically match book covers with titles, descriptions with book characters and applied their literacy knowledge to general questions all in a bid to gain points for Swindon Academy. It was the first time that any out the students had tried this new experience. Their energy level and their 'willing to try' attitude was fantastic and a real credit to our school. Although the students did not gain one of the top three places in the competition, the scores were very close.

As promised here is the information and photos for The Swindon Literacy Festival Performance Poet Year 7 Event.

As part of the celebrations for the Swindon Literacy Festival, on Friday 18th November Year 7 had a visit from the spelling bounding Performance Poet, Ash Dickinson.

Year 7 were captivated by the Ash's poems about football, the war on Jelly and Shadow-Boxing Snowflakes. The students were even able to develop their own poetry writing skills as part of Ash's sessions by coming up with their own four-line rhyme. Ash was able to walk amongst the Year 7 students to offer advice and guidance to the students while some of the more confident student poets amongst them read their poems aloud to the whole Year group.

It was a very inspiring session to encourage poetry amongst the students in an entertaining presentation.



Many football fans will know that it is World Cup session. To encourage reading amongst the student football fans, a group of forty-four selected Year 8 students were invited to see the famous football author Matt Oldfield preform at the Wyvern Theatre on Monday 14th November. Matt Oldfield is most famous for his Ultimate Football Heroes book series that tells the true stories of famous footballer's lives such as Messi, Ronaldo and Kane. The students listen intently to Matt's true tales about famous football legends and true events that had happened on the pitch. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their football knowledge and see how a passion for a topic can motivate their desire to read around the subject. Not every reader can be a passionate football fan, but every football fan might want to read about their favourite football legend.



Getting in touch with the Academy



How to Access EPRAISE:

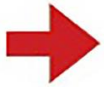
- Go to Google search Epraise log in/search
- Please select your school/choose Swindon Academy Secondary
- Go to parents/enter your email (must be the one given to the Academy) & leave password blank.
- You will then receive an email and follow instructions.
- You can also download the Epraise App

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

**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 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