

Getting in touch
with the
Academy

Celebrating Success
26th June 2023

Who to Contact-
see later pages



Value for Term 5: Responsibility

Driver: Accountability

100 Club @ the Academy



42 students on
Track for Bronze



128 students on
Track for Silver



142 students on
Track for Gold

280 students on Track for Termly Award

*Year 11 are no longer included in these figures

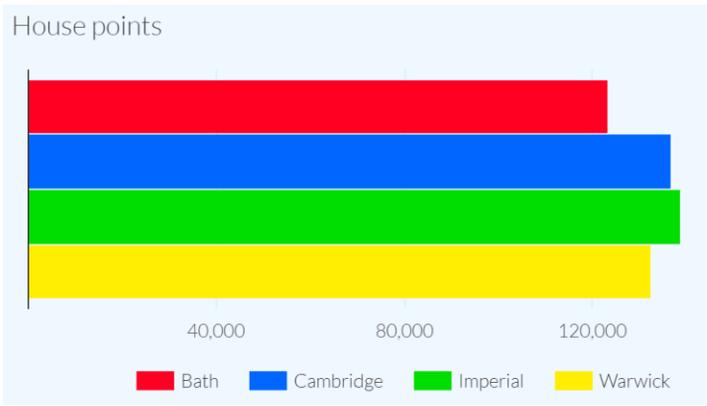
Roll Draw Celebrations

A different Roll Draw this week as we have moved to Radio Roll Call due to the exams. It wasn't the same not having all the students in the Sports Hall, but we still managed 4 spins of the wheel with the students listening together in reading groups.

Congratulation to this week's winners,
100% Behaviour - Leon C
Top 100 E-Praise Points - Timaima M
Science Prep Completion - Archit K
Bedrock Completion - Olivia K



Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility



BA = 123,349 CA = 136,748 IM = 138,824 WA = 132,380

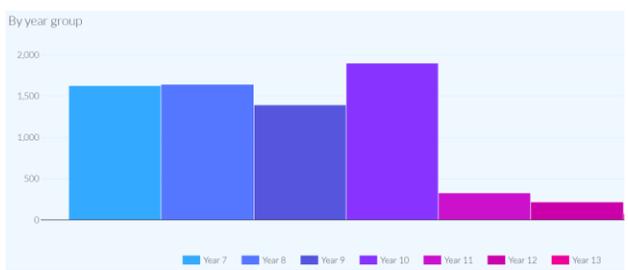
Champion Group Winners,
 Least Demerits - **Imperial 7**
 Most Points - **Warwick 6**
 Best Attendance - **Imperial 7**



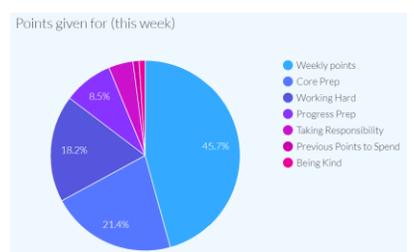
Congratulations to the top students in the Academy this week

Top students	This week
1. Isis Riley (Bath 4) (625)	1. Lexi Smart (Warwick 6) (31)
2. Enzo Kramer (Imperial 3) (624)	2. Paige Hearn (Cambridge 6) (25)
3. Zak Chaplin-Jamil (Imperial 1) (565)	2. Isis Riley (Bath 4) (25)
4. Shamarah Fernandes (Cambridge 3) (562)	4. Alexander Whitaker (Cambridge 4) (23)
5. Kenji Sherchan (Bath 3) (554)	5. Libby Mackie (Cambridge 4) (22)
5. Cassie Baker (Cambridge 6) (554)	6. Chung Yin Cheung (Warwick 4) (21)
7. Lucifer Smart (Warwick 7) (530)	7. Shamarah Fernandes (Cambridge 3) (20)
8. Caden Alderton (Imperial 3) (519)	8. Zak Chaplin-Jamil (Imperial 1) (19)
9. Alexander Whitaker (Cambridge 4) (517)	8. Keiran Leddy (Bath 6) (19)
9. Chloeanne Ealey (Cambridge 4) (517)	10. Maria Trasca (Bath 3) (18)

Congratulations to Year 10 who have the highest points total over the last 7 days with 1,902 points.



Points given this week



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

COLLEGE	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
	12	22	44
	7	39	29
	15	31	33
	6	36	36

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

- BATH - 2**
- CAMBRIDGE - 3,4 & 5**
- IMPERIAL - 7**
- WARWICK - 2**

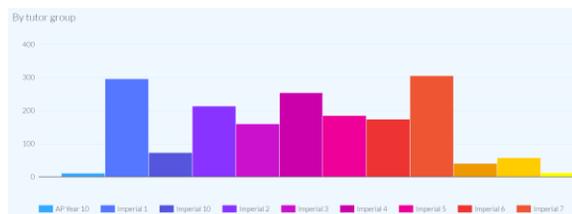


Imperial Student Successes

Congratulations to the top students in Imperial College this week

Top students	This month
1. Pratiksha Punmagar (2061)	1. Caden Alderton (63)
2. Emma Harper (1975)	2. Haneen Eldegail (56)
3. Jasmina Chaplin-Jamil (1811)	3. Grace Watson (55)
4. Ugochukwu John (1745)	3. Joshua Phelps (55)
5. Shajanu Arulnathan (1555)	5. Jasmine Gutierrez (54)
6. Prianna Sandhu (1542)	6. Adinath Jagath (53)
7. Naimh Hutchison (1527)	6. Addison Fernandes (53)
8. Deborah Omorodion-Itua (1514)	6. Tia Hackman (53)
9. Zak Knight (1503)	6. Nicole Pham (53)
10. Keeley Bennett (1441)	6. Chelsea Whatcott (53)

Congratulations to Imperial 7 for having the most E-Praise Points. 305 Points in the last 7 days.



Exam Weeks for all Year 7-10 and 12 starts next week.

These exams are important, not just to show how much students are progressing but also help us decide sets for next year.

We know how disappointed students can be if they do move sets. Yet, the best way to avoid this is by working hard in lessons, revising for exams and students trying their best in these end of year exams.



CLICK the images below to find the revision guides and exam timetables

Year 7

Year 7
Revision Guide for Summer Exams 2023

Climbing the mountain to success - one step at a time

Date	Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday 19 June 2023							
Tuesday 20 June 2023							
Wednesday 21 June 2023							
Thursday 22 June 2023							
Friday 23 June 2023							
Saturday 24 June 2023							
Sunday 25 June 2023							
Monday 26 June 2023							
Tuesday 27 June 2023							
Wednesday 28 June 2023							
Thursday 29 June 2023							

Year 9

Year 9
Revision Guide for Summer Exams 2023

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Monday 19 June 2023							
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Wednesday 21 June 2023							
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Saturday 24 June 2023							
Sunday 25 June 2023							
Monday 26 June 2023							
Tuesday 27 June 2023							
Wednesday 28 June 2023							
Thursday 29 June 2023							

Year 8

Year 8
Revision Guide for Summer Exams 2023

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Monday 19 June 2023							
Tuesday 20 June 2023							
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Thursday 22 June 2023							
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Sunday 25 June 2023							
Monday 26 June 2023							
Tuesday 27 June 2023							
Wednesday 28 June 2023							
Thursday 29 June 2023							

Year 10

Year 10
Revision Guide for Summer Exams 2023

Climbing the mountain to success - one step at a time

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Wednesday 28 June 2023							
Thursday 29 June 2023							

BEDROCK prep Champions - Well done to all students below who received their Bedrock Prep Points last week

Bath	Camb	Imperial	Warwick
Charlie M, B1	Antonio P, C1	Akarshan M, I1	Abdul H, W1
Chloe J, B1	Izan d'S, C1	Anali d'S, I1	Chung Yin C, W1
Oliver M, B1	Josh P, C1	Archit K, I1	Deepsika G, W1
Victoria K, B1	Nishtha K, C1	Ellie-Mae P, I1	Junaria C, W1
Beatriz M, B2	Pranjal P, C1	Eymen A, I1	Maitri J, W1
Elsiana W, B2	Samuel P, C1	Grishma G, I1	Olivia K, W1
Inderpreet Kaur N, B2	Shania D, C1	Zak Chaplin-J, I1	Toby B, W1
James R, B2	Teena J, C1	Arpit K, I2	Aaron S, W2
Jensen W, B2	Aden B, C2	Jai M, I2	Chung Yan Anneka C, W2
Jewel R, B2	Iona d'S, C2	Lucas K, I2	Izabelle A, W2
Savannah P, B2	Jewel P, C2	Raguel S, I2	James S, W2
Sophie K, B2	Phoebe M, C2	Tommy H, I2	Marcus P, W2
Armaan S, B3	Israel O, C3	Aditya G, I3	Rishitha M, W2
Ellie F, B3	Jayden S, C3	Caden A, I3	Riya D, W2
Kenji S, B3	Kimberly D, C3	Enzo K, I3	Annamaria U, W3
Musab R, B3	Leonie N, C3	Malachi McC, I3	Bianca S, W3
Pam T, B3	Mihaela M, C3	Snigan D, I3	Eric C, W3
Ruben C, B3	Mileka D, C3	Adinath J, I4	Gnana P, W3
Ruwin F, B3	Shamarah F, C3	Chelsea W, I4	Isabelly O, W3
Tegan Edwards-N, B3	Vagan R, C3	Jasmine G, I4	Lilly H, W3
Tianna C, B3	Alexander W, C4	Jimmy H, I4	Nazir S, W3
Zunaid H, B3	Anaya C, C4	Logan D, I4	Ricardo Morris T, W3
Emmanuel F, B4	Anna D, C4	Corey D, I5	Aurora de A, W4
Isis R, B4	Evie R, C4	Deneeshiya B, I5	Gabriel B, W5
Jacob R, B4	Luca C, C4	Grace W, I5	Menorah P, W5
Jessica K, B4	Michael D, C4	Kai S, I5	Anthony-James/aj T, W6
Joshua G, B4	Owen S, C4	Kian M, I5	Harley V, W6
Kenneth W, B4	Poppy A, C4	Lexi C, I5	Hayden C, W6
Sylvester A, B4	Abirami S, C5	Rebecca Douglas-O, I5	Isabelle B, W6
Asma K, B5	Ellie-Mae K, C5	Seka K, I5	Joel F, W6
Aveena R, B5	Kacper G, C5	Addison F, I6	Kayla K, W6
Elliot O'N, B5	Tume A, C5	Ashmitha N, I6	Lukas M, W6
Leticia V, B5	Vlance F, C5	Ayana M, I6	Megan B, W6
Olivia Hicks-P, B5	Andrey A, C6	Daniel R, I6	Oliver D, W6
Keiran L, B6	Cassie B, C6	Jakub B, I6	Tori W, W6
Kobey R, B6	Imogen O, C6	Sophie C, I6	Aleksander L, W7
Mariam K, B6	Libby M, C6	Arnav P, I7	Alfie C, W7
McKayla Anaya P, B6	Mikolaj G, C6	Jacob P, I7	Brisa L, W7
Molly D, B6	Paige H, C6	Lilly-Anne S, I7	Gia Q, W7
Paige S, B6	Shaarujan P, C6	Nicole P, I7	Hailey W, W7
Shreyash B, B6	Alexander D, C7	Scarlett W, I7	Harry E, W7
Ashwin B, B7	Aviane M, C7	Shivani S, I7	Leah C, W7
Gehan K, B7	Aviel de M, C7	Tia H, I7	Lucifer S, W7
Kevin Z, B7	Honey B, C7		Mia C, W7
Lauren L, B7	Iylah-May W, C7		Mirage S, W7
Mason V, B7	Marius D, C7		
Piper F, B7			
Troy C, B7			
Yethmin K, B7			
Brandonlee Dodson-L, B3			



“School keeps you safe, it educates you, it prepares you for your future. Don’t miss out!”

“When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.”

“Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a child misses 10% of the school year.”

“Attend today, and achieve tomorrow.”

Attendance Matters!

You can encourage positive behaviour:

Talk to your child’s teacher

Find out what the school expects

Promote positive behaviour at home

Listen to your child without judgement

Support their learning. Talk positively about school and let your child know you’re there to support their [learning at home](#), [support them at exam time](#), attend [parents’ evenings](#), and (as much as you can) go along to other school events.

Well done to our fab Yr7 rounders team...they have been improving week on week and came away with a 11.5-8.5 win over a competitive Kingsdown side this week. Player of the match: Melissa and Natasha.



Congratulations to our brilliant Yr7-10 athletes who competed at the Swindon County ground this week in the Swindon Schools Athletics Championships. There were some excellent performances, and below are some of the highlights:

- Abby Tempro – 1st – 100m
- Evie Wilkins – 1st – Discus
- Yr10 boys 4x100m relay – 1st
- Casey Nixon – 3rd – 150m
- Jayden Standen – 3rd – 300m
- Mason Vernon – 2nd – Long Jump
- Kenzie Macieszonek – 2nd – High jump



Young Musician of the Year 2023 – TUESDAY 27th June, 6pm

Well done to all the performers – really looking forward to seeing what you have been preparing on Tuesday. Tickets are still available free of charge from main reception so grab yours now and we will see you all on Tuesday evening for a wonderful musical evening of entertainment.

Swindon Academy presents...

Young Musician Competition

**Tuesday
June 27th 2023
6:00 PM**

**INCLUDING A SPECIAL
PERFORMANCE BY:
YEAR 13 MUSIC
STUDENTS**

Swindon Academy
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Part of United Learning

TICKETS FREE ON
PARENTPAY

Creative

This week in DART we say goodbye and good luck to our year 11s. They finished this week with some intensive revision sessions and their final written exams. On Monday, year 11 created full English breakfasts and labelled the science of the cooking behind each food item. They worked really hard to identify each key word and to place it into the correct food. The treat at the end was that each student got to eat their breakfast!

Well done to all of our year 11 DART students, we are really proud of you!



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Essential Information for Parents

For the Parent Handbook, Uniform Guide and how to use Epraise, please click:

[Handbook, Uniform & Epraise](#)



Find out what your child is learning this term

[Knowledge Organisers](#) for all years for all terms



100% book - Year 7 mainstream

Aim to memorise 100% of the knowledge on these Knowledge Organisers

Term 4

Swindon Academy 2021-22

Name: _____
Teacher Group: _____
Tutor & Room: _____

"If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you."
"If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you."

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Our annual Secondary Sports Day is not far away... 18th July! This is a massive college competition, and students have been busy learning and practising in preparation for all the sporting events it will involve. The event will be held at the Swindon County ground, more information will follow in the next few weeks regarding the event.

On June 30th our Sports Day captain's application forms draw to a close, so any students wanting to take on a leadership role for their college on the day, needs to ensure their form is completing by then. It's been great to see a large pile of applications gather and grow each day-great work!

Sign-ups to all the events for the competition will happened during Champion Time in the next couple of weeks...so, if there is a particular athletics event you want to take part in all you need to do is sign up then!



Swindon Academy **SPORTS CAPTAIN**
2023 - Application of Interest

NAME: _____ COLLEGE: _____

YEAR GROUP: _____

Briefly state why you would like to be a Sports Day Captain for your college in your specific year group this year?

What will you do to motivate your year group so that your college wins Sports Day this year?

Scenario question: What would you do as Sports Day Captain if there was no runner for your college within your year group for the 100m race? but all other colleges had runners ready to race?

Thank you for your application of interest – please hand this back to a PE teacher or to the PE office before the 30th June

In Champion Time next week we will be raising awareness of PRIDE month.

Pride Month is a month-long celebration that recognizes the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to society. It is a time to acknowledge the challenges faced by this community and to stand in solidarity with their fight for equality, acceptance, and human rights. Pride Month is a joyful and colourful display of love, unity, and resilience, with events and activities that promote inclusivity, educate the public, and celebrate the diversity of sexual orientations and gender identities.

Students will have an assembly with our Chaplaincy team, create kindness wall and have a Time 2 Talk within Champion Time to learn about the history of PRIDE.



Charities

We raised awareness of Learning Disabilities week last week, and our new charity: mencap was added to epraise. It was great to see students donating some of their epraise points to the charity.



Chromebooks

Chromebooks and Chargers must be returned to either R12 or main reception. They will not be accepted by any other members of staff. Students will be given a clear plastic bag and asked to write their name on a label. If a student doesn't return their chromebook they will not be able to claim their prom ticket, yearbook or hoodie until it is returned.

Graduation

Monday 3rd of July Students should arrive at school in smart clothes at 3pm for a practice run. The ceremony starts at 4.30

Prom

Details of Prom:

Date: Thursday 6th July 2023

Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton, Swindon, SN5 8UZ

Timings: 6:30pm arrival

11:30/11:45pm - final DJ songs and pick ups

12pm - all out venue

Results Day

GCSE results day is Thursday 24th of August. Results can be collected between 10am and 12pm.

Sixth Form Enrolment

Will take place at the same time as Results day. Please make sure you confirm you place before leaving



Sixth Form Induction – 26th of June

- The day will be filled with team challenges, masterclass talks, and enrichment activities.
- Students get the opportunity to meet others joining in September as well as our current year 12 students.
- During the day we will tell you more about what to expect in September and provide you with transition work to prepare you for the subjects that you are taking.

To let us know you are coming please complete the below form on [applicaa](#)

- Ps - I most forgot there will also be lots of free food at break and lunchtime.

Your Bright Future starts here



Sixth Form News

Monday saw the start of internal exams for our Year 12 students who have been revising hard these past few weeks, Tuesday was a revision session on dual coding and how summarising revision down using diagrams and pictures can help knowledge stay in the long-term memory. Wednesday was a wellness session where students enjoyed sport and mindfulness activities. Thursday was an Up for Discussion about whether it is ever good to lie, creating some very interesting discussions in tutor groups. Finally on Friday students had a lively Mock the Week quiz with question on news, sport and showbiz of the week as well as guessing the celebrity from the emoji.

Exam Week 2- <u>June 26th - 30th</u>					
Timings	Monday 26th	Tuesday 27th	Wednesday 28th	Thursday 29th	Friday 30th
8:00 - 8:50					
Period 1	Sociology Paper 1	English Lit Paper 1	Maths Paper 1		
Period 2		Sociology Paper 2			
Period 3	Geography paper 2	Chemistry Paper 2	History paper 2		
Period 4			Physics paper 2		
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Period 5	Spanish paper 2 RE paper 2			English literature Paper 2	
Period 6					

All exams will take place in the conference room. Please be there 5 mins before the exam start time. **Highlighted exams will start at 8.25**

Up for discussion



Mock the Week - Do you know the answer? Guess the celebrity from the emojis



Linking Subjects to Careers- Performing Arts Drama



Other than the most common careers that use drama there are also many others. Here is a list of jobs that you can consider if you enjoy this subject.

TV and film runners

You can work behind the scenes, doing small jobs and basic tasks to help productions run smoothly.

You could do a degree course although it's not essential. Relevant subjects include:

- creative media production
- film and television production
- film and TV studies
- performing arts

College

You could take a college course, which may help you to get into the industry. Courses include:

- Level 3 Certificate in Media Techniques
- Level 3 Diploma in Creative Media Production
- Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts
- Level 3 Diploma in Business

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, for a level 3 course

Apprenticeship

You may be able to do an apprenticeship as a broadcast production assistant.

The BBC, ITV and Channel 4 also offer apprenticeship opportunities.

Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English and maths, for an advanced apprenticeship

Labour Market Data

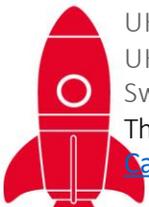
UK annual median: £25,075

UK jobs: 342,899

Swindon jobs: 644

This includes any jobs relating to Artistic, literary and media occupations.

[Careers advice - job profiles, information and resources | National Careers Service](#)



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

Year 10s and 12s and Parents / Carers.

ABC Week is fast approaching please see info regarding some of our employers/providers that will be attending our Careers Fair. Please attend with your parent/carer for a chance to win a £50 Amazon Voucher.

Civil Service Swindon College Cirencester College
NHS Jobs Zurich Catalant Prime Theatre
Cranfield University Defence Academy
Public Services Employment for Students
Apprenticeships with the NHS PGL
And many more.



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

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

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

DON'T MISS OUT

amazon.co.uk
gift card
a
£50

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

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WHAT'S COMING UP?

Date	Event	Date	Event
19 th – 30 th June	Year 7-10 and Y12 Exams	03.07.23	Y11 Graduation
27.06.23	Young Musician	06.07.23	Y11 Prom
28.06.23	Y6 Transition Day 9am – 3pm	10 th – 14 th July	ABC Week
30.06.23	TD Day School closed to all pupils	18 th July	Sports Day

Year 9 ABC Week

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 9 for a week of Sports and Team Building Activities.

This year we have added a bit of GLOW to the week and a surprise twist to some traditional activities.

Students need to be ready to work hard and try something new. They need to wear sports kit we will provide the GLOW!



The Assembly this week was Learning Difficulties Week. Here is some of the content that was covered on the various learning difficulties.

Learning Disability week

LEARNING DISABILITY WEEK 2023 19-25 JUNE

mencap Busting Myths About Life With A Learning Disability #LDWeek

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Dyslexia

- **Dyslexia**
- Dyslexia is the number one learning disability that affects people of all ages. It affects a person's reading and language processing skills.
- **Some symptoms of dyslexia include:**
- Reversing the position of letters
- Difficulty with phonological awareness (the ability to break down words into their constituent sounds)
- Struggle with reading comprehension
- Delayed speech
- Difficulty learning auditory processing disorder new vocabulary or rhymes
- Having disorders in visual processing may have trouble understanding directions
- Affects spelling, copying from text, proofreading, reading comprehension

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Dyscalculia

- Dyscalculia is a learning disability that affects maths skills. It can make it difficult for a person to understand math concepts, perform arithmetic calculations, and solve maths problems.
- Dyscalculia is more severe than just not liking Maths because it's diagnosing a learning disability that makes it challenging to understand even the most basic maths concepts.
- **Symptoms of dyscalculia may include:**
- People with dyscalculia have difficulty understanding math concepts, difficulty with basic arithmetic operations (such as addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division), and difficulty with more complex math skills (such as algebra and geometry).
- Struggling with mathematical concepts such as measuring, time, and estimating
- Being unsure of how to do basic math problems
- Difficulty following the order of operations
- Finding it challenging to count and group numbers together

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What is a learning disability?

A **learning disability** is a reduced intellectual ability and difficulty with everyday activities – for example household tasks, socialising or managing money – which affects someone for their whole life.

People with a learning disability tend to take longer to learn and may need support to develop new skills, understand complicated information and interact with other people.

<https://youtu.be/9TIs8PyUVKc>

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ADHD

- ADHD, or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, is a neurodevelopmental disorder that affects a person's ability to pay attention, control impulsivity, and regulate their level of hyperactivity. It's the second most common learning disability and can affect people of all ages, although it is most often diagnosed in children.
- **Over 6 million children** are diagnosed with **Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)**
- ADHD makes it difficult to concentrate, which can lead to one child distracting others around them in a classroom setting. Many children with ADHD are disciplined for misbehaving, but they can't control their actions.
- ADHD if not treated, can interfere with a person's ability to succeed academically and socially, and may lead to challenges in relationships and employment.
- **Symptoms of ADHD** include difficulty paying attention, impulsivity, and hyperactivity.
- Inability to sit still
- Being disorganized or forgetful
- Difficulty staying quiet and attentive
- Lack of motivation
- Mood swings or emotional outbursts

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Dysgraphia

- Dysgraphia is a learning disability that affects a person's ability to write. It can manifest as difficulty with spelling, poor handwriting, or trouble putting thoughts on paper.
- Dysgraphia can be caused by a variety of factors, including neurological conditions, developmental delays, or difficulty with fine motor skills.
- **Symptoms of dysgraphia may include:**
- Difficulty with written expression
- Messy handwriting
- Taking a long time to write
- Struggling to express thoughts in a clear sentence structure
- Poor grammar
- Problems organizing thoughts and ideas in writing,
- Difficulties organizing pages, chapters, books

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Term 6 information is on Epraise, sign up today!

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



Strike Action

The NEU have announced a further 2 days of strike action on the 5th and 7th July. The academy will be closed to all pupils on these days if the strikes go ahead.



Duke of Edinburgh

Over the weekend, 17th-18th of June, two groups of DofE students completed their Bronze expedition. Each group showed determination by walking a total of 24km over the two days with all their camping supplies on their backs. They were very tired by the end, but all were proud of their achievement. Well done to them!



We would like to congratulate Ruth Robinson on winning the Secondary Lifetime Achievement Award! Ruth retires at the end this year after a successful career spanning may years.

FORMER SWINDON ACADEMY PRINCIPAL WINS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

There were resounding cheers in Birmingham Botanical Gardens last Friday night as Ruth Robinson, who served as Principal of Swindon Academy until February of this year, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award. Ruth, who is due to retire next month, was recognised at United Learning's Best in Everyone Awards.

The annual awards celebrate students and staff from across United Learning for their exceptional contributions to school and community life. This includes recognition of academic success, accomplishment in sport, music and the arts and dedication to leadership and service. Individuals and teams from across the Group were nominated by their schools with the winners decided by a panel of judges.

Ruth had been nominated by her colleagues at Swindon Academy where she was Principal for over ten years. Nominating Ruth, her colleagues said that Ruth has been on a 'crusade' to drive standards of education' to deliver long-term positive benefits to students. Ruth was said to be dedicated to 'raising students' expectations of themselves' so that they follow their dreams and ambitions.

Under Ruth's leadership, Swindon Academy was judged 'Good' by Ofsted with inspectors recognising how ambitious Ruth was for students and how focused she was on their safety and wellbeing. Ruth was pivotal in raising standards and last summer the academy was the top school in Swindon for GCSE progress and attainment.

Ruth played a key role in brokering a partnership with Marlborough College which seeks to provide the academy's students with enrichment opportunities that might not otherwise be available to them.

She was also Executive Principal of United Learning's Nova Hreod Academy helping to raise standards in all areas. Before joining Swindon Academy, Ruth was Principal of United Learning's North Oxfordshire Academy. Prior to that, she led the International School and Community College (East Birmingham) transforming the quality of education provided there.

Accepting her award, Ruth said:

It was a wonderful surprise to be nominated and receive this lifetime award. It has been a huge privilege to lead Swindon Academy and serve the communities of Penhill and Pinehurst for the past eleven years. I have loved watching our pupils flourish and achieve under the care of an incredible senior leadership team, dedicated teachers and committed support staff. I will take away many happy and fond memories of my time as Principal of Swindon Academy with me into my retirement. I would like to wish the pupils and staff all the very best for the future.

Criminal exploitation and gangs

We have advice about how to spot the signs of criminal exploitation and involvement in gangs and what support is available for children and young people.

How are young people recruited?

A child or young person might be recruited into a gang because of where they live or because of who their family is. They might join because they don't see another option or because they feel like they need protection. Children and young people may become involved in gangs for many reasons, including:

- peer pressure and wanting to fit in with their friends
- they feel respected and important
- they want to feel protected from other gangs, or bullies
- they want to make money, and are promised rewards
- they want to gain status, and feel powerful
- they've been excluded from school and don't feel they have a future

Organised criminal gangs [groom](#) children and young people because they're less suspicious and are given lighter sentences than adults.

Studies show that a child is more at risk of being recruited if:

- they've been excluded from school
- they have special education needs
- there are problems at home like neglect, domestic abuse or sexual abuse
- they have problems with their mental health
- they live in existing gang territory

If you're worried a child or young person is being groomed for criminal exploitation or to join a gang, [contact our helpline immediately](#). Our trained counsellors can signpost you to local services and provide professional advice.

Worried about grooming?

Seen or heard something that worries you? We have advice to help.

[Read more](#)

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.

Hard work - Kindness - Responsibility

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