

1st Feb 2024



## Principal's weekly update for parents and carers

This is our weekly update to keep you informed of upcoming events and weekly successes.

### Key Dates for your Diary

Friday 2nd February	Sixth Form admissions meetings 1:30 - 4:00pm
Friday 2nd February	INSET Day - 8.30 - 4.00pm
Thursday 8th February	Year 9 Parents' Evening - 4:00 - 6:00pm
Monday 29th January - 9th February	Year 11 and Year 13 Assessments
Friday 9th Feb	Reading Jamboree - 2:20 - 3:10pm

### Reading Success

Congratulations to the following Year 7 and 8 students who have increased their reading ages after 4 weeks on the reading programme.

<i>Maia H</i> by 2 years	<i>Brooklyn B</i> by 7 months
<i>Harvey G</i> by 1 year 7 months	<i>Luca B</i> by 1 year 8 months
<i>Chanar H</i> by 11 months	<i>Quoc N</i> by 2 years and 1 months
<i>JJ BH</i> by 5 months	<i>Riley D</i> by 3 years and 8 months
<i>Bailey HS</i> 1 year 6 months	

Keep up the good work

*Miss F. McKnight*  
LRC Manager



## Celebrating Success

**Congratulations to the following students who earned the most achievement points in their year group last week.**

<b>7</b>	Chanar H	Kenza D	Malaika T
<b>8</b>	Saoirse D	Maahir A	Brandon-J B
<b>9</b>	Kaitlin C	Samuel A O	Connie B
<b>10</b>	Malachi B	Callum D	Devran K
<b>11</b>	Filomena T	Ata A	Paramjeet S

## Trips and Events

### Primary School Sports Event

On Wednesday our Student Ambassadors in Year 9 had the opportunity to lead the Islington Primary Schools Dodgeball Competition, which was hosted at COLAI. Our student leaders were excellent in their management of the matches that took place, as well as in assisting the primary schools with warming up their students in preparation for the event. Feedback from the event organisers was positive and the students were a credit to the Academy! Well done Year 9!

*Mr B. Courtney Pinn*  
Assistant Principal

### Holocaust Memorial Day event at Islington Town Hall

To commemorate the Holocaust Memorial Day, some of our Year 9 pupils went to the Islington Town Hall. They heard from individuals who had been affected by this terrible history, which included the daughter of a Holocaust survivor. We also listened to speeches from both Jeremy Corbyn and Emily Thornberry about why it is so essential for us to remember.

Most movingly of all, we heard from a survivor of the Rwandan Genocide and how she has dedicated her life to sharing her story, so we never make the same mistakes. The students were absorbed throughout and on our way back were talking about how much the day had shocked and stirred them.

*Mr G. Goff*  
Teacher of History



### **ThinkForward Trip to Canary Wharf**

Last Tuesday the Year 9 ThinkForward cohort attended an insight day with Canary Wharf Group. This was an opportunity to learn from one of the biggest developers and explore potential career options within construction and the supporting fields. The group were also challenged to put their skills to use through a practical development activity of their own after a tour of the site for inspiration. The group stepped up to the challenges presented, asked great questions and we may even have unearthed some budding project managers.

*Mr D. Pokorny*  
ThinkForward Coach

### **Investment 2020 Event**

The event I attended called Investment 2020 was a fascinating, interesting and engaging event that allowed me to learn in more detail about careers in investment management. We met some of professionals who work there and were able to ask them different questions on their career path to date and what made them choose to go into the field of investment management. Furthermore, it also allowed me to explore and understand a deeper knowledge of skills that are useful in this career field and how I can develop these skills. I think the Investment 2020 event was an amazing opportunity provided by the school and it helped me understand that there are so many opportunities in different fields.

*Liliya K - Year 12*



### **Saddlers' Careers Evening**

Some of our students from years 11 and 12 recently attended a careers evening at *The Worshipful Company of Saddlers*, where they had the opportunity to speak to a range of professionals from different industries about their career pathways to date. Our students found this a really useful opportunity to ask about different careers and make connections for future work experience placements.

*Ms A. King*  
Vice Principal