

13th May
2024



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

Key Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 13th May | GCSE English Literature / GCSE Turkish / L3 BTEC Health and Social |
| Tuesday 14th May | GCSE French Listening and Reading / A LEVEL Business / GCSE Business |
| Wednesday 15th May | GCSE History / A LEVEL Economics / L3 BTEC Sport / GCSE Arabic |
| Thursday 16th May | GCSE Maths / A LEVEL Geography / GCSE Religious Studies / L3 BTEC Business |
| Friday 17th May | GCSE Chemistry / GCSE Triple Chemistry / A LEVEL Psychology / |

World Book Day

The 14th of March was COLAI's World Book Day. It was a very exciting day where we could celebrate reading.

Departments definitely raised the bar with their individual themes this year. Humanities turned their corridor into Mount Olympus whilst celebrating the Percy Jackson series, the English Department went down the rabbit hole of Alice in Wonderland, Performing Arts celebrated the story of Peter Pan and the Science Department became Hogwarts for the day, with Ms Barr's classroom transformed into a fantastic Herbology lab.

Of course, the fun wasn't just for the teachers, with Year 7 students creating a poem tree displaying their creative writing for everyone to enjoy. Mr Smith lead some storytelling games in the library at lunchtime and students of all year groups took part in a story writing competition in the Atrium.

Students were challenged to read aloud in their lessons and share their love of books and their Legend of the Lesson cards became golden tickets that they were able to exchange for book prizes in the library.

Reading Jamborees

During the spring term we have enjoyed two reading jamborees in which the Atrium becomes a festival of reading as our Year 7s are paired with a student from Year 11 or the Sixth Form and they join together to take it in turns to read aloud to each other.

The spring book choice was 'The Clockwork Queen' by Peter Bunzl. Students enjoyed the adventure element of this book, and it also celebrates the game of chess which is a popular pastime in the COLAI library. We were also lucky enough to have Peter Bunzl attending our second jamboree on the 22nd March who ran some exciting workshops with our readers and signed some of his books for our students.

Miss F. McKnight
LRC Manager



Celebrating Success

Shout-outs

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| <i>Shane L</i> | 8 | Outstanding leadership of his Softball team in PE. | Mr Courtney-Pinn |
| <i>Ije O</i> | 9 | Excellent probing questions asked when interviewing new teachers. | Mr Fitch |
| <i>Mahamed H</i> | 9 | Great work in his Maths lessons! | Mr Swart |
| <i>Ben W</i> | 11 | For staying after school to support another student with his practical PE exam. | Ms Mustafa |
| <i>Marshall D</i> | 8 | Has produced outstanding work in English. | Ms Dear |
| <i>Ronni B-J, Igor, Leah & Miya B-M</i> | 10 | For excellent attendance and focus in preparation for their Year 10 RE exam. | Mr Segal |
| <i>Michael H</i> | 7 | Has been very welcoming and friendly since I started at the Academy. | Mr Shoobridge |
| <i>Evrin K</i> | 7 | For excellent work in Maths! | Mr Matthews |
| <i>Mia-Grace L</i> | 9 | Improved her English assessment grade by 11 marks! Well done Mia! | Ms Dear |
| <i>Abdullahi A</i> | 11 | Excellent focus and revision in preparation for his IT exam. | Mr Courtney-Pinn |
| <i>Oliwier B</i> | 10 | For excellent work in BTEC Sport! | Ms Mustafa |

Congratulations to the following students who earned the most achievement points in their year group

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| 7 | <i>Leonat K</i> | <i>Kenza D</i> | <i>Esmeralda G-M</i> |
| 8 | <i>Kamber L</i> | <i>Dasha A</i> | <i>Eylul S</i> |
| 9 | <i>Efe S</i> | <i>Marley C</i> | <i>Dzhan G</i> |
| 10 | <i>Ronni B-J</i> | <i>Miley S</i> | <i>Jahmai N-W</i> |
| 11 | <i>Shannon B</i> | <i>Alyceeia E-S</i> | <i>Abdulhamid H</i> |



Trips

Year 10 Think Forward visit to the Ardian.

British Library Bookmaking Workshop for students on our reading intervention programme.

Year 9 Chances Programme visit to The Emirates.