

Friday, 22nd March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

We've had a really positive half term at the Academy, and it's been great to spend time with colleagues and students reflecting on the great things happening across the place. I'm consistently proud of our students' excellent achievements – whether it's progressing in phonics, doing an amazing job in mock exams, leading prayers at our community Iftar, scoring the winner in a football competition, beating Mr Caddick at table tennis or being the star of the Shakespeare Schools Festival performance. It comes from dedication to our clear expectations – work hard, be nice – and to see our students doing amazing things, day in, day out, is a real privilege.

Attendance

Thank you for your hard work in supporting your children to attend, day in, day out. Attendance is slowly but surely improving – that is thanks to our students, our staff, but also our parents and carers for making sure that they are coming in.

Particularly, I'd like to congratulate the following students who have massively improved their attendance recently:

Year 7	Rhys C, Abbas A, Ahmed S and Casey F
Year 8	Mohammed Hussain B, George S and Haroon T
Year 9	Harvey A, Ruby S, Esah A and Ismaeel H
Year 10	Suwaibah B, Dalma F, Safa Ed D and Mariyam H
Year 11	Kelsey S and Amirah A

Eid absence

For students who are celebrating Eid in the coming weeks, please be aware that absence will only be authorised for one day for Eid-ul-Fitr. The Academy is closed on Wednesday, 10th April for a teacher training day and we expect students to be attending around this.



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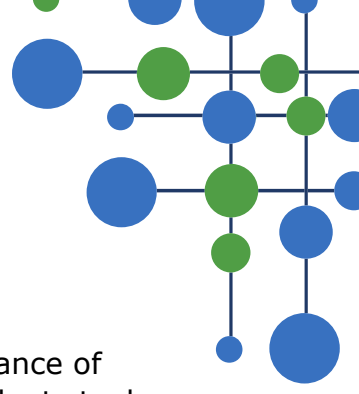
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Shakespeare Schools Festival

We are thrilled to share the resounding success of our recent performance of Macbeth as part of the Shakespeare School Festival. Our talented students took to the stage this week at Bradford Alhambra, The Studio, captivating an audience with their adaptation of this Shakespearian play. Every student involved in the production showcased the utmost professionalism throughout the entire process, from rehearsals to the final performance.

Their commitment and hard work truly shone through, making us immensely proud of every member of the cast. A special mention must go to our outstanding leads, Amelia Widdop from Year 8, and Darci Mae Lovel from Year 9, who played Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. Thank you to everyone who supported our students throughout this journey, whether it was through encouragement or attending the performance. Your support played a crucial role in making this production a resounding success!

Easter School – year 11

The hard work doesn't stop for year 11! Whether it's revising at home, or attending Easter School over the next couple of weeks, students will be grafting ahead of their upcoming exams. Please make sure your children attend the sessions they've been invited to – teachers and staff are keen to put these on, but they'll only be of benefit if students engage.

Community Iftar

A huge thanks to everyone who attended this event last week. To have over 140 of our local community with us to pray and break their fast was a privilege. We are looking forward to next year's event already!

Huddersfield Giants - Tickets

The Huddersfield Giants have generously offered us free tickets to their upcoming game against the Salford Red Devils on Friday, May 3rd, at 7:45pm. If you're interested in attending this event with your family, ask your child to see Miss Wrighton to arrange ticket allocation. Whilst we'll do our best to accommodate everyone, we can't guarantee tickets for all.

Personal safety – around the community

At certain times in the year, and particularly as nights get brighter and students might be out in the community on an evening, it's particularly important to make sure that they are safely socialising with friends. Please encourage your children to not go anywhere on their own, to keep in contact with you via mobile phone, to have clear curfew times and to look out for their friends. Keeping a monitoring

app on your child's phone is a great way to track their location and monitor their whereabouts and internet activity.

Easter break

A reminder that TCA closes for the Easter holidays today (Friday 22nd March) at 3pm, and reopens at 8.30am on Monday, 8th April.

Key contact information and staff

Please ensure that you keep us updated of any changes to contact details. It is incredibly important that, should we need to, we can contact you. Ideally we would like three contacts for all students. Your key points of contact from the pastoral team are as follows:

Year 7 Student Manager	Miss Nurse	Annie.Nurse@sharemat.co.uk
Year 8 Student Manager	Mr Wilson	Ben.Wilson@sharemat.co.uk
Year 9 Student Manager	Miss Downs	Lauren.Downs@sharemat.co.uk
Year 10 Student Manager	Mr Young	Jamie.Young@sharemat.co.uk
Year 11 Student Manager	Mrs Crowther	Rachel.Crowther@sharemat.co.uk

With the brilliant Miss Holmes recently leaving us, we also have a new DSL, and her details are as follows:

Designated Safeguarding Lead Miss Keen Claire.Keen@sharemat.co.uk

I hope you have a great couple of weeks off – enjoy the (slightly) improving weather!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Burton
Headteacher

