

29th September 2023

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Yesterday was the halfway point of the term...it is flying by! Although it's only the 4th week of the term it has been a busy first few weeks, so I just wanted to update you on some of the nice things that have happened so far.

Inflatables Day – The Rewards Inflatable day that was scheduled for July then postponed due to the rain went ahead on Friday 8th September. We even managed to shoe-horn Y7 in for a bit of team building bouncing time. The weather was on our side and a lovely time was had by all.

Open Evening – Monday this week was our Annual Open Evening for prospective future students. It was the busiest open evening we have had with over 900 visitors coming in across the 3 hours. Nearly 200 of our current students volunteered their time in some way to support the event, either helping demonstrate individual subjects or acting as tour guides, a massive thank you for your ambassadorship. We received so many positive emails from visitors afterwards where the students were highlighted for their interactions. 5 incredibly brave students joined me in the Main Hall to talk in front of over 200 adults each time, so I particularly wanted to thank Y8 Eric and Anita along with Y11 Esther, Dulcie and Chiedozie.

Renewal Gospel Choir – On Tuesday after school the Renewal Choir gave up their time to run some Gospel Singing workshops with students, staff and some parents. Coming off the back of the 75th Anniversary of Windrush and the 60th Anniversary of the Bristol Bus Boycott this was a launch event for many more activities planned in the coming weeks to celebrate Black History Month and as part of our 'Belonging' strategy. Watch out for future updates and encourage students to get involved.

Below are a few general notices and updates that may be of interest:

RAAC Update – I'm mindful there is much in the media about the impact of RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) in schools. Just to confirm, as Bristol Met was entirely re-built in 2008 there is no RAAC present in any of the building. We therefore don't envisage any impact on the Academy.

Academy Council Parent Vacancy – You should have recently received a letter concerning a vacancy on our Academy Council. If you didn't receive it directly you can read more by [clicking this link](#).

I hope all of our families have a nice weekend when it comes. According to forecasts it is due to be a nicer than seasonal average weekend, so I hope everyone enjoys the autumn sunshine.

Yours sincerely



Cameron Shaw
Principal