

HIGH STANDARDS. HIGH ASPIRATIONS. HIGH EXPECTATIONS10th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

At the midpoint of this term I wanted to give a couple of updates of things that have been happening in and around the Academy. Many of them are positive and feelgood which will hopefully power us through the remainder of this term and the continued unseasonable wet weather!

- **Fame for Year 11** - Athin, Year 11, recently got to work on set with Christopher Walken (Batman, Pulp Fiction and many other films and stage plays)! He will appear in a scene in an upcoming film. What an amazing experience for Athin!
- **'Cakes for Syria'** - Mr Ahmed, our Programme Leader for Computing and Business, assisted by a number of students, arranged our annual participation in the 'Cakes for Syria' charity event to coincide with Ramadan. This year the event raised £1370, double the last time we did this (2019). Amazing work from a group of students across all year groups and Mr Ahmed in particular.
- **4 x 4 x 48** – Mr Andy Price, Associate Assistant Principal and Geography Teacher set a very personal challenge across the bank holiday weekend. In support of the Sue Ryder Hospice charity Mr Price set himself the challenge of running 4 miles, every 4 hours, for 48 hours. Starting 8pm on the Friday evening. The midnight and 4am runs were, understandably, the most challenging for two consecutive nights. Not only did Mr Price complete the challenge but he smashed his fundraising target several times. Well done Mr Price!
- **Big Walk/Run** – following from Mr Price's feat many staff of the Cabot Learning Federation are participating in "The Big Walk/Run". We have pledged 11,622 miles of distance (a mile for every child in our trust) and are raising £11,622 which we will use to provide enriching activities for CLF students. If you want to find out any more and follow the progress across May then check out the [website](#)
- **Year 11 Updates** – Miss Barnes, Raising Standards Lead for Year 11, wrote to Year 11 families at the end of last week which you should have received. We have now set up a [dedicated area on the website](#) for Year 11 updates as well which you can check for communications or other information as we move through these final weeks with Year 11. We know the cancellation of Summer exams and ongoing situation is a source of anxiety and unsettlement for many so please do ensure you or your children continue to reach out to us with any questions you may have, or any support you may need, during these weeks. As communicated by Miss Barnes, Year 11 will finish their formal studies on Thursday 27th May and will then have two weeks of transition work delivered remotely at the start of next term.

I am sure I will write to you again before then, but an advance reminder that Friday 28th May is an INSET day (the one we moved from 17th March following the re-opening to all students). Term therefore finishes for students at normal time on Thursday 27th May and starts back at normal time on Monday 7th June.

Finally, Eid Mubarak to all of our families and community in anticipation of the end of Ramadan this week. I hope that, despite the ongoing situation and restrictions, everyone has a joyous time with their immediate households.

Best wishes,

Mr C Shaw
Principal