

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

15th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

As we approach the end of the penultimate day of this term there are a few safety messages along with some nice events and positives to share.

Community safety – it's a perennial message but given the incredibly distressing recent event in Solihull one that seems incredibly timely. Please do ensure that you take a moment to speak to children about the importance of safety when out and about. The nights are much longer and students need to be extra vigilant when out and about to ensure they are keeping themselves safe. This includes choosing sensible routes to and from school and other trips that are well lit. Trying to avoid walking around on their own in the darker nights. Ensuring they are crossing the road at sensible spots and paying full attention especially when they are likely to be much less visible in darker and foggy moments. Finally, and of course distressingly from the weekend, ensuring they are not taking risks around open water, busy roads, train tracks etc.

Car Park Behaviours – those with children in older year groups will know that I periodically have to make a plea to the adults around behaviour and standards of driving in the car park. There have been a number of reports in the last few weeks from some of our community about others who are parking inconsiderately, blocking other users and not being considerate in the use of disabled bays etc. I really don't feel that Academy staff should be responsible for policing adults with driving licences so I appeal to all users of the car park to be considerate of others. The alternative would be closing access which I really do not want to do as I fear the knock on it would have to local residents. A reminder to consider alternatives such as arranging to collect students from B&M/Morrisons/Bingo car parks which are a mere few minutes walk for students out of the rear entrance and create much less of a bottleneck for traffic. Thank you in advance for assisting.

Matilda – after 6 sell out nights and 5 matinee primary school performances the show came to an end last Wednesday. I had the pleasure of coming to 3 evenings and some of the matinee's in order to see all performers. What an incredible show from a wide range of talented young performers. A fantastic achievement and one that was picked up in the Bristol Parent website linked below. Looking forward to the next show already though I am sure the cast, crew and staff directors would like a bit of rest first.

[Bristol Metropolitan Academy sell out productions of Matilda - Bristol Parent](#)

Children in Need – I wrote last time about the money raised from Children in Need but we were featured in the Fishponds Voice particularly focused on the lovely 'Big Read' reading challenge. Photo below from the Fishponds Voice and thank you again to Mrs Harman for organising and all students who supported.

Airbus Discovery Space Youth Programme – last week the successful applicants to the Year 9 Airbus Programme found out that they had secured a space. The standard of the applications was very high and it is always regrettable that not every student who applies can get a space. Well done to all those that applied and I hope those who managed to secure a space have a great experience.





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Academy pupils raise £815

A NON-uniform day at Bristol Metropolitan Academy raised £815 for Children in Need.

School librarian Helen Harman also organised a sponsored Big Read, which will add to the total amount raised so far, recreating the appeal mascot Pudsey in cake form for pupils who took part.

Pictured left: Bristol Metropolitan Academy's librarian Helen Harman, Principal Cameron Shaw and students

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Staff Basketball – Monday this week saw the return of “Shaw Sharks V Bridgeman Bears” staff basketball game after a Covid break! A sellout crowd of students came to cheer on the staff who participated with funds raised going to a number of good causes. A very tight game with some amazing performances from both sides but ‘Shaw Sharks’ clinched it for the win to remain undefeated (at this point, I know Mr Bridgeman is planning the strategy for the next match already!)

I wish all of our families a restful festive period, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Reminder that Monday 2nd January is a Bank Holiday and Tuesday 3rd January is an INSET day for Staff. We will therefore welcome **all students** back at **8:30am on Wednesday 4th January**. A reminder please that those arriving after 8:35am are late to the Academy (that time hasn't changed in the 6 years I have been at the Academy) so please do encourage and support students to be on time for their learning.

Yours sincerely

Cameron Shaw
Principal