

HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

27th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a week for our students, staff and community. Amongst the wide range of activities going on in the Academy (fairly typical) we also welcomed 5 different Ofsted Inspectors for two pretty intense days. Thank you to our students for the way they welcomed and engaged with our visitors (which genuinely was typical of our students on any given day), our families for engaging in the 'ParentView' feedback system and, of course, to our staff. It will be around 4 to 6 weeks before Ofsted publish their report (and as soon as they do it will of course be shared with our community). In the meantime I can say how proud I was of our BMA Community across the week and I have every faith that when Ofsted publish their findings we will be recognised as continuing to provide a high quality of education for our young people and our families.

As I sit and see a sunny weekend I wanted to just highlight some of the other amazing things that have happened across the last week:

Comic Relief – We had a “wear something red non-uniform day” for Comic Relief. An abundance of red was seen and over £900 raised for Comic Relief.

Sports Hall Championships – In my last letter I informed you that our younger students had completed in the finals of Sports Hall Athletics and taken Gold. Now it was the turn of Y9 Boys and Y10 Girls. Double Gold. That's 3 finals, 3 Golds! Amazing work by all participants and what a way to return to championships after some of the restrictions in the last two years.

Bristol Teen Book Awards – Mrs Harman took a small group to the annual awards gala. We won a couple of competitions (Guess the Number of Words and a Creative Writing Piece) and had the pleasure of meeting some competition finalist authors. A great evening was had by all.

Basketball – the U14 Girls team are through to the final four in the country after a 64-40 win against Crawley. They are now the most successful girls team BMA have had. Amazing work and pride for all of the players who have worked so hard to get this far. Best of luck for the next stage.

Enrichment Showcase – amazing productions of “Ernie's Incredible Illucinations” on Thursday 24th March (including the Ofsted HMI being able to watch) from our Y7 and Y8 Met Mastery groups. An amazing show from our young performers and raising £171 for charity.

EqualiTeach Workshop – 40 of our students spent a day involved in a student workshop as part of the EqualiTeach programme we have subscribed to this year. This is part of our anti-bullying and equalities work. They took part in an “Agents of Change” workshop focused on how we can support our young people with developing a tolerant and inclusive nature across all of society. A big ask for our young people and we were incredibly proud of the mature approach they all demonstrated.

Cavatina Quartet – then finally, the perfect way to end Friday afternoon following 2.5 days of Ofsted was to welcome a classical music quartet into BMA. They performed to all of Year 8 and then to Year 10 and Year 11 GCSE Music students. Students showed incredible maturity and engagement in the performance.

I hope all of our families have managed to enjoy the sunny weather this weekend.

Best wishes,



Mr C Shaw
Principal