



HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

13th December 2023

Good afternoon to our community,

The end of Term 2 is very close which means a much anticipated festive break for our families. Before we reach the end of Friday I just wanted to round up with some of the nice things that have been happening in the Academy over the last few weeks:

Big Read – In my last letter I mentioned Children in Need and the “Big Read” annual event in the Library. With Mrs Harman due to retire at the end of Friday, I wanted to share that the students involved raised a staggering £1263.40 during this year’s event which is the biggest amount ever. What an amazing achievement for all of the students involved. Congratulations to everyone and what a high for Mrs Harman to leave on.

School of Rock – Wow, just wow! Last week saw the 6 nights, 11 show run of ‘School of Rock’ come to a close. Over 11 shows (6 nights and 5 matinees to local schools) we sold over 1000+ tickets and welcomed 2000+ audience members through the doors. I managed to come along to 3 of the evening shows and had the pleasure of watching both casts and what an amazing show with talented performers and a professional support crew. A massive congratulations and well done to all involved but particularly to Mr. Vince, Miss Morrish and, of course, Mrs. Vince for the endless hours of time given up to enable such an event. We also had an article in the local press around the show which you can see here: [West End spectacular show performed at Bristol Metropolitan Academy - Bristol Parent](#)

Festive Jumper Day – yesterday saw Christmas Dinner Day and also ‘Festive Jumper Day’. £200 was raised for ‘Save The Children’ who do amazing work across the world to support vulnerable children. Thank you to all those who supported the event as we recognise there have been a number of charity appeals from us in recent weeks and really value all of the support shown in various ways.

Reverse Advent – I am sure by now you are fed up of the reminders around our ‘Reverse Advent Challenge’ but we have been completely bowled away by the support shown by our community. We are running out of storage space for donations and are really looking forward to delivering everything we have received to The Julian Trust who spotted our challenge on social media and have invited us to organise a trip with some students to see the work of the charity. We hope to be able to take up that opportunity in the New Year. There are still a few days left if you have any of the items from any of the days (past, present or future days) to donate. Likewise, we will happily take any unwanted items at the start of next term which could be donated to the Charity please just send them in on our return. The local press have published a short article which can be found here: [Bristol Metropolitan Academy helping the homeless this Christmas - Bristol Parent](#)

Aspens – Catering

The daily spend limit for each student on their card has now been increased from £5 to £6 to be in line the current price increases.

Before I sign off for the term just reminders for the final day and first day back (without wishing the time away):

End of Term – all students finish at normal time on Friday 15th December 2023

Start of 2024 – All students back at normal time on **Wednesday** 3rd January 2024 (Tuesday 2nd is an INSET day)

I hope all of our families have a good break and enjoy some time together as families with plenty of rest and recharge.

Cameron Shaw
Principal