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SIXTH FORM





Rome Trip December 2023

On 15 - 18 December, 26 students from Years 11 - 13 were able to take part in a 3 night residential trip to Rome organised by Mr Walker, Mr Tye and Mrs Norris.

Whilst there, they got to experience the magnificence of the Vatican and the Colosseum up close and personal with guided and

self-led tours of both fabulous attractions. They were also provided with traditional Italian meals each evening and even had the

opportunity to explore Rome independently in the run up to Christmas. Students had a brilliant time experiencing a different culture and one of the greatest cities in the world.





Welcome back from Mr Whittle



This being our first newsletter this term and of 2024, I would like to wish our academy community all the best for the year ahead.

Tragically, it started with the dreadful loss of former student Cameron Walsh and his father Dave. I wrote separately earlier in the week about the support those affected can access. Our thoughts continue to be with their family and friends at this difficult time.

The welcome outcome from our Ofsted inspection has now been communicated to all.

Waltham Toll Bar has always had a reputation for high academic standards and equally high standards of behaviour. I am pleased Ofsted recognises this remains the case.

I have written separately about the inspection with a summary of the report. I would to re-iterate the important role parents and families can play as we continue to build on our school's great many strengths and successes. A student's success depends on a successful partnership between home and school. Thank you for your continued support.

This regular message in our newsletter, distributed fortnightly during term time this academic year, will celebrate students' success and achievement.

You will be aware of our reward points and the ensuing battle between year groups and houses as to who tops our leader boards.

Our students proudly wear achievement badges on the lapels of their blazers with bronze being awarded for 200 points; silver, 400; gold, 600; platinum, 800; and headteacher award 1,000.

Many students have bronze and silver already but we also have 33 children with golds and five with platinum.

Well done to all who have achievement badges and particular congratulations to those five Year 7 students: Anderson Charles (7D), Calvin Harvey, Emily Wright, Olivia Gibson and Pippa Maddison (all 7G).

Thank you for reading the newsletter and your continued support of the academy.

Mr N. J. Whittle
Principal



Upcoming Events for Term 3

17 January 2024 Year 10 Parents Evening

18 January 2024 the cast of Matilda trip to London to watch the Matilda production on the West End

24 January 2024 Year 13 Parents Evening

25 January 2024 Royal Navy Talk Year 9 to Year 13

26 January 2024 Year 9 Holocaust Survivor Talk

25, 26 and 27 January Year 10 Humanities Trip to London

26 January 2024 Year 13 Biology Students visit to Lincoln University

29 January 2024 Year 10 French students will attend a French Petit Déjeuner at Tin Jug café in Waltham for breakfast.

31 January 2024 Sixth Form Open Evening and Careers Fair / UCAS application deadline

31 January 2024 PE Trip Women in Sports Media at Lincoln University

01 February 2024 Year 8 Police Talk on Careers

06 February 2024 Year 10 Visit to Agriculture/Horticulture Food Sector Careers Event

07 February 2024 Year 7 Radicalisation Talk with Figen Murphy

08 February 2024 Year 8 Work Experience Assembly

09 February 2024 Maximise Evening

Students are busy creating art work this term, that will be displayed in an exhibition space within 'Coffee On The Docks' café during February Half-Term (10 – 17 February).

The art work will be designed around different compositions, texture and layering techniques inspired by Artist Courtney Mattison and Yellena James all centred around climate change.

Join us at
COFFEE ON THE DOCKS
to showcase
Year 9 Artwork

February - Half Term
10th-17th February 2024



Students will be exhibiting their Art Works.

These have been designed around different compositions, textures and layering techniques, inspired by Artist Courtney Mattison and Yellena James all centred around climate change.



Can art be used to send a message to the world?

'Art can bring the beauty and peril of coral reefs above the surface and into view and can inspire us to protect the ocean.'



Term Dates 2023-24

TERM	OPEN	CLOSE	NUMBER OF DAYS
1	2023 Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October	35
2	Monday 6 November	Thursday 21 December	34
3	2024 Wednesday 3 January	Friday 9 February	28
4	Monday 19 February	Thursday 28 March	29
BANK HOLIDAYS: Monday 6 May Monday 27 May			
5	Monday 15 April	Friday 24 May	29
6	Monday 3 June	Friday 19 July	35
TOTAL DAYS			190

INSET DAYS:

2023

- Friday 1 September

2024

- Friday 12 April
- Monday 22 July



Term Dates 2024-25

Half Term	Open	Close	Number of Days
1	2024 Wednesday 4 September	Friday 18 October	33
2	Monday 4 November	Friday 20 December	35
3	2025 Monday 6 January	Friday 14 February	30
4	Monday 24 February	Friday 4 April	30
BANK HOLIDAYS: Monday 5 May Monday 26 May			
5	Tuesday 22 April	Friday 23 May	23
6	Monday 2 June	Thursday 24 July	39
Total Days			190

INSET DAYS:

2024

- Monday 2 September
- Tuesday 3 September

2025

- Monday 7 April
- Tuesday 8 April