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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of 2023, I'd like to take the opportunity to celebrate with you the success of our first term at Bloxwich Academy Sixth Form.

We have launched our new Sixth Form Leadership Team who have organised the end of year celebrations, presented to Year 11 about joining Bloxwich Academy Sixth Form, written articles for our newsletter and website, presented to the leadership team about the Year 13 prom and are becoming a driving force of change around the Sixth Form. I am so proud of their work so far and looking forward to seeing what they do in 2024!

We took Year 12 to the National Careers Fair at the NEC which showcased some excellent opportunities for employment and further education including universities, the armed forces and apprenticeships. The students came back from the event excited and enthused about their career prospects and ready to look for their work experience placements for July next year.

Our football team has had a positive start to the season with the highlight being the 7-0 win against Sandwell. The hard work from the team and the coaches is paying off and we loved seeing you play at home and will be there on the side lines in January to cheer you on.

Many Year 13's have been making excellent progress with their university applications with students already receiving offers from a variety of universities. We look forward to you receiving plenty more offers and interviews in 2024. We will be booking in practice interviews with you in the new year but please use this link to help you over the Christmas break:

<https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/applying-to-uni/university-interviews>

Year 13 undertook mock exams in October, and we are very pleased with their results and look forward to seeing them use the feedback to guide their revision over the holidays ready for **Year 12 and Year 13 mocks in February**. Further support for A level revision will be given by their subject teachers.

Earlier this week, we took 12 students to Harden Hall Care Home. This was a lovely experience with our students gaining invaluable experience, developing their empathy and communication skills. It was lovely to see our students interacting, playing games, painting nails and making Christmas cards. This is something we aim to do more of in the New Year, so do please get involved!

We have launched a weekly Sixth Form Quiz following our visit to the Lord Mayor's Quiz at the University of Birmingham. This is proving to be a weekly challenge which students are engaging in during form time, and we hope to do even better at the quiz next year after all this practice! The winning form will be gaining a prize in our end of term celebration assembly.



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Teachers are now using Class Charts alongside the rest of the Academy to monitor positive behaviours and track negatives. Students have been nominated by subject teachers for "Student of the Month" with certificates being presented in form time. We will be celebrating the student with the highest achievement points in our end of term assembly.

In January, we will be continuing to strive to improve the Sixth Form. We have high standards for dress code expectations and conduct. Students should be wearing:

- Suit/skirt with a blazer at all times
- No coats, mobile phones or headphones in the school building
- No high heels or trainers
- Skirts must be a suitable length
- No facial piercings

Access to the form to apply for bursary can be found on the school website and has also been emailed to all students.

We have ordered all students a diary to help with their organisation, evaluated our enrichment provision to ensure it meets the needs of our students and supporting with university applications. We will be continuing to monitor attendance and punctuality with a keen focus on punctuality to lessons and homework completion. Every lesson counts and students **must** be in school every day at 8.40am. If there is a planned absence, please send medical evidence to: postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk and ensure students email teachers to collect missed work prior to the absence.

Please return to Sixth Form on **Wednesday 10 January 2024 at 8.40am** in correct dress code (only wearing PE kit on practical sport days), with your folders and resources ready to learn.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours sincerely

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