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Dear Parent/Carer

Ho! Ho! Ho! Season's greetings from all at Bloxwich Academy. I cannot believe that 2018 is drawing to a close already. As Headteacher I have been delighted with the attitude of our pupils; not only have they been working fantastically hard with their teachers in their subjects but have also participated in a range of activities and opportunities outside of school.

I am looking forward to watching our Combined Cadet Force undertake their first flying lessons in 2019, along with some of our pupils attempting to achieve their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. I am sure they will be attending Buckingham Palace later in the year to pick up this award...and what an achievement and honour this will be.

It is important that everyone has a restful and peaceful Christmas holiday to recharge the batteries ready for 2019.

Please note that school starts on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8.45 am.

Our challenge of being "the best you can be" remains top priority and I thank all parents and carers for their continued support in achieving this.

Have a wonderful Christmas break.

Yours sincerely

A Seager
Headteacher

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Following

Very proud of the 16 girls who participated in a rugby festival at Walsall Rugby Club yesterday. All girls showed fantastic enthusiasm and represented Bloxwich Academy superbly!



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Following

H Gavin Y8 meets Councillor Towe on his visit to the academy. He shows off his UK junior champion belt in boxing and his gold medal from the U12 Kickboxing World Championships that he won in Italy earlier this month! #bethebestyoucanbe



4:53 AM - 16 Nov 2018

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Following

Pupils and staff cycle, run and swim throughout the day with the aim of travelling a combined 965 miles to travel from Land's End to John O'Groats for #childreninneedrocks2018



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@bloxwichacademy getting a pre-tour 'team talk' from former @WFCOfficial and Republic of Ireland international goalkeeper Mick Kearns.

#careersinfootball #outreachworks
#WeAreNCOP



5:54 AM - 29 Nov 2018

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Following

Year 11 Art pupils inspired to produce some outstanding work through a visit from John Denaro.



9:29 AM - 9 Nov 2018



Bloxwich Academy Cheerleading



On Thursday 23rd October, Year 11 drama students visited Regent Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent, to watch a performance of Willy Russell's Blood Brothers.

The trip supported Performing Arts students in their BTEC Tech Award coursework and provided an invaluable experience for students to watch a superb live performance.

Students thoroughly enjoyed watching this performance and it has supported them in strengthening vital skills required throughout their course.

This term Bloxwich Academy cheerleaders have started to learn their competition routine. During training they have been improving their stunts, jumps, tumblers and dance combining them into one routine. The cheerleaders are determined to work towards competing at the end of the year and are working enthusiastically every week to achieve this.





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As a school we raised a praiseworthy £837 which all goes to the charity to allow them to continue their fantastic work. As school council we wanted to say a huge thankyou to all students and staff who helped out by making or buying cakes or donating money on the day.



Let the Flower Grow by 10T1

Anger, frustration and hatred turn into a venom
That infects young minds.
What was once perfect soil, now ruined by toxic poison.
Why would we want to jeopardise the perfect flower of our minds
For the sake of hatred's weed?

Let the flower grow.

Plant the seed of love in the heart of the unloved.
Let the roots of love transform their poisoned earth.
Let the rays of hope seep through the darkness
Let the flower grow.

The most delicate interior is always surrounded by the
darkest and strongest outer husk.

But a fine and fragile filigree waiting to be set free.

Let the flower grow.

Everyone's heart is made of gold but
Darkness traps some souls, like a devil on their shoulder.
They choose to follow their minds,
Fooled by a promises that never exists.

Help the flower grow

Be the angel on their shoulder,
Be their soil of hope and their ray of kindness.

Show them how to blossom.

Show them that the darkness of their husk does not exist in their heart.

Once set free,

Beautiful petals can be seen,

Don't let them feel alone,

Love those that show you hatred and guide them through the storm.

Let kindness be your strength and them know that it will not be their
weakness,

Then, the flower will grow!



Shoebox Appeal



After a discussion in the School Council about the work done by Blythwood Care, who try to give underprivileged children a Christmas present in a shoebox, we thought we would complete the shoe box appeal to give presents to children all over Europe.

This appeal has been running for 50 years to make children happy on Christmas day. Most of the families that receive these gifts usually cannot afford to give their children a present on Christmas Day so we felt that we are very lucky and wanted to help these children.

Therefore, we asked pupils and staff to donate various items which we could put into shoe boxes such as: a bar of soap, a tooth brush, tooth paste, shampoo, bobbles, hair bands and clips, brushes, toys, sweets, stationary items and many other general things which we often take for granted.

We took it in turns to wrap up the boxes and loaded the van with the boxes at the end of November so hopeful our boxes will get there in time for Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who contributed!



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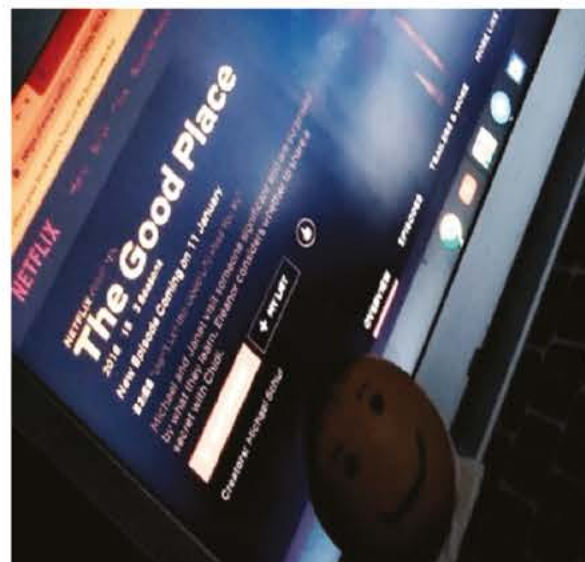
Social Science Updates

Psychology, Year 12 students had the pleasure of looking after an egg for one week. This was part of the attachment topic, in which students learn about the development of bonds between infants and their caregivers. The aim of the egg project was to see if the students formed a bond with their eggs and many did! Below is an example of a report between K Froggatt and her egg, Eggward.

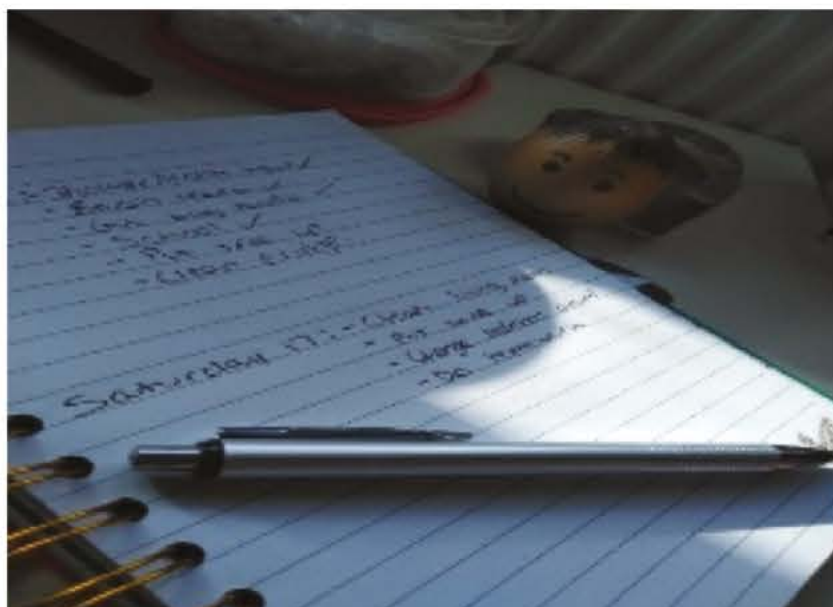
Day 1 - Friday - When we returned from the NEC, I decided after the hectic day we had just had that it would be best that me and Eggward would have a nice, chilled evening. We started off by watching the latest episode of 'The Good Place' on Netflix.

Eggward enjoyed this and wanted to watch more but I told him that we'd read a story instead. I did this because I don't want my child to become too obsessed with Netflix and the internet. I'd rather him be more intelligent and have advancements early on.

After I read him a section of the book, he got very tired and went to sleep.



Day 2 - I thought we'd be more productive. Eggward helped me write a to do list. We cleaned the living room, put the Christmas tree up, changed my bedroom around and completed my homework. Eggward was very helpful. I realised that we are both very similar which was good because we got along so well.



Day 3 - Sunday

This was a Sunday so of course; we both did nothing. We lay in bed, listening to music. I showed Eggward one of my favourite songs.

Day 4 - Monday

After a hard day at school, I came home to find Eggward had been bored without me. He had been playing Xbox.

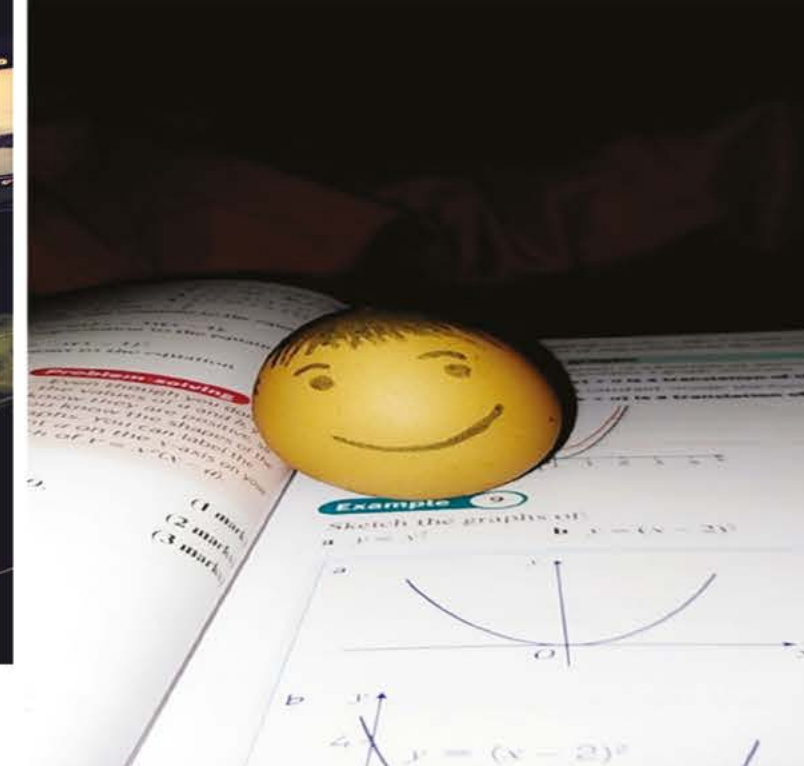
I told Eggward not to play Xbox too much or he would turn into someone who does fortnite dances in real life. We can't have that! I let him off this time because he's my first son.

Day 5 - Tuesday

Today I thought Eggward and I would start being more productive. I had a lot of work to do, so I thought I could teach him some maths and get my work done at the same time.

Eggward is a very smart egg and seemed to understand what I was doing. I'm very proud of the egg he was becoming.

After this we did some of my history reading and Eggward learnt a lot about industrial relations in 20th century Britain. He loved learning all this new information and wanted to learn more.



Day 6 - Wednesday

Today, we had no work to do so me and Eggward went on a Prison Break binger. Eggward and I are both obsessed with Wentworth Miller (Michael) and had a very good evening watching Season 4 together.

Day 7 - This was the last day I ever saw Eggward. We were taking photos and he slipped and fell to the floor. I think about Eggward every day and miss him very much.



Post 16 & Careers



Year 11 & 12 visit the World Skills UK Live Exhibition

In November all of our Year 11 and 12 students visited the World Skills UK Live exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham. There were over 70,000 students visiting the exhibition from all over the country to see 30,000 employers, universities and training and apprenticeship providers. This was a real opportunity for our students to start thinking about their next steps and possible future careers. Students spent a few hours at the exhibition talking to the exhibitors and getting some real targeted, one-to-one advice from who may be potentially employing them or training them on the pathway to their careers in the future. As always, our students behaved impeccably and were a real credit to the academy.

Year 12 Young Chamber Students

A group of Year 12 students have become part of the Black Country Chamber of Commerce's 'Young Chamber' for the next academic year. The students attend termly board meetings with other young chamber students from schools across Walsall and the Black Country to help plan events with the intention of increasing the voice of young people across the region. They meet with councillors, local politicians and even attend Prime Minister's Questions at the House of Commons over the course of the year. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to hold those in power to account on local issues that affect them and thousands of other young people in our region. They are also planning for change within the academy with a focus on the mental health of students in school, which is also a key focus for the academy over the next academic year. They are planning to meet with Mr Seager to share their thoughts and ideas about how to support students across the academy with their mental health, particularly those studying for GCSE and A' Level exams. So watch this space, these students may be our future leaders!

Year 10 Right Track Launch - University of Wolverhampton

Twenty of our Year 10 students have been chosen to be part of the 'Right Track' programme this year as part of our Aspire to HE programme. The programme gives students the opportunity to find out more about what life and studying at University is like through a series of workshops and visits to all three of the University of Wolverhampton's campuses. This year's programme of events kicked off at the City Campus in Wolverhampton on 27th November, where students were given lots of information about the programme, had the opportunity to meet the other students on the programme from schools across Walsall and the Black Country and took part in some team building activities. Their next outreach event is a full day of activities at the University's Walsall Campus in February.

Post 16 & Careers



Year 13 UCAS applications

All of our Year 13 students have now completed their university applications. Some of our students have already received offers from the likes of the University of Birmingham, Durham University, Loughborough University and Aberystwyth University. We are incredibly proud of the hard work that both students and staff put into the applications this year, with all of them being completed and sent off before the Christmas holidays, so fingers crossed for lots more offers for our students in January!

Year 11 into Post 16

At the end of November, we held our annual Post 16 information and options evening at the academy. This was a great opportunity for Year 11 students and parents/carers to find out more about the options available to the students here at Bloxwich Academy's sixth form. Year 11 students were told which subjects are being offered to them at A Level and Btec Level 3 and had the opportunity to talk with subject staff about the subjects they are interested in. It was wonderful to see so many students and parents attend the event this year. All students were given an application form on the night, however, more are available at Main Reception and from Mrs Lockley in the sixth form office. Our September 2019 prospectus is available on our school website which contains lots of information about sixth form and the subjects on offer next year. The deadline for ALL applications for a place in Post 16 at Bloxwich Academy is Friday 11th January 2019, the first Friday back after the Christmas holidays. Application forms can be given into Main Reception, or to Mrs Lockley or Mr Till.

Careers Assemblies at Bloxwich

During the last half term years 7-10 have all been in a careers assembly with Mr Till and Mrs Lockley, where they were told about our careers provision here at the academy. Careers is a growing area of our life at the academy with many events planned throughout the year. Students were told about the importance of planning for your future education, training and careers from as early on in secondary education as possible, they found out about the local job market and skills shortages in Walsall and the wider West Midlands. All students then completed targeted careers booklets during PSHE to help them consider their own skills and what jobs areas they might be interested in going into when they are older and what they need to start doing now to make sure they give themselves the very best opportunities in the future. We have also updated our school website with a big careers section, which can be found under 'publications' and then 'careers'. This area of the website has been designed to help not only our students, but their families too with updating or creating CV's, completing online skills audits to see which careers they may be best suited to as well as lots of information about university, employment and apprenticeships. There is much more to come from careers at Bloxwich Academy in 2019!



Hunstanton Field Trip

During November, Y11 Geographers visited Hunstanton, Norfolk to explore coastal erosion and the management procedures in place to protect the coast. This trip was essential fieldwork to enable students to complete their GCSE examination.

The students looked at hard and soft engineering along the coastline, observing various rates of reduced erosion, as well as making personal judgements regarding the most beneficial management strategies.

In preparation for this trip, pupils had focused on their hypothesis, risk assessments and content knowledge on ways of managing the coastline.

Throughout the trip, all pupils behaved impeccably and were a credit to the Academy. The interest they all demonstrated was inspiring and highlighted their passion for geography. The trip proved to be a very beneficial revision exercise without the students even realising. Pupils returned to Bloxwich feeling very confident about their fieldwork and knowledge of coastal landscapes.

Upon return, pupils have been working hard to complete their physical fieldwork enquiry with specifics to proving their hypothesis, analysing their results and looking at drawing possible conclusions. After a very successful trip, the Geography department feel confident that the students will work hard for their examination, with fantastic results to follow in July.



Eco Club

Eco club was relaunched this half term on 22nd November. The plan for the year is to help with recycling around the Academy and to explore ways to be more energy efficient.

The purpose of the relaunch is the introduction of an allotment project. We are viewing ways to use some of our green spaces to help the Academy and have 31 enthusiastic members to do this.

The allotment will be designed and made by the pupils along with our very own plastic bottle greenhouse which we will be designing and producing.

By the summer the pupils plan to have a fully functioning allotment producing lots of fruit and vegetables.



Educational visit to RAF Cosford



The cadets have recently attended an educational visit to RAF Cosford. This is part of their continued training and development to achieve their part 1 cadet status; exams will be sat early next year.

The cadets toured the museum with an ex-station commander of RAF Cosford, he used his knowledge of the RAF to inform the cadets in readiness for the forthcoming exam. The number of cadets now stands at a steady 25 who regularly attend their CCF training on a Wednesday night. They have recently been kitted out with their uniforms and are starting to show pride in their new kits, although it is not fully complete yet.

With Christmas fast approaching the cadets have one formal parade and a small social event to look forward to. Experience flights are starting to be booked for the cadets in the new year as well as a whole host of other things for the cadets to get their teeth into.

Acting Pilot Officer Hall

CCF Contingent Commander

Cadets outside the museum watching the air ambulance and aircraft take off.



CCF Parade Bloxwich Academy



Bloxwich Academy came together to celebrate the 100 Years Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. Acting Pilot Officer Wilkes lead the formation of the parade conducted by our pupils in the Combined Cadet Force.

It was fantastic to see the respect shown by all our pupils during a 2 minute silence and a very proud moment watching our Combined Cadet Force squad in full flow.



Brindley House



What a half term this has been with the change of weather and start of Year 11 mock exams.

Firstly, I would like to start off by saying a huge well done to all of Brindley House who have worked fantastically well during this half term and displayed a commitment to attend school even through the winter weather conditions.

Also, I would like to make a special mention to 7B1 and 7B2 for settling into the secondary phase so well. I would like to congratulate the following pupils for achieving 100% since September: L. Austin (Year 7), G. Betteley (Year 7), C. Bouncer (Year 7), P. Bowyer (Year 7), L. Hanley (Year 7), L. Lindop (Year 7), R. Meredith (Year 7), C. Moriarty (Year 7), S. Nicholls (Year 7), L. Richards (Year 7), A. Soulsby (Year 7), L. Wilkes (Year 7), S. Williams (Year 7), K. Austin (Year 8), S. Cavagnini (Year 8), R. Evans (Year 8), H. Gavin (Year 8), S. Masuku (Year 8), A. Vaduva (Year 8), G. Williams (Year 8), L. Bowyer (Year 9), D. Cook (Year 9), R. Czop (Year 9), S. Egginton (Year 9), C. Haskett (Year 9), T. Mills (Year 9), K. Ojolo (Year 9), J. Perkins (Year 9), K. Ridgway (Year 9), J. Wells (Year 9), J. Wilkes (Year 9), I. Baugh (Year 10), K. Jones (Year 10), T. Morris (Year 10), M. Nyatanga (Year 10), C. Pickstone (Year 10), G. Poxon (Year 10), S. Price (Year 10), L. Slater (Year 10), B. Grainger (Year 11), G. Miller-Kakay (Year 11), T. Spellman (Year 11) and N. Willetts-Jones (Year 11).

I am looking forward to the next half term as we will begin to see more inter-house competitions happening; giving us more chances to gain house points. I want to us to be participating in all these competitions and I look forward to congratulating you on your superb efforts.

All in all, this has been a successful half term!

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Bradley
Head of Brindley



I would like to give a special mention to H. Gavin, Year 7 again.

Most recently, fought in another International Kicking Boxing competition in Rome and again was triumphant. H. Gavin has got another belt to add to his impressive collection.

Well done and Brindley are very proud to have you!

Stephenson House



Congratulations go to all the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance in Stephenson House for this term:

Year 7 – Y Ahmed, M Bourne, D Fudali, P Gavin, C Hitchcock, C Hudson, L Jarman, A Jones, C Moriarty, A Moseley, E Stone, A Summers, C Taylor, J Tolley, A Webb, J Wheat, A Wilkes, K Wood

Year 8 – S Boamaong, J Gyan-Baffour, O Hayward, F Killian, J Swindell.

Year 9 – L Hurst, M McKeon, J Myatt, C Nicholls, M Omotuyi.

Year 10 – S Boamaong, B Chibge, A De Martino, D Irodotou, J Kielczewska, F Shah,

Year 11 – M Ambrus, J Douglas, K Johnson, H Nicholls, L Perkins, H Pritchard, J Sellick-Iles, C Spellman, E Sproston, A Yates

Well done to all of these pupils and they certainly are all fantastic role models for the rest of the members of Stephenson House. One of the Year 7 forms won the attendance for the previous half term and were given a reward for their high attendance. We are also celebrating that some Year 7 have been working really hard to achieve their gold award for commendations.

Stephenson House was actively involved in selling poppies for Remembrance Day and contributing to the British Legion Charity. Pupils donated items for the School Shoebox Appeal which sends underprivileged children a Christmas present. All our pupils got involved with Children in Need by baking, selling and buying cakes, as well as the cuddly toy tombola. All the pupils in the house have been involved in the various charity fundraisers and already planning for the events next term.

In Stephenson we have a number of pupils who have attended after school clubs including the various football teams which has allowed them to improvement their technical skills and ability. Their involvement in sport and dance clubs is fantastic and they have developed a love for these activities in and around school. Some of these pupils are rehearsing various dances for the Academy's Christmas assembly, so the whole school can see the talent they have for the Arts.

All that is left for me to say is a huge thank you to our parents for their continued support.

Have a very merry Christmas.

Miss Stanley
Head of Stephenson

Telford House



As is always the case it has been an extremely busy term at Bloxwich Academy, I have been increasingly impressed with the conduct and behaviour for learning of all Telford pupils. It has been a pleasure to go into lessons and see such fantastic work being produced on such a consistent basis and I would like to take this opportunity to applaud all Telford pupils on such an excellent start to the academic year. I would also like to wish all Year 11 and 13 pupils good luck in their upcoming mock exams, these will provide pupils with a clear insight how they are progressing and what more they need to do in order to achieve those target grades.

As I have already stated it has been extremely busy term with numerous Telford pupils representing the academy in sporting fixtures from football and rugby to more recently in netball and basketball fixtures. Whenever I have been able to get out to watch pupils represent the academy I am always filled with pride to see both the excellent sportsmanship as well as the competitive edge all pupils elicit in abundance. I look forward to seeing more pupils playing in sporting fixtures in the coming term as well as hearing about other pupils representing the academy in other areas such as the Combined Cadet Force.

I am proud to highlight the excellent attendance of Telford house, so far this year, currently the house is running at 95.14% which is a huge increase upon this time last year and more importantly puts the house above the national expectation set out to all schools. I would like in particular to congratulate the pupils who have achieved 100% attendance up to this point this year, this is a fantastic achievement and something that all pupils should be proud of. Congratulations goes to: J. Bloomer, R. Chudy, R. Elmer, A. Harris, E. Jones, S. Kaur, M. Rhodes, H. Spellman, R. Wieczorek, L. Williams, M. Withers, C. Beaumont, A. Christian, R. Cole, A. Ejaz, J. Fellows, J. Garbett, B. Hitchcock, A. Kielczewski, M. Pritchard, K. Siamplidis, B. Sliwinski, C. Wilson, S. Bowyer, L. Cyster, B. Ebbans, R. Endersby, A. Moorhouse, M. Erinayo, E. Petty, V. Enosakhare Riet, K. Holt, D. Madonko, L. Perkins, C. Ford, M. Gu, L. Miller, K. Moseley, I. Broom, L. Neary and C. Wilson.

A special mention must also go to 8T1 who are the top attending form in the academy for this half term with 98.6%, hopefully you will be able to keep this up to the end of term to send Miss Smith on in style!

Finally, I would like to say a Merry Christmas to all, I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing break and are able to recharge your batteries ready to get going in the New Year ready to push ourselves to **Be The Best That We Can Be!**

Mr Booth
Head of Telford

Watt House



This term has certainly flown. I want to start by saying thank you for the continued effort and resilience shown each day by Watt pupils. You deserve a fantastic break!

Congratulations to the following pupils for their fantastic achievement with 100% attendance since September.

Year 7- M. Abongwa, R. Boxold, E. Broadway, R. Brotherton, C. Drane, P. Ebbans, N. Fitzgerald, R. Kelley, O. Miller- Kakay, F. Sanders. Year 8 - C. Aigbiremolan, J. Asamoah, R. Horney, M. Johnson, B. Smith. Year 9 - H. Hill, R. Scott, J. Slater, M. Spellman. Year 10 - G. Ohenhen, E. Duah. Year 11 - S. Erinayo and J. Myatt.

This half term, Watt pupils have shown they are committed to their learning and will to work to achieve their potential.

Congratulations to the pupils for achieving the Bronze Commendation Award. For the first time since I have started writing this piece there are too many to mention. A total of 60 pupils in Watt have already achieved this award. Congratulations to each and every one of you.

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their Silver Commendation Awards half term. Year 7- M. Hutchins and D. Matthews. Year 8- M. Borquaye, D. Lockley, J. Asamoah, A. Matthews, K. Oakley, N. Parrish-Powell, C. Payton, K. Selvey, E. Smith and H. Zucaro. Year 10- G. Ohenhen.

It is amazing that pupils are already achieving their Gold Commendation Awards this term. Congratulations to the following pupils, J. Asamoah and H. Zucaro

The first Head Teacher's Commendation Award is still up for grabs in Watt House. Who will be the first pupil to achieve this?

A special congratulation must go to the following pupils for their hard work a commitment to the CCF. The way they presented themselves, Watt House and the school during the Remembrance service was outstanding. F. Evans, H. Hill, K. Jones, I. Lonick, P. Lowndes, N. Parrish-Powell, R. Polio, C. Rhodes, J. Slater and R. Taylor.

After an amazing first term, we cannot ease up and slow down the pace. As the school motto says "Be the best you can be." Let us work hard, strive for excellence and make Watt House the best it can be!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Stay safe, rest well and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year to face the next challenge.

Miss Williamson
Head of House, Watt

John Denaro Visits Art



At the beginning of November, the Art department welcomed John Denaro back to work with our Year 11, 12 and 13 students.

John's work is astonishingly realistic and shows character and personality of the person being captured. The former pavement artist works in chalk, charcoal and soft pastels to help students create large scale self-portraits. Small groups of students participated in a workshop with John, recording observations and details of themselves. Demonstrations and staff support assisted students to create highly skilled and realistic portraits that will be added to their coursework.

Working with a professional artist boosts confidence and problem solving skills, in addition to gaining first-hand experience of what it is like to work in the Art industry. This group of students captured themselves, their features and characteristics brilliantly, impressing both John and the Art department staff.



Sporting Updates



Year 9 Basketball

Wednesday 5th December saw our Year 9 basketball team play their first game of the season against Pool Hayes Academy. It was a fantastic game; both teams displayed high levels of skill and passion throughout the game.

The game started well with Bloxwich scoring first and demonstrating a strong defence. There were several misses, from both teams, in the first quarter which lead to only two baskets being scored, both of these going to Bloxwich, and we ended the first quarter winning 4-0.

Despite this, during the second quarter, Pool Hayes upped their game, and scored two points within the first 5 seconds, and looked dangerous on the attack. Despite this, our 'man to man' marking was too much for Pool Hayes and they failed to score another point during the quarter with fantastic defending from our team. Bloxwich sailed into half time with a slender 6-2 lead.

Before the start of the third quarter, we discussed how to create more opportunities to score within the game we were dominating, but unfortunately failing to score. Following a change of personnel and tactics the third quarter started with Bloxwich shooting an early basket.

From that point on the Pool Hayes team could not cope with the outstanding skills shown from Bloxwich and we went on to score 12 points in the third quarter. Going into the fourth quarter with an amazing 18-4 lead, the pressure was off. We just had to see the game out. Due to fantastic teamwork Bloxwich won the final quarter and came away victoriously and a final score of 22-5.

This term, the Year 7 and 8 girls football team competed in a match against West Walsall.

Within the first 5 minutes C. Benger had scored a fantastic first goal. Our defence battled tirelessly to keep a clean sheet and goalkeeper, I. Duckhouse made some astonishing saves. It was phenomenal teamwork!

The girls battled to reach an amazing score of 5-0. West Walsall did strike lucky with a goal, however, C. Benger managed another 2 goals completing the game with a victorious score of 7 -1! Woman of the match had to be awarded to C. Benger for scoring 6 out of 7 goals. However, a fantastic effort by the whole team. Players: C. Benger, S. Jones, A. Carrington, M. Withers, R. Killian.

Matrix Netball Trials



On Monday the 3rd December a team of Year 7 and 8 girls travelled to Etone Academy, to compete in the Matrix netball trials.

Upon arrival the girls were split into year based teams and played with various schools in several matches.

The competition was of an exceptionally high standard but all of our girls were outstanding and an absolute credit to the school.

As a result, six of our players were selected to attend a Netball tour, in Belgium, and represent the Matrix Trust. As a department we are very proud and would like to congratulate the following:

L. Williams
M. Withers
S. Williams
L.M Wilkes
R. Cole
E. Robins

Well done girls and have fun on tour!



PE Do Children In Need



This year saw the PE Department embark on a challenge to see whether the school could cycle, run or swim the distance from Lands' End to John O'Groats, a total of 965 miles.

Throughout the day the PE staff swam and ran during classes. All classes participated in running either around the field, Sports Hall or Gymnasium to clock up the miles.

Students also continued during their lunch breaks to cycle as fast as they could to complete 1km and continuously passing the baton on to the next rider. It was a tumultuous effort and by the end of the day all miles were collated.

Overall a grand total of 726 miles were completed.

It was a fantastic effort which pupils enjoyed but most importantly a lot of money was raised for an excellent cause.



Sixth Form Futsal

The Year 12 Futsal Team played in a tournament at Codsall Community School. The games were competitive throughout with the Bloxwich team winning the last game in some style. They started to play the ball about the pitch with accuracy and pace which forced more of the play in our attacking half. The goal of the tournament came from astute tactical play with Reece Birkett playing in goal, he dribbled out and played a lofted pass over the top of the Codsall defence which allowed Brad Fox to time his sliding volley into the bottom corner of the net.

There was some excellent Futsal played between both teams in the right spirit of the game, we look forward to the next games to be played against Codsall.

Mr Hamnett.



Loughborough Uni Visit



On 7th November students from the Year 10, 11 and 12 BTEC Sport classes travelled to Loughborough University, to learn about what the university life and the courses. They also attended lectures in Sports Psychology, Performance Lifestyle and Field-based fitness testing.

The day began with a tour of the main campus and students enjoyed looking at the vast facilities available at Loughborough and seeing professional sports stars training, such as boxer Dillian Whyte. In addition, students also saw where Sport England and the English Institute of Sports were based as well as National Governing Bodies such as the ECB (England & Wales Cricket Board) and British Athletics.

After the tour, pupils attended a range of detailed lectures on topics covered during the BTEC Sport syllabus before finishing the day completing a practical session on field-based fitness testing.

Overall, it was a fantastic day and it certainly inspired the group to think about their university options.



Walsall FC Visit

On Thursday 29th November our Year 12 BTEC Sport class travelled to Walsall Football Club. They spent the day learning more about job roles within professional football clubs.

They received talks on coaching, education, analysis, conferencing and events, meeting professionals in all areas, including Mick Kearns the former Republic of Ireland Goalkeeper.

Overall, it was a fantastic day and it certainly inspired the group to think about their career options.

