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**NEWSLETTER**  
**JULY 2018**



**PARENT FORUM**  
**WALSALL ACADEMY DANCE FESTIVAL**  
**AND MUCH MORE**

## AWARDS EVENING



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



## STEM CLUB



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## HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE



Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot believe that the summer holidays are nearly here, how time flies when you are working hard and having fun.

It has been an incredible year for everyone at Bloxwich Academy. We are 'over the moon' with the progress our pupils have made and are definitely on our way to becoming the Outstanding school our pupils deserve.

It has been a pleasure meeting so many of our parents/carers throughout the year and I wish you all a relaxing and peaceful summer holiday.

Although we cannot include everything our pupils have taken part in this year, please see inside some of our particular favourites.

Once again, may I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'A Seager'.

A Seager  
Headteacher

## Parent Forum



Our third parent forum meeting has taken place. The meeting was beneficial for both parents and the school. All parents were informed about the issue of child exploitation and our Academy's stance on this issue. An introductory session took place to highlight the work that Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation (PACE) do and discussions took place about future events happening in school for parents to attend in order to support their son/daughter during their time at Bloxwich Academy.

### YOU SAID

You told us that you would like to see events in the school that would help families feed themselves for £5. You said that you would like the Parents Against Child Sexual Exploitation to be offered to other parents. In addition, you have asked for an evening session to show pupils how to revise and how best you can support them.

### WE DID

- HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD REVISE EVENING
- HOW TO COOK A MEAL ON £5.00 SESSION
- PARENTS AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF PARENT FORUM?

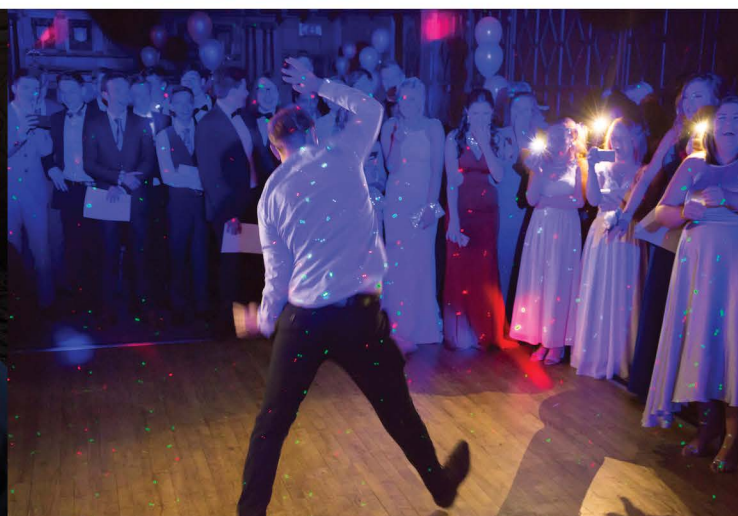
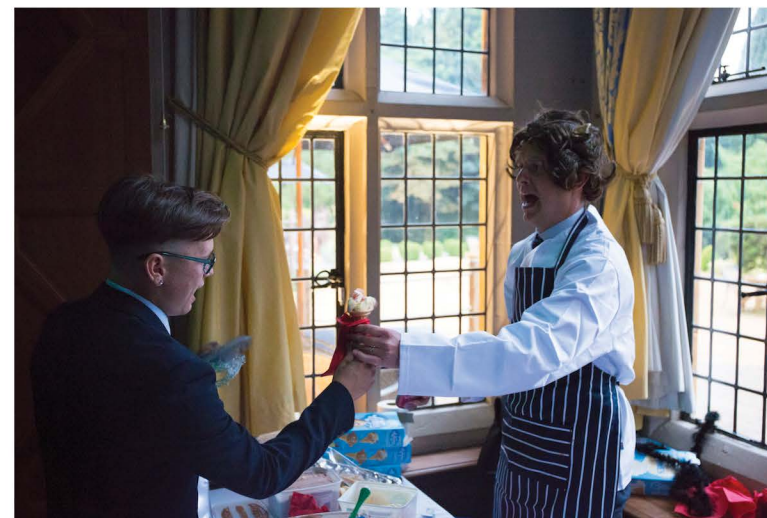
If you are interested and would like to take part in parent forum, please call the Academy and leave a message for Mr Bradley and he will be more than happy to call you to discuss parent forum.



# PROM 2018

Thursday 12th July saw the sun shine on the beautiful grounds of The Mount Hotel, Wolverhampton where staff eagerly awaited the arrival of our Year 11 Prom guests. Students spent the evening snapping photos, pleasing their sweet teeth with some ice cream (served by some familiar faces) and even getting a self portrait drawn by our very talented caricaturist.

Once the sun had gone down, our Prom King and Queen were announced, that then led into a party to end all parties with our DJ. A great night was had by all and it will certainly be one to remember.





# Duke of Edinburgh

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Over the 22nd - 24th June 2018, 12 pupils successfully completed their Silver practice expedition at The Lickey Hills. The heat was intense as the pupils struggled with carrying full rucksacks over difficult terrain. The students were incredible and represented Bloxwich Academy with pride. Their effort and behaviour were exemplary as commented on by a member of staff at the campsite. He commented that our students were 'one of the best Duke of Edinburgh groups that they have ever had.'

Both silver groups (that were trekking) showed fantastic resilience and teamwork skills. In addition, M.Rock, J.French, K. Maritza and A. Thompson demonstrated outstanding leadership skills.

During the weekend, the pupils amassed over 30 miles per group. They were extremely motivated and eager to show their map reading skills, orienteering; based on bearings and pacing. On the Friday and Saturday evening pupils showed brilliant camp craft skills involving: the putting up/ taking down of tents and cooking all their own food.

Overall I could not ask for any more from our pupils and members of staff (L. Smith, L. Burton, R. Hall) they were all simply outstanding.

Well done to all the students involved:

- N. Capalbo
- A. Thompson
- J. French
- H. Nicholls
- R. Avery
- K. Maritza
- M. Rock
- B. Johnson
- C. Wilson
- B. Grainger
- A. Yates
- B. Thacker







On Monday 16th April the majority of the year 11 pupils chattered excitedly under the warm lighting of the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre foyer. Lined up along the stairwells and corridors, tickets with printed seat numbers fluttering in hand, they waited anxiously to be released into the stall. A burst of chatter, a rumble of feet, a rustle of food wrappers and a squabble over seats later, they were settled in to watch the production they'd waited all term for; Blood Brothers.

Blood Brothers is the story of two twins separated at birth whose fates were intertwined. They each experience different upbringings and work through their own hardships, only to be reunited at the end in a fatal and dramatic conclusion to the play. Written by Willy Russel (a working class playwright from Liverpool), it is strongly influenced by the social, economic and political context of Liverpool in the 1980s, and draws on themes such as social class, poverty, superstition, crime and gender roles.

Year 11 were mesmerised by the witty comedy, thrilling events and shocking plot twists. The theatre filled with audible gasps during an impressive final scene (which included actors surrounding the stalls amongst the audience, gunfire and special effects!)

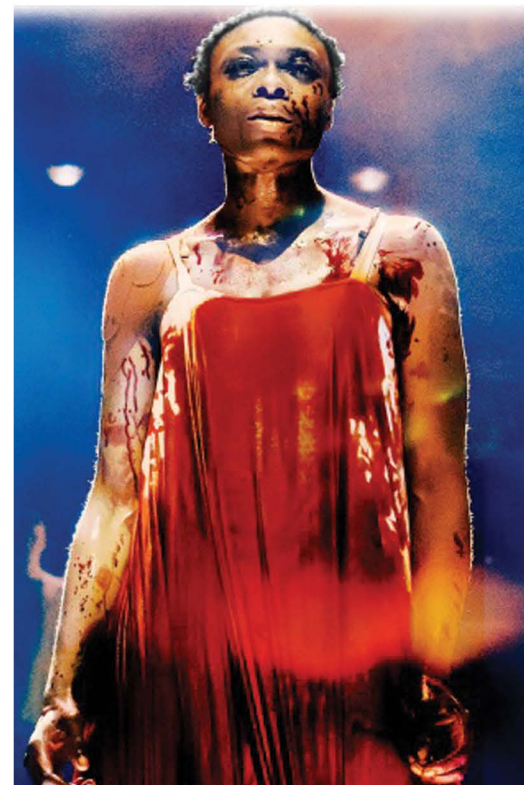
### THE TERRIFICALLY GORY DUCHESS OF MALFI

On April 30th, a group of intrepid 6th formers journeyed to Stratford Upon Avon to watch an incredible production of The Duchess of Malfi, one of their set drama texts for A Level English Literature.

The Duchess of Malfi, a violent revenge tragedy written by 16th century British playwright John Webster, tells the story of a defiant woman, destroyed by her corrupt brothers. In an attempt to prevent the fiercely independent Duchess from marrying the man she loves, her desperate brothers go on a disturbing quest to destroy her.

Remarkable for its inventive and grotesque violence, yet full of dark humour, this disturbing revenge tragedy asks how anyone can survive in a world where masculinity has become toxic. All students involved were mesmerised by this production-the front row were even given blankets to protect them from any blood splash-backs!

"It was amazing to see this live on stage!" L. Clarke Year 13



Year 10 BTEC dancers performed at the Walsall Academy Dance Festival again this year. They wowed the audience with their 80's themed performances of 'Dance with Somebody' by Whitney Houston and Michael Jackson's 'Bad'. It was a valuable opportunity for the pupils to see other performances from schools around the West Midlands. Bloxwich Academy are getting better and better each year... Well done dancers you were fab!



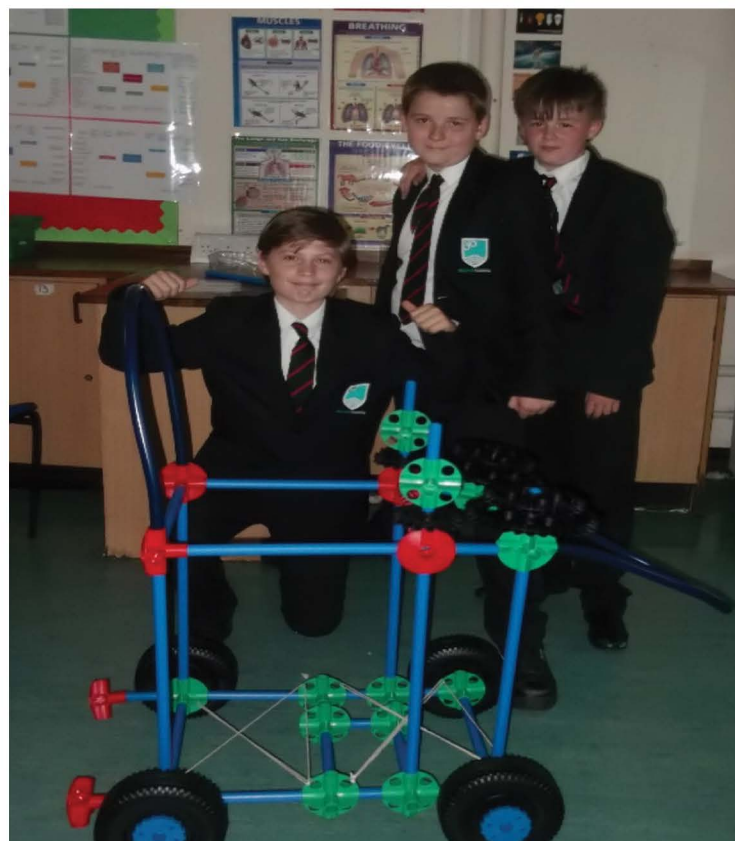


This half term has seen the launch of Bloxwich Academy STEM Club. The club is open to Year 7 and 8 pupils who have an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

This week pupils have had to design a 'vehicle' that can transport 4Kg around the school yard. Pupils worked in teams and competed against each other to create their vehicles.

The Year 7 Watt team were the winners. They worked excellently to complete their task as a team. Together they shared the workload, discussing ideas as they went along, adapting their creation as they overcame each obstacle. In the end, the Watt team designed a vehicle that could be pulled or pushed. Their vehicle was also designed to carry up to 4Kg.

The next STEM club will involve pupils working on the 'Squashed Tomato Challenge'.



What a fantastic year it has been for the Humanities department! We have seen some amazing lessons taking place and there has also been a range of exciting trips including Geography fieldwork trips to Carding Mill Valley and a Psychology trip to an exam workshop run by exam performance specialists.

In May, our Year 11 History students (and some lucky Year 10s) were fortunate enough to take part in an exciting History workshop. Two WW1 soldiers; in full uniform, showed our students how medical issues were dealt with in the trenches.

Certain students were particularly excited by the selection of weapons being handed around. Perhaps most excited by the original artefacts on display was Mr Strachan who couldn't resist the opportunity to try on a gas mask.

We have seen some exceptional work from pupils in Humanities lessons and would like to wish everyone a well-deserved, restful break.





## Prefect Team 2018

## Barclays Life Skills Session

During the last 4 weeks, the year 10 prefect applicants have been put through a professional application and selection process to be awarded the prestigious honour of becoming a prefect for 2018. This year, more year 10 students have applied for the role of a prefect than any of their predecessors. This is showing the capabilities of the students at Bloxwich Academy, and how they constantly strive to 'Be The Best (they) Can Be'.

To complete the application process students were asked to write a formal application letter that included a referee. This was followed by a formal interview with the Head of each House and finally they had to successfully complete two full days of training.

The first day of training required the pupils to develop their teamwork and showcase leadership skills through a range of activities including problem solving, orienteering, designing a rollercoaster and working against the clock to complete an escape room.

The following day students were required to attend formal training with members of staff which would enable them to fulfil the role of the prefect. This included developing the role of a prefect, supporting Heads of House and staff, safeguarding, mediation and mentoring.

During the 2 training days, pupils were able to reflect on the activities and decide if they would like to apply for a senior prefect roles. The application process for this is currently underway. Senior Prefects will be announced shortly.

Barclays life skills volunteers have been working with our Year 10 and 9 students over two days to help build their skills in CV writing and self-confidence whilst enlightening them on the future of money and changes to our economic world. Students have thoroughly enjoyed these opportunities and taken lots from the sessions.





## House Message **Brindley**



This year has been fantastic and it has flown by! There have been lots of fantastic things going on in the Academy. First of all, I would like to congratulate year 11 for all their hard work and contributions to Bloxwich Academy; Brindley in particular. You have been an amazing year group and you will be missed. I would like to wish each and every one of you every success in the future. I am also looking forward to seeing those of you who will be returning in September to start your Post 16 studies.

Secondly, I would like to say huge congratulations to the following pupils for achieving their Duke of Edinburgh Silver awards: A. Thompson (Year 10), B. Grainger (Year 10), B. Johnson (Year 10) and K. Maritza (Year 10). Not only did they trek for three days and cover 30 miles in the Lickey Hills, the boys still found the energy to entertain the staff with their extravagant dancing during the evening. The best moment had to be B. Johnson finding his way onto a canal barge! Lads, you represented a third of the group and Brindley are unbelievably proud of all of you!

Over the last couple of weeks year 10 pupils have had a stressful time sitting their mock exams. You have behaved impeccably and have handled this pressure in a positive manner. I am sure that you will take this attitude forward into year 11.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following pupils for achieving their Headteacher Award: C. Willey (Year 7), G. Williams (Year 7), Z. Hylton (Year 7), J. Wojtun (Year 7), A. Lawton (Year 7), J. Lawrence (Year 7), K. Adams (Year 7), H. Gavin (Year 7), S. Masuku (Year 7), R. Evans (Year 7), E. Emery (Year 7), R. Allen (Year 7), A. Platt (Year 7), J. Tolley (Year 7), C. Green (Year 7), C. Bailey (Year 7), J. Street (Year 7), C. Holden (Year 7), L. Hopkins (Year 7), O. Webb (Year 7), R. Czop (Year 8) and K. Ojolo (Year 8).

Finally, I would like to thank all the pupils in Brindley for their contributions to House competitions, challenges, 100 club, inter-house competitions and their determination to get as many commendations as possible. Hopefully, with all the hard work and determination, we will be lifting the House Champion's Shield September 2018. I would like to finish by saying I am proud of each and every pupil in Brindley and the successes they have had and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September, when our journey continues.

## House Message **Stephenson**



It has been a busy year for Stephenson, and it seems to have rocketed by, just like Stephenson's "Rocket". I firstly would like to thank all the parents for their support over this year at Bloxwich Academy.

Recently we said a sad goodbye to year 11 during a leaving assembly when they were presented with certificates. This gave the pupils opportunities to speak to individual Teachers and to collect autographs as a memento of their time at Bloxwich Academy. The Year 11 Prom takes place on the 12th July and the pupils are busy planning imaginative and luxury forms of transport to get themselves to the Hotel. The pupils are looking forward to spending the evening dancing and are grateful it gives them a chance to say a proper goodbye to each other.

The form tutors have been working hard in their forms to improve attendance and punctuality. It is at this point we need to send our congratulations to E. Robins Year 7, R. Plooiy Year 8, D. Irodotou Year 9, J. Kielczewska Year 9, and S. Enosakhare Year 10 for achieving 100% attendance for this academic year.

A special mention needs to go to A. Yates and M. Blanazs for their success on being appointed Head Boy and Head Girl. With their success comes responsibilities so, for the next academic year they will be responsible for a team of Prefects. The Prefects went through a rigorous selection process that included writing a formal letter of application followed by intense interviews. They have been given their Prefect ties and are now wearing them with pride.

We need to congratulate both B. Thacker and A. Yates in Year 10 for successfully completing their Silver practice expedition at The Lickey Hills. The pupils had to cope with the heat while walking over 30 miles during the weekend. They had to use their map reading skills to ensure they used accurate bearings to walk from the various checkpoints as well as carrying full rucksacks over the three days. They had to use previously developed camp skills to set up and maintain the camp site and work collaboratively to cook their own food. The pupils were incredible and we hope they will be successful in completing the next expedition component in a couple of weeks.

In June, some pupils from Stephenson House represented the Academy at a recent Walsall Athletics Championship which was held at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. We had mixed success with J. Brown in Year 10 winning Gold in the long Jump and Silver in the 200m sprint, plus S. Wood in Year 8 winning Silver in the Shot Putt. The pupils said they enjoyed the experience of competing against other pupils from different Schools and the Stadium was amazing to compete in. Hopefully, they will build on their experience at the stadium and help us to gain valuable points at our Academy's Sports Day.

So, without further hesitation, I would like to wish you a happy and safe summer – revise, relax and refresh in preparation for September 2018. Go Stephenson!!!



## House Message **Telford**



What a busy term it has been! Well done to all Year 11s and 13s who have taken their exams over the past two months, your behaviour and attitude towards those exams has been exemplary. I wish you good luck for your results in August and hope these results provide a stepping stone to your future goals and dreams. To those year 11s that are joining us in Sixth Form, I look forward to seeing you in September and to those that are leaving us good luck in whatever it is you have chosen to do.

After the business of the formal exams, we then had the Year 10 mock exams, this has been a real challenge for the Year 10s as they transition from Year 10 to 11 but again your behaviour and attitude towards the mocks will stand you in good stead for next year. As well as their mock exams a number of year 9 and 10 students have been completing their practice expeditions for their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards, this is excellent preparation for your final expeditions and the skills learnt will hold you in good stead in the coming years. Well done to the following; N. Capalbo, J. French, R. Avery, M. Rock, C. Wilson, L. Neary, T. Haynes, W. O'Connell, L. Perkins and J. Wright. Excellent work and good luck for your final expeditions.

I would like to congratulate all those Telford students who have been appointed to the prefect team; R. Avery, N. Capalbo, C. Wilson and C. Goode, you have already immersed yourselves in the role and the expectations of a prefect and you are setting a fine example to the rest of the academy. Well done and keep it up.

Congratulations to the following pupils for achieving 100% attendance since the first day in September, this is no mean feat and needs to be applauded. Those students are; R. Cole, B. Hitchcock, A. Kielczewski, B. Hosszu, M. Erinayo, E. Czop, B. Enuoma, K. Male, C. Cox, B. Fox, A. Hamer and B. Thacker. Well done to 7T1 who are the top attending form in Telford with 96%.

In terms of commendations 8T1 have smashed it this year, congratulations to M. Erinayo and S. Taylor who have achieved their Headteacher Award and E. Petty and L. Challenor who have achieved their Platinum Award and are the top achieving students in Telford for commendations.

As you can see it has been an extremely busy term, all that it leaves me to say is well done for an excellent year and enjoy the summer break. Come back recharged and ready to go in September and be ready to be the best that we can be!

## House Message **Watt**



It has been a very busy last term for the Watt pupils. I would like to start by personally congratulating the year 11. You worked hard to the end and your attitude and professionalism in each exam was exemplary. To end what has been a stressful time for most, they will be celebrating with an incredible prom, which will be in their memories for many years to come. Good luck to each and every one of you for the future. I hope you endeavour to continue to push past your limits to reach your goals.

It is time for our Year 10 to now take on this challenge. With a successful mock week, I hope you find the results are what you have worked for. Take this time to assess your strengths and goals, so that this time next year you will have achieved your targets and have been "the best you can be". As Year 11 depart, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Year 10 prefects for the way they have conducted themselves since taking on their roles.

Congratulations to the following pupils for their fantastic achievement with 100% attendance since September. 7W1: J. Holmes, L. Joynes. 7W2: J. Asamoah, B. Smith. 8W1: H. Hill, A. Price, J. Slater, R. Scott, M. Spellman. 9W1: E. Duah, G. Ohenhen. 10W1: A. Clarke, J. Myatt. 10W2: E. Czop, B. Johnson. 11: J. Williams.

Well done to 7W1 for achieving the highest form attendance in the school since September and to 8W1 for coming second. Keep up the fantastic work let's take the title next year.

A great effort to the following pupils for achieving their Gold Commendation awards. M. Cocoran, T. Farrell, L. Joynes, J. Lewis, D. Lockley, T. Street, S Channings, M. Miller-Kakay, C. Payton, G. Ohenhen, B. Bagby, E. Duah, S. Bishop Withnall and T. Birkett.

Congratulations to each of the following for achieving their Headteacher's Award for commendations: M. Davies, J. Haynes, K. Adams, J. Asomah, R. Chambers, A. Matthews, K. Selvey, H. Zucaro and G. Ohenhen.

Once again I am astonished with the achievement of Watt pupils. The following pupils have worked tirelessly to achieve their Platinum Award. E. Cooper, C. Franks, B. Smith and E. Smith.

Continuing with the impressive achievement, I would like to congratulate all of Years 7, 8 and 9 for their teamwork, determination and participation during the form challenges, 100 club and participating in Stem club. A special mention must go to the following pupils J. Haynes, T. Farrell, C. Jukes and J. Lewis for their hard work in Stem club.

I would like to say thank you for the fantastic work and attitude you have shown this year. I hope you have a wonderful break over the summer. Relax, recharge your batteries and stay safe. Let's begin in September with focus and determination to make the year the best so far.



# OPEN EVENING

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