

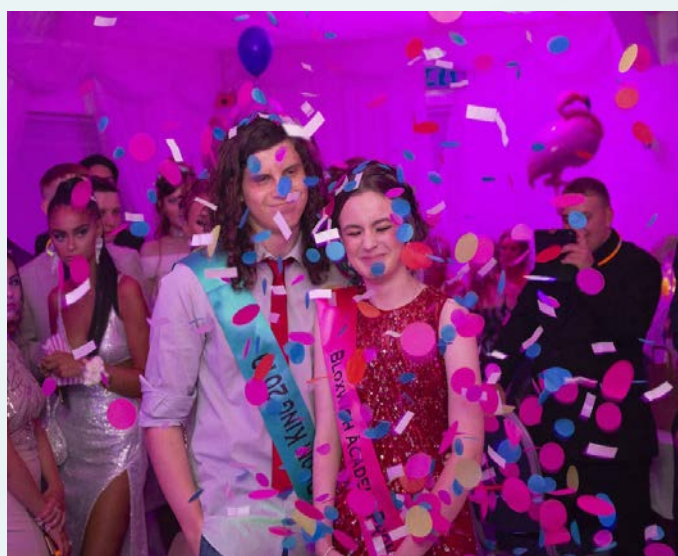


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PROM 2019

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A message from the Head Teacher



Mr A Seager

Dear Parent/Carer

I cannot believe that the summer holidays are upon us, how time flies when you are working and having fun.

This Newsletter is packed with all the achievements our pupils have accomplished during the summer term; international trips, school shows, completion of Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold expeditions, to name but a few.

A big thanks to all the parents/carers who have shown amazing support in helping drive the standards at Bloxwich Academy, including supervision of homework.

May I wish you all a fantastic summer break and look forward to seeing your child on Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Seager
Head Teacher

Mr Hall, Bloxwich's cadet commander recently attended RAF Cranwell to conduct his Officer training course. He will shortly receive the Queens commission scroll for RAF cadet Officers and now holds the rank of Pilot Officer (this doesn't mean he can fly planes!). Here he is pictured outside College Hall Officers Mess (CHOM) with his Queens commission.

Well done Mr Hall!





Summer 2019

PARENT FORUM

We discussed	This happened as a result...
<p>Difficulty in having to print Wise pay receipts for school trips and events.</p>	<p>Change of process. No need to print receipt. Text message sent where parents only need to write the reference number on the reply slip instead.</p>
<p>Home Learning Assignments not always based on topics learning in lessons.</p>	<p>Leadership to review use of home learning assignments and weekly homework set at Key Stage 3. Review the possibility of setting regular homework in humanities in addition to maths, English and science.</p>
<p>Progress evenings too busy in the school hall.</p>	<p>Trial spreading across other rooms in addition to the hall. Trial booking system for Y7 Progress Evening.</p>
<p>Some parents are uncertain on how to use Wise pay online.</p>	<p>New Wise pay app launch with information on how to use on the school website.</p>
<p>Parents to be invited to attend awards events in school when their son/daughter receive awards.</p>	<p>Awards Evening to be introduced in September to give out rewards from the previous academic year.</p>

WALSALL FOR ALL



During Wednesday 26th of June, 18 students took part in a competition at the Forest Art's Centre organised by Walsall for All.

Our School Council had to explore Walsall's different cultures and diversities. Pupils asked different people to collect their views about Walsall so they could collate them for the competition. Pupils who attend the Creative Writing club, organised by Miss Sherratt, used the information to produce a presentation in the form of a speech.

Other pupils collaborated with Mrs Reid and decided to create an art piece, using different materials from different cultures, to produce a picture made up of different places in Walsall. Miss Bhatti and M Blanzas, from Year 11, worked on the picture, which was on display at the competition.



WALSALL FOR ALL



The team of 18 pupils preformed their speech, about the diversity of Walsall, to a hall full of their peers from other schools and teachers. Our pupils were inspirational in preparing for their presentation and all of them were a credit to Bloxwich Academy.

Several people complemented the pupils on how well they spoke as well as admiring the picture. Bloxwich Academy received a certificate plus a £50 voucher. Pupils said they enjoyed taking part and watching the other schools doing their presentation.

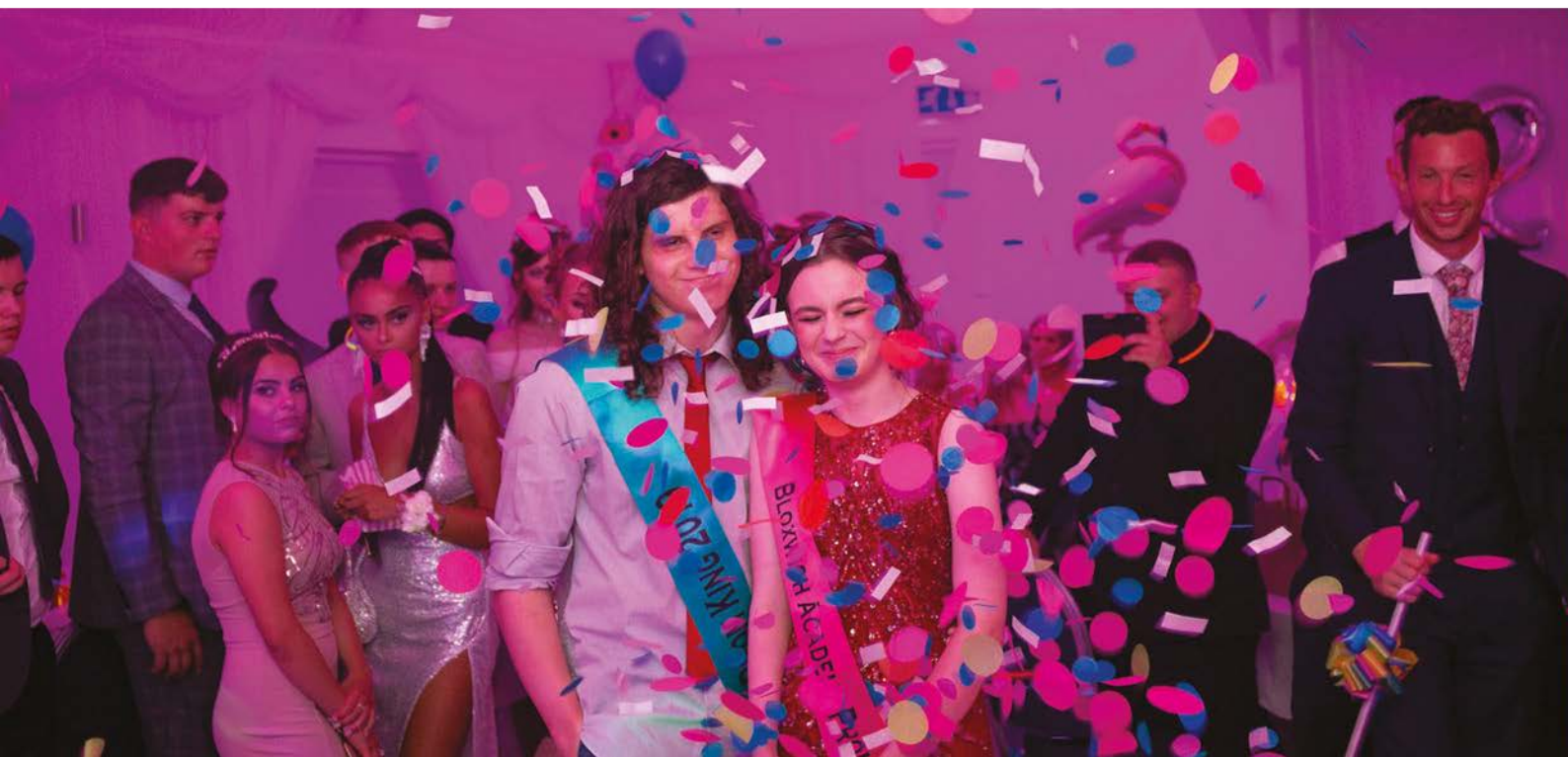


YEAR 11 PROM

On Thursday 11th July at the beautiful grounds of Calderfields Golf Club, staff eagerly awaited the arrival of our Year 11 Prom guests. Students spent the evening snapping photos, watching some fire breathing in awe 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, especially the live version of leadership baby shark!

Check back soon on the school website for the prom video.





Bloxwich Cheer



Cheerleaders on their first venture out to perform at Walsall Academy. They did an amazing job, hit all the routine and came back in one piece!



Athletics Championship 2019



This annual event allowed the Athletics team to take part in all different events at the Alexander stadium in Birmingham. Teams represented at Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 with girls and boys participating. All pupils worked extremely hard and enjoyed the day competing against all different schools within Walsall. Two of the Academy's Year 10 students also managed to secure medals!

Well done to both!

L. Slater – Bronze award - 800 metres

R. Matthews - Bronze award - Long jump



Those involved within this event represented Bloxwich Academy superbly. Their teamwork and unity was fantastic to see. On one occasion two students ran on to the final straight to support one of our runners, who was last and running by herself! However, this demonstrated to everyone in Walsall, how much our team really do support each other.

A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

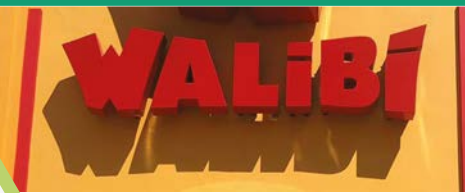
After many hours of rehearsals, dedication and hard work, Bloxwich Academy students ranging from Year 7 through to Year 12 created a show that won't be forgotten. Bloxwich's first ever Musical showcased snippets from *The Greatest Showman*, *Annie*, *Chicago*, *Les Miserable*, *Matilda* and *Hairspray*. Many pupils performed multiple roles and the evening was a huge success and everyone involved should be immensely proud of themselves.

We hope to see some of our students in the West End one day due to the confidence and professionalism that was shown throughout the three performances.





Holland Football Trip



During the recent holidays, five of our Year 7 pupils had the amazing opportunity to visit Amsterdam as part of the Matrix Academy Trust football team. Following rigorous trials, which involved all of the Matrix schools, five of our boys were selected as part of a sixteen-man squad, which travelled to Amsterdam.

During the trip, pupils were able to play two competitive fixtures, against very good opposition, in which they won one game and lost another. All boys played their part in both games and performed very well, similar to their performances all year within PE and school fixtures.

In addition to playing football, pupils were able to visit the city, and participated in many different activities such as a visit to the Amsterdam arena; stadium tour of AZ Alkmaar; visiting Wallabi World and time to explore the city of Amsterdam.

All pupils enjoyed the trip. They are looking forward to having the opportunity to do it all over again next year!





Mental Health Awareness Week



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During Mental Health Awareness Week, the Academy discussed body image concerns. This is an increasing concern in teenagers today, and can be a risk factor for mental health problems. Research has found that higher body dissatisfaction is associated with a poorer quality of life, psychological distress and the risk of unhealthy eating behaviours and disorders.

School Council organized different activities, during the week, to raise funds for a local mental health charity. They sold green ribbons, which had the Bloxwich Academy logo printed on them. Money was raised from a raffle of a teddy bear and pupils were invited to buy cakes as well as a cup of tea, with cake, in the Success Centre where they could talk to friends or a member of staff. Various staff supported the pupils including our school counsellor. Both staff and pupils asked if it could be done again due to its huge success.

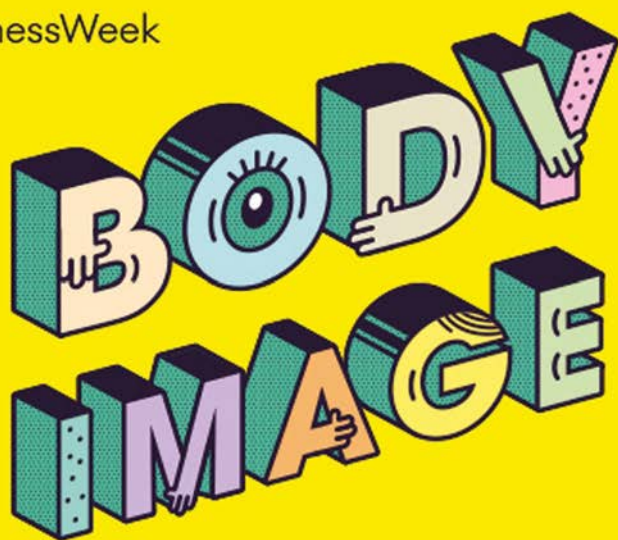
Additionally, pupils participated in activities during form time and PSHE. Whole school assemblies were held and pupils discussed their thoughts and feelings regarding body issues and the affect upon our lives and well-being. At the end of the week, £100 was raised. More importantly, pupils felt more aware of the issues of body images and know where to go to get advice in the Academy.

#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

13-19 May 2019



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TRIP TO PARIS!

On Friday 28th June, 86 pupils in, Key stages 3, 4 and 5, departed early from school for a four-day trip to Paris, France. We stayed at the Château de Grande Romaine near Paris. Upon our arrival, everyone enjoyed a buffet style French dinner before being taken on a tour of the grounds.

The next day, we all enjoyed a typical French breakfast before setting off to Disneyland Paris for a fun day. We were brave enough to go on the big thrill rides such as the Rock 'n' Roller Coaster, Space Mountain Mission 2, the Tower of Terror, and Big Thunder Mountain. There were tears of laughter whilst others cried with fear!

On Sunday morning, we visited the Eiffel Tower. Followed by a sightseeing tour of Paris, on an open deck bus, we visited Montmartre and the Sacré-Coeur Basilica. We strolled along the Place du Tertre, where artists such as Picasso, Van Gogh, Modigliani and many more have all drawn inspiration from what has become known as "The Artists' Square". The old town square of Montmartre welcomes thousands of tourists every day; many of us had our portrait painted. During the visit, we learned that the word 'bistro' was invented at the square's oldest restaurant in 1814 during the Russian occupation after the Battle of Paris.

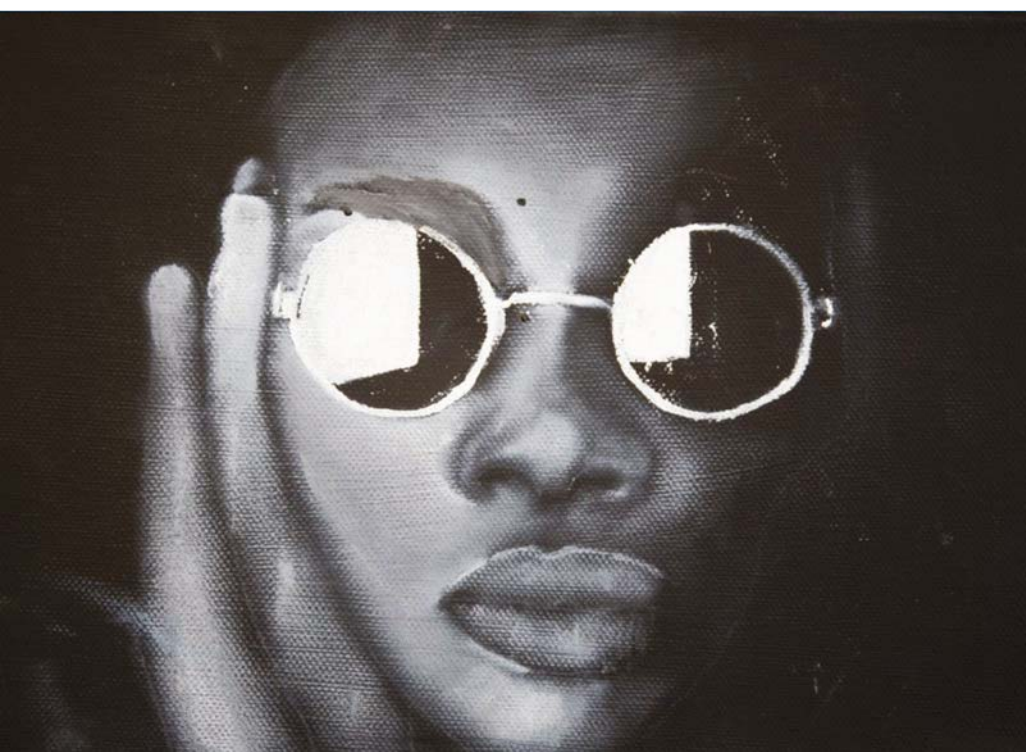
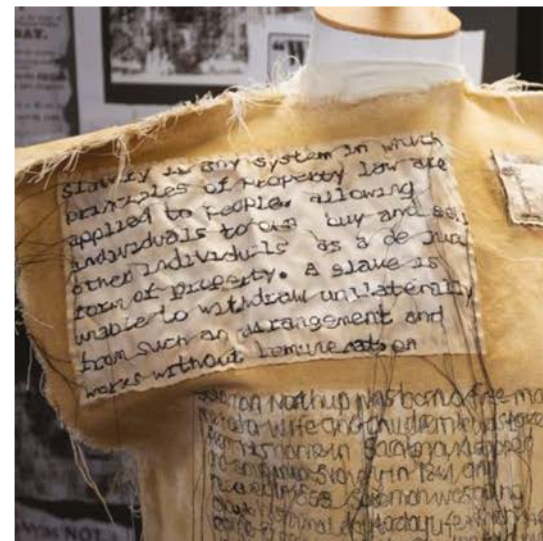
At the end of a busy day in central Paris, we returned to the Château for our evening meal and tasted snails. We also enjoyed a game of rounders on the grounds of the Chateau before making "crêpes" (French pancakes).



Art & Textiles Exhibition 2019

Vibrant hues, hard hitting topics and personal voice are a common theme in this years Fine Art and Textiles exhibition. The evening demonstrated an array of talent from a wide age range of pupils at Bloxwich Academy, showcasing work produced over the last year. The diversity of the work on show explored a variety of mediums executed with a high level of skill, and year 13 students demonstrated analytical thinking through their investigation of mature themes such as; slavery, domestic violence, the roles of women in society and entrapment to name but a few.

The evening was a huge success with plentiful comments from parents and staff complimenting pupils on the talent and hard work evidenced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Art department staff for their hard work in presenting the showcase and pupils for their efforts and enthusiasm this year, we look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour in the summer.





Duke of Edinburgh



Over 60 pupils are currently working towards their Duke of Edinburgh expeditions for Bronze, Silver and Gold. Our pupils, across all three awards, have shown and continue to show fantastic enthusiasm and effort to succeed and have learnt integral life skills.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award gives our pupils the opportunity to do extra-curricular activities and offers the prospect of carving out a better future with colleges, universities and employers regarding the award very highly.





House Message **STEPHENSON**



**Miss
Stanley**

It has been a busy year for Stephenson house and firstly I would like to thank all the parents for their support over this year at Bloxwich Academy.

This week we said a sad goodbye to year 11 in a leaving assembly and they were presented with certificates. They spoke to individual teachers and collected autographs to keep as a memento of their life at Bloxwich Academy. Their leaving prom takes place on the 11th July and the pupils are busy planning imaginative and luxury forms of transport to get themselves to the venue.

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 the following pupils for achieving 100% attendance for this academic year:

Year 7 - C Hitchcock, E Stone, C Taylor, J Tolley, A Webb.

Year 8 - J Gyan-Baffour, M Daniel, O Hayward.

Year 10 - D Irodotou.

We all know attendance is key to learning, so it is important pupils are present every day.

The following Stephenson pupils have all successfully passed the rigorous selection process, which enables them to become prefects:

J Kielczewska, B Chibe, D Irodotou, W Westley, F Shah, S Boamaong and B Westwood.

The pupils constructed an application letter and participated in an interview to explain why they wanted to be a prefect and the personal qualities they would use for that role. All prefects then complete a training package, organised by the Academy, to allow them to gain the necessary skills they will need for this important role in our Academy. We are so pleased D Irodotou has become the Academy's head boy. He is very enthusiastic about his new role.

We have a number of pupils who attend clubs outside of Bloxwich Academy; these include dance, cheerleading, and a variety of sport clubs. Some Stephenson pupils have represented the Academy in a football tournament in Holland. These pupils said it gave them the opportunity to meet people from other countries and they will always remember the sites, they saw, as well as playing football in another country.

Finally, I would like to wish you a happy and safe summer, relax and play hard in preparation for hard work in September 2019.

Go Stephenson!

Mr Bradley



House Message
BRINDLEY

This year has been fantastic and it has flown by! There have been lots of great events and achievements happening in the Academy.

First, I would like to congratulate year 11 for all their hard work, contributions to Bloxwich Academy, Brindley in particular. You have been an amazing year group who will be missed. I wish you every success in the future and will look forward to seeing all of you who plan to return in September.

Secondly, I would like to say a huge congratulation to the following pupils for achieving their Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards: C. Blewitt (Year 9), D. Lycett (Year 9), R. Plooji (Year 9), L. Bowyer (Year 9), K. Ojolo (Year 9), S. Russell (Year 9) and C. Street (Year 9). Also, I would like to congratulate the following pupils on achieving their Duke of Edinburgh silver awards: E. Harrison (Year 10), K. Dusza (Year 10), T. Instone (Year 10), K. Jones (Year 10), B. Layton (Year 10), C. Martin-Rudd (Year 10), R. Matthews (Year 10), M. Nyatanga (Year 10), S. Sabbagh (Year 10), L. Slater (Year 10) and T. Wightman (Year 10). You all have done Brindley immensely proud and showed your grit and determination, well done!

During the last few weeks, Year 10 pupils have had a stressful time sitting their mock exams.

You have behaved impeccably and handled the pressure in a positive manner. I hope to see this attitude continued into year 11.

I would like to congratulate the following pupils for achieving 100% all academic year: J. Memela (Year 7), C. Moriarty (Year 7), L. Bowyer (Year 9), T. Mills (Year 9), K. Ojolo (Year 9), J. Slater (Year 9), J. Wells (Year 9), I. Baugh (Year 10), K. Jones (Year 10), C. Pickstone (Year 10), S. Price (Year) and L. Slater (Year 10). What a fantastic achievement; well done!

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. I hope that with all the hard work and determination we will be lifting the House Champions Shield again in September.

I would like to finish by saying I am proud of each pupil in Brindley and the successes they have had! In addition, I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September for another successful year.



House Message

TELFORD

Mr Booth

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to congratulate all Telford pupils on the fantastic attitude and commitment, they have shown to all areas of academic life over the year. It really has been a wonderful! In addition, it clearly highlights how both Telford and Bloxwich Academy continues to go from strength to strength.

I would like to congratulate our Year 11s and Year 13s on their fantastic attitude towards their GCSE and A Level exams respectively. The hard work will pay off and look forward to celebrating with you at prom and on results day. All of KS3 and KS4 are now moving towards their end of year assessments and I would like to wish you all luck, for this period, remember to be resilient and do the best that you can.

The improvement in attendance is something that I know both myself and the other Heads of House are happy about. Pupils in Telford should be proud of the improvements we have made in both our house attendance and the academy improvement as well. Currently Telford house attendance is at 93.8%, which is up from last year and is so close to national average! Congratulations to the following who have achieved 100% attendance:

R. Elmer, E. Jones, R. Wiczorek, L. Williams and M. Withers from 7T1, C. Beaumont, R. Cole, K. Sia, C. Wilson from 8T1, S. Bowyer, R. Endersby and A. Moorhouse from 8T2, J. Edwards from 9T1 and from 10T1; V. Riet Enosakhare, K. Holt and L. Perkins. Well done to all of you, you are fantastic ambassadors for Telford house!

Over the summer term, we have also had many pupils completing their Duke of Edinburgh awards. I would like to mention, in particular, A. Poxon and E. Petty for completing their bronze awards, R. Avery, C. Instone, W. O'Connell, L. Perkins and J. Wright for completing their silver award and good luck to; J. Jesus De Saserra, C. Male and N. Menear as they continue to work towards their gold award. I look forward to hearing about your progress.

Finally, as is always the way, we have appointed our prefects for next year, and to say the field was competitive is an understatement!

Congratulations to: L. Perkins, P. Wright, C. Ward, S. Matthews and J. Ladbury for being appointed and a huge well done to B. Enuoma who has been appointed as a senior prefect.

I know that all of you will do an outstanding job.

What a year it has been! All it leaves to say is have a wonderful summer and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September to the new academic year.

**Miss
Williamson**



**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 and year 13. 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 departs, it is with great pride that I congratulate the Year 10 prefects for the way they have conducted themselves since taking on the roles. Congratulations to the following Watt pupils for becoming prefects: Z. Jones and C. Street.

A special mention needs to go to E. Duah for making the Senior Prefect team.

Bloxwich Academy are taking great pride in the improvement of the whole school attendance. I am especially proud of the Watt pupils who have come in on the days, when, at times it can be tough when you are not feeling well.

Congratulations to the following pupils for their fantastic achievement with 100% attendance since September:
7W1: R.Boxold, E. Broadway, C. Drane. 8W1: C. Aigbiremolen. 8W2: A. Matthews. 9W1: N. Burrows and R. Scott.

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 sports events. When we consider the moto “Be the Best You Can Be” many of the Watt pupils are striving for this excellence and completing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Congratulations to: K. Jones, R. Muzuwa, S. Nelson, B. Johnson, I. Lowicki, J Slater, L. Downen, F. Evans, H. Hill and E. Instone for building your team building skills and the resilience, when considering the weather, you have had to endure during your expeditions.

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.