

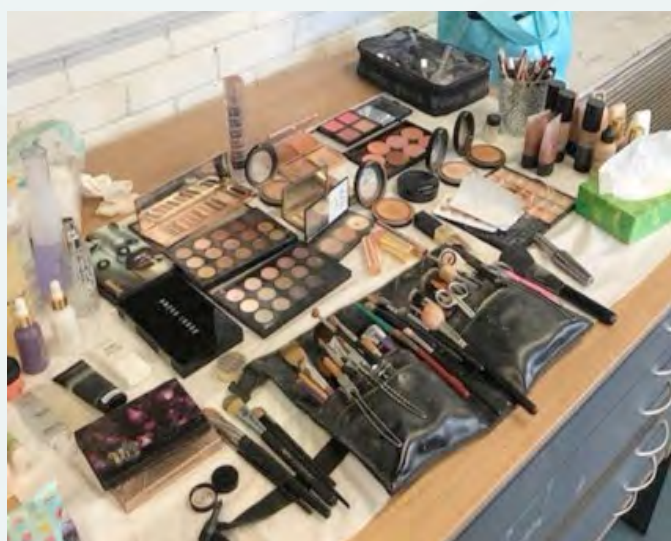


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A message from the Head Teacher



Mr A Seager

Sports Teams Updates



Dear Parent/Carer

It has been a great start to the academic year where pupils have continued to excel both in and out of school. I am particularly proud of all our pupils who have embraced our Combined Cadet Force partnered with the Royal Air Force. As our Newsletter states the pupils are going to receive lots of opportunities which will include residentials abroad, survival skills and taking flying lessons.

Pupils who are currently taking part in Duke of Edinburgh continue to go from strength to strength. There are over 40 pupils eagerly taking part in their first steps towards earning their Bronze and Silver Awards. We are hoping that later this year we will have our very first pupils travelling to Buckingham Palace upon completing their Gold Award, good luck to all involved.

I must mention that all pupils will be undertaking assessment and mock examinations beginning in December. It is important that you support your child's preparation by monitoring their revision and homework.

Finally, it is quite alarming that there are only 59 days left until Christmas.

I hope you have a lovely break, well deserved, and I look forward to seeing you after the half term.

Forthcoming Progress Evenings:-

Year 11 Progress Evening 1	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 8 th November 2018
Post 16 Open Evening	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 22 nd November 2018
Year 10 Progress Evening 1	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 6 th December 2018
Year 11 Progress Evening Mock Results	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 17 th January 2019
Year 9 Progress Evening/Options Introduction	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 31 st January 2019
Post 16 Progress Evening	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Tuesday 12 th February 2019
Year 10 Progress Evening 2	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 7 th March 2019
Year 9 Options/Core Progress Evening	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 21 st March 2019
Year 11 Help Your Child Revise Evening	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 4 th April 2018
Year 7 End of First Year in Secondary Progress Evening	3.30 – 6.00 pm	Thursday 4 th July 2019

Yours sincerely

A Seager
Headteacher

Bloxwich Academy Football Development Training:

This year we have had over 70 attendees complete our Football Development training and participate in fixtures against other schools within Walsall. All year groups have squad sizes over 16 pupils making it very tough and competitive for places.

A huge well done to our year 7 pupils who participated in their first football tournament of the year! The boys were in a very tough group against Barr Beacon, Streetly, Brownhills and Aldridge and performed superbly.

In their first two games the boys started well and went 1-0 up very early on with two fantastic goals, however they went on to lose both of their games against Barr Beacon and Streetly 2-1. This meant that following both of their defeats they couldn't progress from the group stages. However, this did not deter them from beating Brownhills and Aldridge 2-0 and 3-0 respectively.



Well done also to our year 11 pupils who played a very competitive 11-a-side game vs Barr Beacon School, the game ebbed and flowed throughout and going into the last 5 minutes of the game the score was level at 4-4. Unfortunately, Barr Beacon were able to score late on to steal the game. Both year 11 teams represented their schools brilliantly and showed performances to support their BTEC and GCSE moderations.

Finally, well done to our year 7s and 8s who had the opportunity to participate in the Matrix Academy football trials to play football in the 'Ajax Academy' in Holland. Out of the 15 pupils that were taking part, 5 made the Matrix Academy squad and will be travelling to Holland in May 2019.



Upcoming Football Events:

- Football League Fixtures (All Years)
- Football Cup Competitions (All Years)
- Year 7s and 8s Girls Indoor Football Competition
- Women's FA Cup Final Trip

Sports Teams Updates



This year, our rugby participation has been huge. We have had over 30 pupils attending rugby after school club. We have also participated in two rugby festivals involving many schools.

In conjunction with this we have the privilege of professional rugby coaches coming into school to work with our pupils within lesson times too.



Well done to the year 8 pupils who competed in the rugby festival at Willenhall Rugby Club and won the division for the pool that they were in. There have been some fantastic developments for our rugby players and this has led us to becoming a very competitive school for rugby in Walsall.

Upcoming Rugby Events:

- Rugby Girls Festival x2
- Rugby Boys Festival x4
- RFU Kit design day

Basketball Club:

Our basketball teams are continuing to train hard and enjoy participating in basketball at extra-curricular club. We have over 30 pupils participating across all years and are really developing their skills, techniques and tactics.

Upcoming Basketball Events:

- Basketball League Fixtures (All Years)
- Basketball Trip to Worcester Wolves

Netball:

Netball club is becoming more and more popular this half term with 16 students attending weekly. They have been developing the skills they have learnt within lessons and discovering the positions they would enjoy playing. With the progress they are making, we will hopefully have a year 7 and 8 team ready for the fixtures after half term. The girls are very excited to play against other teams and showcase the skills they have learnt.

Upcoming Netball Events:

- Netball League Fixtures (Year 7 and 8)

Swimming Confidence and Development Club:

Swimming club is growing popular with over 30 pupils taking part every Wednesday. Pupils attend Swimming club to improve their strokes, to socialise with friends and build confidence being in the water. Whatever the pupil's goals and aims are, the PE department cater for all so that pupils can enjoy swimming.



Exercise and Fitness Club:

Our fitness club is continuing to grow very popular with pupils looking to take part in exercise and fitness after school. There are a lot of things done to the pupils that successfully completed

their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards. All of the pupils taking part in their awards were fantastic and demonstrated brilliant teamwork skills whilst on expedition. They all represented Bloxwich Academy to the highest standard.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning



On the 28th September 2018, Bloxwich Academy held a massive cake stall to raise funds for Macmillan Coffee morning. The cake stall was organized by the School Council and staff and pupils donated cakes for the event.

Macmillan aim to change the lives of millions of people affected by cancer through social action. A cancer diagnosis can affect everything; your work, finances and relationships.

Macmillan provide emotional and practical support to people affected by cancer. There are now more people than ever living with cancer – 2.5 million people in the UK – meaning demand for Macmillan's services has never been greater.

By participating in the coffee morning we are supporting those living with cancer; for every £72,000 raised this is enough to fund 2,500 Macmillan Nursing hours. It costs £28 to fund an hour of nursing care and the School Council wanted to support Macmillan Coffee Morning so they could help more people who are

diagnosed with cancer.

We are pleased to let you know that we have raised £253 and the School Council want to thank everyone who provided cakes.

Miss Stanley
School Council



Adrenaline Seekers Days



All pupils arrived at school and were very excited; they could not wait to get out and experience the great activities that lay ahead of them! The two days included a trip to Alton Towers followed by another trip to NPF paint-balling.

Pupils arrived at Alton Towers excited and really looking forward to experience; thankfully the weather was great too. Although it was very busy due to the new opening of the new ride, The Wickerman, the pupils had a fantastic time.

The following day, we arrived at paint-balling with great excitement and anticipation. The weather was fantastic again. The pupils were most looking forward to having the opportunity to play against the staff. Throughout the day there was a number of pupils impressed with their stealthy shooting skills and others

impressed with their tactical knowledge and ethic to work as a team.

The staff at NPF were very impressed and quoted again that we are one of the best schools that attend their facility.

What an incredible two days this turned out to be; pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed it and the pupils were unbelievable and a credit to the Academy.

We will look forward to running this next year and hope to see many more pupils experiencing Adrenaline Seeker!

Mr Bradley
Head of Brindley

Combined Cadet Force



Royal Air Force Combined Cadet Force:

With the new academic year fully underway, Bloxwich Academy is pleased to announce the unveiling of an exciting new venture: The Combined Cadet Force (CCF).

Bloxwich Academy and the Ministry of Defence have joined forces to roll out a Combined Cadet Detachment; based within the Academy.

CCF is a military themed youth organization aiming to enrich students in their academic studies, self discipline, additional qualifications and to prepare them for the world of work. It also promotes team work, self-confidence and is lots of fun whilst training is being conducted. This is not a recruiting tool for the armed forces! In the short space of time the student cadets have undergone lessons including: drill and ceremony, the rank structure of the RAF, and

the history of the CCF. This is to complete the first part of their training and enable them to experience a flight in a Cessna air craft.

Looking to the future, the cadets will be involved in: the issue of their uniforms, a visit to the RAF museum and team bonding at an activity centre. As well as, an expectation to participate in the celebrated Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Pupil Voice, Year 10 Cadet:

"I joined the cadets and have already learnt lots of exciting stuff! I plan to stay on and continue learning because it is so interesting and fun. The senior officers are supportive and always help when its needed."

Pilot Officer Hall
Contingent Commander

Activities Week



During the enrichment days' pupils engaged in a range of activities relating to the world of makeup and prosthetics. Each activity was designed to allow the students to explore the world of makeup in a fun and enjoyable way.

The pupils were guided through by professional makeup artist, Gemma Masters. Pupils were shown how to do a "no makeup, makeup look", bridal makeup and then how to improve existing styles of application.



Birmingham Hippodrome Trip



Recently, the Year 10 BTEC Dance group visited the Birmingham Hippodrome to watch a performance of Rosie Kay's MK Ultra. The show explores the Illuminati and how young celebrities and pop stars are often brainwashed through the world of social media.

Students are studying the performance as part of their BTEC qualification. They were mesmerised by the beautiful costumes, created by Lady Gaga's designer, Gary Card, a magnificent gold mirrored stage and a pulsing soundtrack of American trap music.

The students were an absolute credit to Bloxwich Academy and thoroughly enjoyed the quirky and unique show.

We are looking forward to Rosie Kay visiting our Academy, in the near future, to provide a dance workshop based on MK Ultra for our dance students.



Blood Brothers



At the end of term, our year 11 students are attending a performance of Blood Brothers the Musical at Regent's Theatre, Stoke-on-Trent. This performance will support students in their component 1 coursework as well as

providing an invaluable opportunity to watch a live performance. They are thoroughly looking forward to it and it will be a fabulous way to end the hard-working term they have had.

Lots to cheer about!



This term Bloxwich Academy have started up their own Cheerleading Squad. Students are new to this sport and have been working hard to develop their skills ready to create a routine that includes; stunts, jumps, tumbles and dance. The 25 athletes that turn up every week work incredibly hard. The improvements they have made and the dedication they have shown since the beginning of the term has been impeccable.

If you are interested in joining the team, then please see the poster attached. Throughout the year we are aiming towards competing and representing the school at a competition in the summer term so watch this space!



A Level Success!



A Level results day was a real celebration at the academy in August with all of our year 13 students collecting their results and deciding on their next steps. Special congratulations to Sian who achieved an A* and Harleigh who achieved an A in Art Textiles, Matthew who achieved a Distinction* in BTEC Science and Megan and Sian who both achieved Distinction* in BTEC Health and Social Care.

All of our ex- year 13 students have gone onto positive destinations, including degree courses

at Aberystwyth University, Newman University, Cardiff Metropolitan University and the University of Wolverhampton. Congratulations to all of our students!



House Message STEPHENSON



Miss Stanley

Stephenson House has been working hard in their forms to improve attendance and punctuality this term. It is at this point we need to send our congratulations to the pupils for achieving attendance awards for last term, well done guys.

Gold Award (100% all year):

- D Irodotou Year 9, J Kielczewska Year 9, and S Enosakhare Year 10.

Silver Award (Spring and Summer terms with 100%):

- K Blanazs Year 7, L Hurst Year 8, M Omotuyi Year 8, R Plooji Year 8,
- L Peach Year 9, A Yates Year 10 and E Sproston Year 10

Bronze Award (Summer term 100%):

- B Powers Year 7, M Williamson Year 7, J Myatt Year 8, K Benton Year 10, T Miller Year 10,
- H Nicholls Year 10, L Perkins Year 10, and J Sellick-Iles Year 10

So far, this academic year has been enjoyable, welcoming the new Year 7 pupils and form tutors to Stephenson House.

Various after school clubs, including football

and swimming events, have been very popular with the pupils in our house; some pupils have already been selected for the Academy teams.

All Stephenson forms are consistently competing to achieve the highest attendance each week. However, it looks like Year 7 are beating the other forms! The winning form, this half term, will be rewarded for their efforts when we return after the half term break.

Year 7 are also in the lead and really challenging the rest of the year groups for gaining the most commendations; they all have achieved their bronze award, and many are waiting to be presented with their silver awards too.

Finally, Year 11 attended a local career fair encouraging them to consider their career path and what they would like to do in Year 12. Additionally, they are busy preparing for mock examinations which will take place near Christmas. Form tutors are working with Year 11 to prepare revision timetables and discussions on how to use revision guides effectively in their preparation.

Overall, it has been another stellar half term with progress being made across the board.

Well done Stephenson!

House Message BRINDLEY



Mr Bradley

Firstly, I would like to say a huge well done to Brindley House for starting the first half term in such a positive manner. All pupils have come back looking very smart and exceedingly polite, respectful and their attitude for learning has been fantastic!

With such an amazing start, I am sure we are set up to win the trophy for the second year running. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all the year 7 pupils into Bloxwich Academy and congratulate them on settling in well too!

I would like to celebrate the amazing attendance of the following pupils last year:

E. Robins (Year 8), C. Bailey (Year 8), G. Williams (Year 8), R. Czop (Year 9), L. Kelly (Year 9), L. Bowyer (Year 9), C. Endersby (Year 10) and E. Bowyer (Year 10); all pupils achieved 100% throughout the whole year!

Also, last term the following pupils achieved 100%:

S. Badger (Year 8), H. Gavin (Year 8), L. Hopkins (Year 8), S. Jones (Year 8), S. Masuku (Year 8), O. Webb (Year 8), G. Williams (Year 8), A. Bishop-

Withnall (Year 9), S. Egginton (Year 9), J. Griffiths (Year 9), S. Heskey (Year 9), T. Mills (Year 9), J. Perkins (Year 9), J. Wells (Year 9), M. Withers (Year 9), I. Baugh (Year 10), A. Garbett (Year 10), K. Jones (Year 10), S. Joynes (Year 10), W. Kisowski (Year 10), L. Partridge (Year 10), C. Pickstone (Year 10), G. Poxon (Year 10), L. Slater (Year 10), K. Vickers (Year 10), C. Haynes (Year 11) and S. Keen (Year 11).

I am very proud to say currently we have got 82 pupils on 100% for this half term. I look forward to presenting all the bronze badges and hopefully I will be presenting silver and gold to all 82 come the end of the year.

I am looking forward to next half term as the House competitions will begin to gather momentum. You all know I am really competitive, and I want us to win every competition going to ensure we are the best House in Bloxwich Academy; we want to remain the best house in the academy!

All in all, this has been a very successful half term and I hope that you have a safe break over half term. I hope that you return refreshed and ready to build on what we have already achieved so far this half term!

House Message TELFORD



Mr Booth

What a hectic start to the term! Can I start off by saying how impressed I have been with how all of Telford House have started this academic year. The feedback from staff regarding our motivation and attitude towards your studies has been exemplary and this will stand everyone in good stead for the forthcoming year.

I would specifically like to mention 7T1 who have had a fantastic start to the year. The reports back from class teachers about how impressed they have been fills both myself and Miss Bradbury with pride.

On top of that, 7T1 are currently the top form for attendance in the house with 98.3 % which is also the second best attendance in the academy, keep it up and I am sure you will be able to topple 9B!!!! I would also like to make a special mention to Year 11 as well who have come back reinvigorated to learn and prepare for their GCSE exams. Having spoken to many of you it is pleasing to hear that you are starting to think about your next steps and this will only further reinforce the excellent start you have made to Year 11.

In terms of attendance, the house is currently sitting on an average of 95% as a house which is excellent. I know that we can improve this as

well, so keep up the good work. Congratulations to the 55 students who are still rocking 100% attendance, that is fantastic and make sure to come and see me to get HOH commendations. It also pleasing to hear how many students have already achieved their bronze commendations, make sure to let your tutors and Mrs Lowe know that you have achieved this, so we can reward you in house assemblies.

Like I have already said it has been a hectic start to the year, but well done to all students who have immersed themselves in all areas of academic life. It has been pleasing to see the amount of Telford students who have been getting involved in extra-curricular clubs such as swimming, football and rugby, as well as the CCF project which is providing students with invaluable experiences as well as providing students with life skills which will help them in later life.

There are still places available and I would encourage all students to get involved.

As you can see it has been an extremely busy start to the academic year, enjoy the half term break and come back recharged and ready to go, as there is still plenty to do in order to be the best that we can be and obviously beat Brindley!!!!

House Message WATT



**Miss
Williamson**

As always a busy and productive start to the new academic year. I would like to start by welcoming the new Year 7 pupils to Bloxwich Academy. You have started with fantastic enthusiasm and have settled into the routines here fantastically.

I want to also thank returning Watt pupils for their positive attitude and pride in how they have presented themselves and the work that is being completed.

Last year Watt were successful in winning the Sports Day Cup, which is an outstanding achievement. I would personally like to congratulate Watt house for your sheer determination. We faced many challenges on the day but you stood up, participated, and in the end we were victorious. Thank you to all of the participants and those pupils cheering for our house.

Congratulations to the following pupils for their fantastic achievement with 100% attendance for the previous academic year. Year 7: J.

Asamoah, J.Holmes, L. Joynes and B. Smith. Year 8: A. Price, R. Scott, J Slater and M. Spellman. Year 9: E. Duah and G. Ohenhen. Year 10: E. Czop, S. Erunayo and J.Myatt. Congratulations to last year's 8W1 for having the highest Watt attendance at the end of the last academic year.

This half term, Watt pupils have shown they are committed to their learning and will work to achieve their potential. Congratulations to G. Arch, R. Boxold, R. Brotherton, A. Carrington, S. Coley, W. Cyron, C. Drane, P. Ebbans, Z. Hill, M. Hutchins, B. Joesbury, R. Kelly, D. Matthews, F. Sanders, L. Silahsor, C. Stevens, K. Webber and N. Burrows for achieving their Bronze Commendation Awards. Who will be the first Watt pupils to achieve their Silver Commendation Award?

After an amazing first half term, we can't 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!

Careers Fair 2018



We went to Barr Beacon School's annual careers fair this month and it was a triumphant success. This year, there was over 30 employers, apprenticeship providers and further and higher education institutions talking with over 2000 pupils.



GCSE Success!



We are extremely proud of all our pupils this year with their approach to the new examination structure. The standard at Bloxwich continues to grow and on the basis of these GCSE results we will be welcoming a record number of pupils back into the Sixth Form in September who have all managed to secure the necessary grades to continue their studies. There have been lots of individual success stories where pupils have obtained fantastic grades including M Allen securing two top grades of 9 in Science along

with a range of A*- A in his other subjects.

Our motto of being 'the best you can be' is evident here. Pupils and staff are embracing this philosophy at Bloxwich Academy and continuing to thrive. We are excited by the number of our pupils obtaining a place in our Sixth Form and look forward to watching them develop further over the next two years. Indeed, all of our pupils have obtained a positive destination and we wish them well in the future.

Post 16 Updates



Welcome to our new post 16 students!

Our new year 12's are well into their first half term as post 16 students at Bloxwich Academy. We were thrilled to welcome back a large number of our own year 11 students as well as a number of students from other local schools. We now have over 80 students in our sixth form and this number continues to grow. Students have settled well into their new A Level and BTEC level 3 subjects and are currently applying for roles in our newly formed Sixth Form Council and for the new roles of Head Boy and Head Girl.

Year 12 visit to Birmingham Library.

As part of the post 16 induction programme, our new year 12 students visited the Library

of Birmingham in September. Many were unaware of what a huge resource this is and only 30 minutes away from the academy in the centre of Birmingham. As part of the visit, and to encourage independence with our new post 16 students, Year 12 had to make their own way to and from the library. It was a really valuable experience for them, some of which had never been to Birmingham on their own before, and they worked really hard preparing for the visit, planning journeys and routes and organising themselves to arrive on time. Once at the library, the students were set the task of finding the areas that applied to their A level subjects, meaning that when they need to complete research for tasks and coursework

later on in their courses, both at sixth form and at university, they'll now know exactly where to go.

Year 13 update

Our Year 13 students are currently in the process of applying for university. They have been working on their UCAS applications throughout the summer and are now putting the finishing touches to their applications. We have a wide variety of ambitions in our Year 13 cohort, some wanting to study degrees in psychology, law, physics, English and creative writing, social work, nursing and teaching. We also have some students interested in studying the new style degree-apprenticeships in Engineering and if their applications are successful, these would be some of the first students in the country to study on these new courses. It's wonderful to see our students planning their next steps and thinking ahead to their future careers. We wish them all the best with their applications over the coming months.

Year 11- Positively MAD- Exam Busters

At the end of September, Year 11 were able to attend a two-hour workshop by 'Positively MAD' who visited the academy to offer the students

tips and techniques on the best ways to revise and prepare for their upcoming GCSE exams. The session was held in our main hall with all of the students taking part in activities and trying out new revision techniques to see what suited them best. We're hoping to see that some of these new tips have been helpful when the Year 11 pupils sit their GCSE mock exams in December!

Year 11- Achieve Conference – University of Birmingham.

Twenty of our Year 11 pupils were recently given the opportunity to visit the University of Birmingham for their annual 'Achieve Conference'. The one-day conference is an annual event at the University of Birmingham where selected Year 11 pupils from across the West Midlands are invited to the university to attend lectures about higher education and how studying a degree at one of the country's top universities is a real option for them. They also had a tour of the campus and had the opportunity to hear from current Birmingham students about their journey into higher education, showing them that university really can be an option for everyone as long as they work hard.



BLOXWICH ACADEMY SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2018 4pm–6pm