



April, 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

As always, Term 4 has been an extremely busy term at the academy with students achieving so much, both in and out of lessons.

Students have really demonstrated their generosity this half term. Back in February, Y7 students took part in the Lepra fundraiser workout during Life Skills, raising money and keeping fit at the same time! World Book Day on 7th March was amazing as usual and students donated a range of pre loved books to the library for our collection. Staff and students in Key Stage Three really excelled themselves and dressed in some incredible outfits, many of which were home-made. Prizes were difficult to judge but the Best Dressed Girl went to Nyah West-Ley (as The Wardrobe) in 7R1 and the Best Dressed Boy went to Luke Forester (as Dumbledore) in 7R7. Congratulations must also go to Amy Arden who was winner of the Spelling Bee.

Success in sport for Hatton students continues with our Year 7 Netball Team who are still undefeated in the league winning their last game 22-0, and our Year 8s have only lost one game so far this year, winning their last game 13-3! Huge congratulations must also go to the Years 8 and 9 Futsal Team who are now District Champions! The Year 7 and Year 9 Football teams played in the District final this week, with both teams winning: Year 9 have now won two years in a row!

Term 4 has seen so many achievements in the Arts at Hatton too. During March, the Rotary Club of Wellingborough ran their Youth Music Festival. Jonathan Davies, in Year 12, was judged to be the Wellingborough Young Musician of the Year 2019 which is a wonderful achievement. Last week, the annual Spring Recital took place. Year on year, the quality of musicianship at the academy continues to rise, and it is always a pleasure to hear our young people perform. It would be impossible to discuss the Arts without mentioning the spectacle that was 'Schools Will Rock You.' There was a full house both nights and the production was flawless from start to finish. It was such a pleasure to see students from all year groups working together to produce such a special performance which was appreciated by the audience on the final night with a standing ovation!

Parental support for events at the academy has always been strong, and it was fantastic to see so many parents at the last round of HBACC assemblies. Year 7s move a stage closer to completing their first year of the HBACC and Year 8s are now nearing graduation; please encourage your children to ensure that they are getting their achievements signed off in their planner and completing their individual projects to a high standard to secure Graduation in July.

Opportunities for students to be involved in STEAM events (science, technology, engineering, art and maths) were in abundance in March. All year 8s were off timetable on the 8th March to experience workshops covering a range of topics, facilitated by staff and employers, which allowed students the chance to create ideas and projects, some of which were literally out of this world! Year 9 students also had the opportunity to attend the Big Bang Science Festival at the NEC which they found both inspiring and fascinating. March also saw the return of Science Week with lots of events happening around the academy courtesy of the Science Department. A particular highlight

was watching the competitiveness of particular members of staff, who shall remain nameless, as they competed at lunchtime to try to recall all the elements of the periodic table!

Term 4 has also been jam-packed with students on residential trips. A group of Year 10 students went on a residential with the National Careers Service completing a social action research project. We also waved off large numbers of Year 8 to their residential trip to Caythorpe this week. It looks as if they have had a superb time and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures after the Easter break.

Our Y11 and Y13 students have been busily preparing for their GCSE and A Level examinations. Students should have received a letter if they are required to take part in Easter revision sessions and the link to the Easter revision timetable can be found here:

<https://www.hattonacademy.org.uk/page/?title=Easter+Intervention&pid=1335>.

Our older students have, for the most part, developed very good study habits over the years and know the value of completing homework to a high standard. As we begin to plan for next academic year, study habits are high on the agenda and we encourage parents to use Edulink to monitor their children's homework, talk to them about what they are learning in school and at home, and encourage their children – of all ages – to read for pleasure as much as possible as there is indisputable research to suggest that avid readers make lots of progress in their studies.

In preparation for students' return to the academy after Easter, please could we remind parents of our strict uniform policy which can be found on the academy website using the following link:

<https://www.hattonschool.org.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=157>. If you are in any doubt about whether an item of clothing or equipment is suitable for school, please contact the academy before making a purchase. Any student whose uniform is deemed to be in contravention of the policy may have items confiscated, be sent home to change or placed in isolation until the correct uniform can be brought into school.

May we also remind parents that all students are expected to be 'Ready for Excellence' with the correct equipment and books with them for every lesson. Academy staff will continue to carry out 'spot checks' regularly and thoroughly; students who are not 'Ready or Dressed for Excellence' will receive a sanction in accordance with our Behaviour Policy.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Wednesday 24th April. Students must be in school by 8.30am in time for form time to begin promptly at 8.35am. You can find regular, 'real time' updates of all the excellent learning that takes place across the academy by using our Twitter handle - @heartofhatton.

We wish you all a restful, relaxing Easter and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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