

## Dear Parents and Carers

Over the half-term I was saddened to hear about the suicide of Caroline Flack and the devastating effect social media can have on lives. Many of our students get upset by social media outbursts and as understanding parents I know you will support the Academy by encouraging sensible use of the internet at all times. We may put something down in the heat of the moment but it can take a life-time to undo the harm it may cause.

We are also tightening up on our mobile phone ban in the Academy. Students can bring them into school to make sure they are safe on the way to and from All Saints but they are not to be seen out at any time during the day, even during social times. Phones seen on display will be confiscated and placed in Student Reception until the end of the day.

It was wonderful on Tuesday to see our Sixth Form students serving free pancakes to all 700 students as we enter the Lenten period. They really have become wonderful ambassadors for the Academy and have their heads down now focused on revision for their Year 13 exams.

Year 11 are now entering the run-up to their GCSE exams and have mock exams starting next week. It is important they put every effort into these mock exams so that from the exams the students will clearly know what there is still left to do!

On another note it is a worrying time at the moment with the number of Coronavirus cases increasing. We will work with the Local Authority and the Department for Education to ensure we follow recommended guidelines and will keep you informed of any developments.

Kind Regards

**Liz Furber**  
Executive Principal

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The headlines at the moment are very much dominated by the Coronavirus outbreak. Clearly, this is something that the NHS and government is developing strategies about in case there is a need to react differently to the very few cases that have been identified in this country at the moment. We are receiving regular updates from the Department for Education.

Although the risk to individuals remains low, and we have clearly not had any issues in the Academy, as always the active involvement of the whole Academy community in maintaining good hygiene practices will be vital in minimising the chances of any viruses spreading.

The Principal will keep pupils, parents/carers and staff advised of any necessary arrangements as soon as practicable in relation to daily Academy activity. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and respond to any updated Government guidance. The Department of Health and Public Health England are advising extra precautions for people returning from a number of areas overseas and we will be following this guidance which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>, along with a list of affected countries. If any members of your family, including pupils, visit any of the listed countries or are visited by people coming to the UK from these countries, they should follow the advice in the link above.

In the meantime, we continue to make sure that all our students are kept safe and that our Year 11 and 13 students in particular are prepared for their external examinations, which begin after Easter. As ever, thank you for your continuing support.

**David Fraser**  
Chair of Governors



### God and the Big Bang Event

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February we were lucky to have a visit from the 'God and the Big Bang' team. This experience gave all students in Years 10 and 11 an exciting opportunity to discover, discuss and debate the compatibility of science and faith.

It began with a keynote talk from Matt Pritchard, a science magician and Curator of Wonder, who opened up thinking about 'the big questions'. We then split the students into smaller groups for interactive workshops, which got them involved in activities and discussion. These took place in the science department and enabled the students to be 'hands on' whilst also listening to our speakers.

The day ended with a Q&A panel which allowed the students to ask questions they sometimes struggle to find answers to. Here are some of the questions the students at All Saints posed:

- If the big bang was a burst of energy then could we manipulate it?
- When there was nothing other than energy, then why was the energy in the big bang the only energy that created something?
- Why are we the only life in the universe, if God created life?
- Can something create itself?
- How were Adam and Eve created, if the big bang created life?
- Doesn't science disprove basic truths of religion?
- Did God actually create the world in six 24 hour days, or did evolution just happen?
- If God created evolution, but people say God is a person, who created God?
- Why do you believe in the big bang and God's creation?
- Why do we need to study science if it leads to God?
- How were Adam and Eve created?
- Is it possible that there is another dimension?
- Is there a habitable planet that we could live on?
- Why would we want to go to Mars, if Earth is created for us?
- With the technology available, is it possible to recreate the big bang event?

These questions have been forwarded to the Religious Studies teachers at school so they can explore them in more detail with the students.

**Options Process**

A huge thank you to everyone that came to our options evening last term. I hope you found the evening informative and helped with some of the choices. The deadline for the process was extended due to some technical difficulties over the half term but they now resolved and everyone should be able to complete the online process, if you haven't already. There will be letters coming out soon to invite parents in for interviews to discuss the options and to answer any questions you may have.

**Standards – Equipment**

As part of our standards drive we are continuing to have a push on pupils being fully equipped for school. Pupils should now be fully equipped with a pencil case with their pens, pencils, rubbers and rulers. Items that need replacing can be purchased from Student Reception. iPads need to be in school and charged for the day as lessons often use them as a key learning tool. Thank you for your support with this.

~ Year 9 Parents' Evening ~  
Thursday 5th March

Appointments can be booked via the Edulink app

**Year 11 Mocks**

Year 11 Mocks start on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Students were given a revision timetable and materials online over half-term and during the first two weeks back. Students have also been putting in a lot of hard work during lessons in preparation. Interventions are happening during the day and after school so I am confident the students will do themselves proud. Please be supportive – especially during those wobbly moments, they just need to be reminded they can do it!

**Parents Evening**

Year 11 Parents' Evening is in just a couple of weeks – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March! Ensure the date is in the diary and, if you think you may be unable to attend, please email Mrs Lloyd – [hlloyd@asadunstable.org](mailto:hlloyd@asadunstable.org) – to see if there is anything we can do to support you.

**Sixth Form 2020**

We have now completed the interview stage of Sixth Form applications. However if you are interested in applying, please speak to Mr Lee or Mr Miller about an application. All BTEC Sport students will receive an Academy sports outfit and students will receive a 'Golden Hello' of £100 to help with necessary supplies and equipment in addition to a laptop.

**University Applications**

We are very proud of our students who have applied to university. Lots of offers have come in and we are extremely excited about the life opportunities this is offering our students.

**Attendance**

The follow Sixth Form students have 100% attendance this term.

Paula Fischer-Fodor	Turaya Moore
Marian Boadi Kavanagh	Marta Grabinska
Summer-Louise Lacey	Georgia Hawthorne

**Pancake Day**

Sixth Form students were on hand to help serve pancakes to students on Shrove Tuesday.



On 24<sup>th</sup> January, the Sixth Form were invited to a live webinar event with Holocaust survivor, Susan Pollack MBE. Susan grew up in Hungary and was a victim of anti-Semitism up to and during World War II. In 1944, Susan and the rest of her family were ordered to leave their home and were sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Susan survived there for 10 weeks before being forced on a death march to Bergan-Belsen. On 15<sup>th</sup> April 1945, Susan was liberated by the British Army and sent to Sweden to recover from tuberculosis, typhoid and severe malnutrition.

Our students were witnesses to Susan's live testimony about her experiences and life following the war, including her reflections on recovery, reconciliation and forgiveness. This gave our students a chance to learn about this important period of history, but also reflect on the wider impacts of the Holocaust and similar events on our society. Head girl, Natsai Mundawarara writes:

"It is imperative we don't forget the atrocities of the holocaust to remind ourselves that events like these don't happen overnight and are a product of destructive ideas and views spread around through various means. Watching the broadcast of one of the remaining survivors cemented this and although it's easy to detach from the event as it happened a long time ago, anti-Semitism is still rampant and we should all work together to eradicate it from our society."

**Caroline Room**  
Curriculum Leader – Humanities

WORLD BOOK DAY

**WIN !!!**  
LOTS OF House points

**COMPETITION**  
Art and Graphics competition!

To RE-DESIGN the cover of your favourite book!

All Entries in by **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Water Bottles**

It is important that students bring a water bottle with them each day, even during the winter months. Water machines are located around the building so that bottles can be refilled as required.

Student Reception do not routinely provide cups for drinks of water and encourage students to bring water bottles.

Refillable water bottles are available to purchase for £1 either with or without the Academy log.

EduLink—our new ‘one-stop shop’ for information about your child.

Contact the Academy if you have not received your login

**Lost Property**

There are a number of lost property items at Student Reception and any without names will be disposed of over the Easter holiday. Please encourage students to check the box before the end of term.

**Flight Plans**

Updated Flight Plans are available to view on EduLink. If you do not have your EduLink login, please contact the Academy.

**Looking Ahead**

**Thursday 5th March**

Year 9 Parents’ Evening

**w/c 9th March**

Y11 and Sixth Form Mocks

**w/c 16th March**

Y11 and Sixth Form Mocks

**Monday 23rd March**

School Production

**Tuesday 24th March**

School Production

**Wednesday 25th March**

Year 11 Parents’ Evening

**Friday 32nd April**

Last Day of Term





Public Health  
England

## Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

### How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

### How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

### How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

#### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

#### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



SCHOOL ETC.  
On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

### What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**

