



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

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During the month of January, the virtue and skill we focused on across the school were **gratitude** and **staying positive**. In Senior Leadership assemblies, students reflected on how we should be grateful for the things we can often take for granted, such as the love and kindness of our friends and family. Students also thought about how we should not forget that we live in a modern, inclusive country and how this has not always been the case across Europe throughout history. At the end of January, for example, students took part in a workshop on the holocaust where they reflected on what it would be like if our rights were taken away and we lost our freedom of expression, movement and religion. In February, we have begun our focus on **good speech**. Senior Leadership assemblies are looking at how our words have the power to inspire but also destroy. Martin Luther King has been used as an example of a powerful speech who has gone down in history as one of the bravest and most influential of all time. On Tuesday 6th February, as part of our Safer Internet Day, students thought about how they should treat the person on the other side of the screen with respect and how their words can affect others. Badges will be given to students who have been able to successfully demonstrate the virtue when we return after half term and students will be able to enjoy a month of being able to enter the canteen before others.

Caroline Doolan

Deputy Principal—Personal Development

Student Parliament

Our Student Parliament have been busy this term! We have met with the canteen and brought student feedback which has resulted in the return of some much loved old favourites. Benches are being bought to allow students to sit and watch the football on the MUGA and we are very excited to introduce All Saints' first Culture Day.

Culture Day

Our first Culture day will be held on the last day of the Spring Term, 28th March. This is a day where we celebrate the rich and diverse cultures that our school enjoys. Students completed a survey and voted for Eastern Europe as the first area of focus. On this day, all students may come in wearing clothes that reflect their own culture. There will be a variety of activities on offer and there is also an opportunity for students to have a 'slot' in a school presentation on an aspect of their culture that they would like to share with the rest of the Academy. Students wishing to speak in this presentation should speak to or email Miss Church.

Reading

We are delighted to have awarded our first four word millionaires an Amazon voucher to celebrate their achievements. We are also going to be entering all 'Star Reader' students in each year group into a draw each half term to win an Amazon voucher and this will be done in Year Assemblies.

Please do encourage your child to come to reading club from 8.15am to 8.30am Tuesday to Friday as this daily session can make a huge difference to their reading skills.

Philippa Church

Assistant Principal - Personal Development
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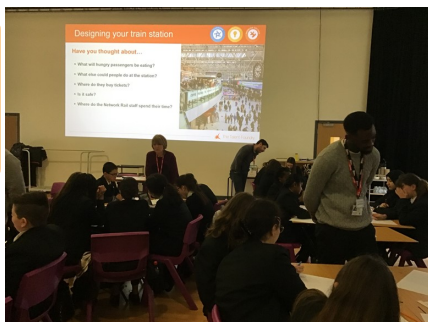
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CAREERS

This term we have quite a lot of activities to ensure our students are aware of various careers options and the qualifications required to pursue these. We have had employers and colleges giving talks across different year groups.

Our Year 7s learned about employability skills with Natwest Plc and started looking at potential careers.

Year 8s, on the right, worked with Network Rail to design a new railway station for the future



Year 10s took part in a workshop titled 'Steps to Rise' delivered by Talent Foundry, on the left, in preparation for their upcoming work experience.



Year 11s visited a Morgan Sindall construction site at Milton Keynes hospital to learn about available apprenticeships.

Work experience

Year 10 and 12 Work Experience will take place from 1st to 5th July 2024. Students had their assembly earlier in the term and should now be working to secure their own placement outside school.

Once students have a confirmed placement they need to collect a form from Student Reception and have their employers complete and return to Ms Zola.

Please also remind students to check the Careers Display Board (outside the dance studio) for careers news, information and upcoming events/opportunities. There is also a Careers Display Board in the main hub featuring different careers and relevant labour market information.

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Engineering Residential

We are offering two fully funded placement at a Summer Residential engineering course. If your child is interested, please get in touch.

SEND

We recognise that many of our students are suffering from high anxiety. To better support our students and meet needs we are running a Mindfulness work shop with Weatherfield every Tuesday for the next ten weeks.

We also have a fully trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) to help students learn to regulate their emotions.

This term we are working with Whipsnade ZSL Zoo to offer work experience opportunities to our SEND students over five Saturdays starting on 24th February. Students must be 15 years and older. If you are interested please get in touch via vhoffman-gibbs@asadunstable.org.

Interventions

The SEND team offers intervention in the following, every week Monday to Thursday in the LRC from 3pm – 4pm.

- Handwriting
- Touch typing
- Mathematics
- English
- Spelling
- Homework club

If your child would benefit from any of these, please contact the SEND team.

Upcoming careers dates

Wednesday 27th February

Year 9 students will have a career assembly from Aylesbury UTC to learn about different careers paths such as apprenticeships and T-Levels.

Friday 15th March

Industry experts and higher education provisions will be sharing their experience with students at a Careers Fair. If you know any employers who would like to give a talk or anyone who would like to share their career journey, please contact me at vhoffman-gibbs@asadunstable.org

Wednesday 1st May

Year 10 students will travel to Silverstone to learn about careers in STEM and new developments in car designs for future Formula 1 cars.

Wednesday 8th May

Year 9 students will take part in a Careers Enrichment Day. This will be a crest accredited Aircraft Challenge STEM Day.

Thursday 4th July

The Army will be delivering a careers presentation to KS4 & KS5 students on the different career opportunities in the army.

Upcoming SEND events

Every Tuesday and Wednesday we now offer Drawing and Talking therapy to support students to access school and manage their behaviour. Places are offered to students we feel will benefit from these sessions. If you would like more information, please email nsleeman@asadunstable.org.

Thursday 9th May SEND students will take part in a trip to the Chellington Centre, Bedford. This will be an opportunity to practise social skills and help develop teamwork and independence.

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Electives 2023/2024 HT4 Update

We continue to offer an extensive electives programme during the spring term at All Saints Academy which provide our students with a wide range of opportunities to access enrichment activities that they may wish to attend to further develop existing skills, or because they wish to try out something new! Either way, we welcome our students to attend as many electives as they wish. The elective activities that are available in half term 4 are as follow;

Art	Arts and Craft	Chess Club
Computer Aided Design	Jewellery Making	Keyboard Club
Knitting	Model Making	Outdoor Gym
Pom Pom Making	Reading Club	Table Tennis
Word Games	Yoga	

Andrew Minns

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Academic Calendar - 2023/2024

School Holiday