

## Dear Parents and Carers

Although it has been the shortest of half terms, only four weeks and four days, we certainly have packed a lot in!

Year 11, 12 and 13 have had two full weeks of mock exams and today they will have received their rewards for improving their grades. The manner in which they have conducted themselves in their recent mock exams has been exemplary. The Year 11s have been given a revision timetable for the Easter holidays which refers daily to resources that can be found in their revision booklets and on Showbie. If you are a parent or carer of a Year 11 student please could I ask you to encourage your child to engage with these daily revision activities. When we get back there will only be four weeks until the exams start and students can look forward to an extended summer holiday once the exams are over.

I know you will join me in thanking the staff for their hard work in marking all of the exam papers. I would also like to extend my thanks to all parents and carers for supporting the Academy with its attendance drive since last October. As a community of people working together we will ensure our young people can make the very best of the opportunities that are available.

Today we have had a Culture Day at the request of the School Parliament so that we can show how united we are as one school community. In my religious studies lessons, the students know one of my favourite teachings is from Galatians 3: 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus', which is very fitting as we celebrate our diverse community.

I do wish you all a very peaceful and restful holiday as we look forward to the nicer weather we will hopefully get in the summer term.

Happy Easter!

**Liz Furber**  
Executive Principal

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As we approach the end of, what has been, a short term, the recent news has been dominated by the cancer diagnosis of the Princess of Wales, alongside that of the King. Of course, no-one is immune from the risk of cancer and Catherine finished her broadcast to the nation and beyond, not on a selfish note, but by saying:

*"At this time, I am also thinking of all those whose lives have been affected by cancer. For everyone facing this disease, in whatever form, please do not lose faith or hope. You are not alone."*

I am sure that there are very few people reading this piece who have not known someone, perhaps very close to them, who has not been affected by this disease. So our thoughts and prayers go out to all of those people, especially associated with the Academy, who are living with cancer or who know someone who has been affected.

Catherine's thoughts for others reminds us of the Easter story and the crucifixion where Jesus, rather than complaining and asking to be saved, utters His final words, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.'

This is a message I know I keep repeating, but thinking of, and being kind to, others is a good way to lead one's life ... and it doesn't cost anything.

Have a happy and blessed Easter.

**David Fraser**  
Chair of Governors

Students return  
after Easter on  
Monday 15th April

## World Book Day

All students in Years 7 to 10 participated in a special lesson centered around World Book Day on 5th March, where they read a short story by Roald Dahl and engaged in accompanying activities. They also visited the LRC and selected a brand new book as a gift, as well as receiving a £1 book token.



## Contacting the Academy

You can contact the Academy:

**By phone** on the main switchboard number - 01582 619700

**By email** using our dedicated parent/carer email address – [parentcontact@asadunstable.org](mailto:parentcontact@asadunstable.org)

**By text** on 07860 098785

## Overdue Books

We are proud that our students actively use the LRC resources and enjoy reading for pleasure. However, we have a number of overdue library books. While we understand that sometimes books get misplaced or forgotten, it is essential to ensure that all borrowed materials are returned promptly to maintain the integrity of our library resources for all students.

We kindly ask for your support in reminding your child to check for any overdue library books and return them to the library as soon as possible.

**Atefeh Asadi Arbabi**  
Librarian

## Reporting Your Child Absent

**Via the Studybugs App** at <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>.

**By phone** on the main switchboard number - 01582 619700, Option 1

**By email** using our attendance email address – [attendance@asadunstable.org](mailto:attendance@asadunstable.org)

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## Chew's Foundation

Can we help with a uniform grant?

Chew's Foundation is a Christian Charity, which can offer help to parents, to meet some of their expenses, at the start of the new school year

Starting school or beginning a new year in September, can be an exciting time for your children but it can bring New Expenses!!

We may be able to help, if you find difficulty in meeting the extra costs associated with a new term.

We can offer a confidential financial grant towards Uniforms, required by your child for School.

You need to reside in Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Totternhoe or Caddington, have a limited income and be in receipt of Universal Credit/Housing Benefit (proof will be required) to qualify.

Application forms are available via email only from:

Julie Tipler, Clerk  
Chew's Foundation, Grove House  
76 High St North, Dunstable LU6 1NF 01582 660008  
Email: [dunstablecharity@yahoo.com](mailto:dunstablecharity@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.associationofdnunstablecharities.co.uk](http://www.associationofdnunstablecharities.co.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE THE CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2024**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

Maximum of 4 grants per household

## LOOKING TO GIVE RUGBY A GO?

DUNSTABLIANS YOUTH ARE CURRENTLY RECRUITING NEW PLAYERS TO JOIN ALL AGE GROUPS!

**JOIN US ON SUNDAYS**  
Ages 5yrs-12ys 9.30-11 | Ages 12-16 11.00-12.30  
For more info please contact Vanessa West, Youth Chair on 07369201658 or email [youthchair@dnufc.com](mailto:youthchair@dnufc.com)  
Dunstablians RUFC, Bedford Rd, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU5 6JW

## Looking Ahead

**15th April**  
First Day of Term

**15th May**  
Y10 Parents Evening

**16th May**  
Y8 Vaccinations

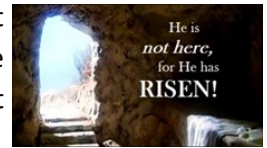
**27th May**  
Half Term

## From the Chaplain

### Focus verse:

**““Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen! See the place where they laid him.”” – Mark 16:6**

As I have been sharing with the students in my times of Collective Worship, Easter is the most important season in the Christian calendar because it is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. The point being that Jesus died in our place for all the difficulties and struggles we have, and the problems we get ourselves into. He died to allow us to restore our right relationship with God, knowing we will never be good enough but that His goodness is sufficient and that the power that enabled his resurrection is available to each one of us through God’s Holy Spirit today!



But rising from the dead is a pretty incredible statement and there are some who say it didn’t happen. However;

If the disciples had deliberately invented the story that Jesus rose from the dead, why didn’t they deny it when they were tortured, stoned and beheaded?

If the Romans or the Jews had moved the body of Jesus why didn’t they produce it when the Christians began saying that He had risen from the dead?

If Jesus didn’t rise from the dead, what was it that changed Peter, Thomas and the other disciples from fearful and doubting men into courageous and successful believers?

If the resurrection of Jesus was just a hallucination in the minds of the disciples, how come over 500 of them all had the same hallucination?

So, if the disciples didn’t make up the story about the resurrection, they didn’t steal the body, nor did the Jews or the Romans, and they weren’t hallucinating, what other explanation can there be for the fact that the tomb was empty? The answer to them all is that Jesus’ resurrection must be historical fact for it is the only thing that



makes sense of all the evidence. And if it is the only thing that makes sense of the evidence then it has pretty significant implications for us all. It means things like loneliness need never occur again for God is always with us. It implies that no problem or situation is insurmountable with God’s help. I wonder if there’s a situation in your life that you need

help to overcome?

Maybe it’s something to ponder over the Easter period.

### Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank You so much for Easter and the empty tomb. Thank You that it demonstrates Your love for us by going through the agony of death and yet triumphing over it. Please help us to remember that when I face struggles You are with me and can help me through. Thank You that You want to be our friend. Amen.



**Rev. Tim Davis: School Chaplain**

If you wish to talk more about the significance of Easter then please do get in touch. You can use my [revd.timdavis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:revd.timdavis@yahoo.co.uk) email address.

## Academic Calendar - 2023/2024

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<b>September 2023</b>					
Mon	4	11	18	25	
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<b>October 2023</b>					
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