



# INTHEKNOW

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## **Message from the Head of Academy**

I would like to take this opportunity to send my thanks to our Year 11 students who have finally finished their examinations. They have worked so hard in order to prepare themselves for the demands placed upon them and their conduct in both examinations and around the Academy has been impeccable. Thank-you Year 11. I hope you enjoy a well deserved break now; staff at the Academy look forward to saying our final goodbyes at the Prom and Graduation Ceremony.

As Year 11 leave us staff at the Academy will continue to support students in Years 7 to 10 in order for them to make good progress. Please remember that end of year examinations take place for all of these year groups starting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – good luck!

As a reminder schools are no longer able to authorise term time holidays, unless in exceptional circumstances. Please keep this in mind when thinking about your family holidays, either this term or into the next academic year. Further details can be found in the attendance section of this newsletter.

Mrs K Craig

**Head of Academy**

YEAR 7

- Monday 18th June - pole vault session at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre 5.30pm to 8.00pm (for selected Year 7 & Year 8 pupils)
- Tuesday 19th June - Super 6 athletics at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre during the school day (Years 7 & 8, with Year 9 sports leaders)
- Thursday 21st June - FMAT athletics match, departing 2pm, returning approximately 6-6.30pm (Years 7 to 10)

YEAR 8

- Monday 18th June - pole vault session at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre 5.30pm to 8.00pm (for selected Year 7 & Year 8 pupils)
- Tuesday 19th June - Super 6 athletics at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre during the school day (Years 7 & 8, with Year 9 sports leaders)
- Thursday 21st June - FMAT athletics match, departing 2pm, returning approximately 6-6.30pm (Years 7 to 10)

YEAR 9

- Tuesday 19th June - Super 6 athletics at Tudor Grange Leisure Centre during the school day (Years 7 & 8, with Year 9 sports leaders)
- Thursday 21st June - FMAT athletics match, departing 2pm, returning approximately 6-6.30pm (Years 7 to 10)
- Friday 22nd June - Loughborough University visit for fourteen Year 9 pupils - all day

#### **World of Stem**

50 Year 9 students will get the chance to attend Birmingham City University in June to participate in the 'World of Stem'. Students will have the opportunity to experience a 45 minute interactive, explosive, live-action show performed by one of the country's leading science performers. After the show they will have the opportunity to explore an exhibition of over 30 STEM based employers.

YEAR 10

- Thursday 21st June - FMAT athletics competition, departing 2pm, returning approximately 6-6.30pm (Years 7 to 10)
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 10 Mock examination results collection.

YEAR 11

- Graduation takes place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Parents/carers to arrive from 1.45pm. The ceremony will start at 2.00pm and finish at approximately 3.00pm. Invite only please.
- Year 11 Promenade takes place at Drayton Manor on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Students to arrive from 6.45pm onwards with a finish time of 10.30pm.

**End of year exams** commence the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June for all students in Years 7 to 10. Year 10 students will be undertaking Trust Wide mock examinations.

**Parents' Forum** takes place at 6.00pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June.



Don't forget to join us for the **Family Ramble** in the Peak District on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact Mr McIlwraith for further details and to reserve places.



An English department trip will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> July to Shakespeare's House in Stratford Upon Avon.

The **Summer Music Concert** takes place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm. Tickets available on the door, on the night, at a cost of £1.00

**Academy Colours Awards Ceremony** takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

The **Annual Awards Ceremony** takes place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Sports Day.** This year's Sports Day will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. The event will be held on the school field and every pupil will play their part in scoring points for their house team. In the build up to the big day pupils will be competing in the field events during their PE lessons, on the day competitor will complete the track events with their year groups cheering them on.

The **Annual Race for Life** event takes place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July, following our Sports Day. It would be great if parents and carers could join us for the Race for Life Event to support a charity that is close to the hearts of many of us.



**FMAT games (athletics).** The final trust games of the academic year will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June. Smiths Wood currently lie in second place behind Erdington Academy and our athletes will be working hard to close the gap. Come on Smith's Wood!

**PE Reward trip** - the department will be taking a select group of pupils to 'rock up' in Birmingham to reward pupils that have shown sustained effort and commitment over the course of the year to both curriculum PE and/or extra-curricular activities. Further details to follow.

#### **Open-to-all sports activities after school in June:**

**Mondays** - fitness, archery, girls' football, athletics

**Tuesdays** - basketball

**Wednesdays** - trampolining, swimming, fitness, table tennis, badminton, rounders, Duke of Edinburgh

**Thursdays** - athletics, cricket, climbing

**Fridays** - basketball, boys' football (Years 8/9), badminton by invitation, skating/scootering

**Science Club** will run again from this Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> June) for 4 weeks.

#### **Key Stage 3 and 4 creative writing competition in English**

From real-life hopes and dreams to the furthest corner of your imagination. Let your ideas flow and who knows your poem, or your story, could be the winner! Your task for this term is to write a short poem or a story (200 words) on the topic **If I...**

Try to experiment with different titles, for example:

If I could defy gravity...

If I were a rock star...

If I went to Hogwarts...

If I could meet...

If I could win...

Closing Date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. Please submit your entries to your English teacher or Mrs Morris.

#### **Arts & Minds competition**

Create a piece of artwork in any materials (drawing, painting, photography, collage etc) that promotes cultural diversity, equality and tackles racism in schools. Your design could link to the arrival of the SS Empire Windrush generation (migrant workers 70 years ago).

Prizes will be awarded to the best entries from across the UK and will be presented in a top London hotel - Gok Wan will choose the overall winner!

Closing date: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Entries to be submitted to Miss Hall.

We are delighted to offer again next year specialist **music tuition** with Solihull Music Service for instruments and voice. All students who wish to begin or continue specialist music tuition need

to hand their reply slips into Mrs Hayward by Thursday 21st June. Please be aware that any students who do not hand in their reply slips by this date will not receive lessons in September.

**A plea from staff.....**

We all have bad days, and we all have days when we get home and need to offload to our family – children are no different. Please do bear in mind that the version of events you hear at home may not be the same as the reality. For this reason, we would encourage families to wait before judging a situation and seek out the truth before reacting. Our children need to know that the adults at home and school will handle issues with consistency and with a team approach. Please support our staff in reiterating this message at home and trusting that our staff will handle issues in school with fairness and in accordance with our policies.

**Warmer weather**

As the warmer weather approaches (we hope!) I would like to remind parents and students that our uniform policy still applies. Students must bring their blazer to school every day; senior staff will then make the decision as to whether blazers can be removed depending on the temperature during the day. Thank you for your support with this.

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT DUE TO LEADERSHIP TRAINING REQUIREMENTS THE ACADEMIES IN FAIRFAX MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST WILL CLOSE TO STUDENTS AT 1.15PM ON FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE.**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE ACADEMY WILL ALSO CLOSE EARLY (1.20pm) ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE FOR THE YEAR 11 GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

Invites for afternoon tea with the Head of Academy will be issued next week to many of our superstars in recognition of excellent attendance and behaviour. Will you receive yours?



### Term time holidays

Recently, the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 amended Regulation 7 of the 2006 Regulations to prohibit the Head of Academy to grant leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. This means if the Head deems the leave applied for can reasonably be taken outside of term time, the request for leave of absence will not be authorised.

If the Head of Academy does not grant the leave of absence request but parents/guardians still decide to go ahead, absence will be marked as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences may be referred to Solihull Local Authority and result in a Penalty Notice payable up to £120 fine for failure to comply with the law. Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 states that: If a child of compulsory school age, who is a registered pupil at a school, fails to attend regularly at the school his/her parent(s) are guilty of an offence.

Smith's Wood Academy will consider all applications for leave of absence requests but must comply with the current stipulations of granting leave in exceptional circumstances only.

### Attendance reward trips continue this half term!

The plans for the attendance rewards trip to Drayton Manor on the 19<sup>th</sup> July are in place. A place has been booked for every child in Year 7 to 10. Unfortunately, a child will lose their place if at the time of the trip they have not achieved 100% attendance for the summer term or an overall attendance of 97%.

Invites and further details will follow shortly.

**Every** student has a chance of attending – their place is theirs to lose

Congratulations must go to the young people below who competed for Solihull at the County Championships held at Alexander Stadium on Saturday 9th June. We achieved a great deal as you can see below.

Alex Allum (Elm) - 800m (2:43) - 10th place  
Shannon Brain (Bay) - 200m (27.9s - NEW SCHOOL RECORD) - 5th place  
Alisson Charlot (Elm) - relay (59.3s) - 5th place  
Keanu Filip (Elm) - high jump (1.25m) - 5th place  
Dylan King (Bay) - high jump (1.20m) - 6th place; relay (55.3s) - 3rd place  
Dylan Leddington (Elm) - javelin (14.61m) - 5th place  
Jayden McIntosh (Ash) - javelin (24.33m) - 6th place  
Billy McLaughlin (Yew) - shot putt (6.25m) - 7th place  
Davis Mensah (Bay) - shot putt (8.14m) - 8th place  
Rupert Ryan (Yew) - discus (23.88m) - 1st place; 300m (41.5s) - 5th place

Tia Doherty (Elm) and Rameyah Farquharson (Bay) attended and supported our athletes all day.

North Solihull Diamond League events (against Coleshill, CTC, Grace, John Henry Newman & Park Hall):

Marla McConnell (Elm) - Year 7 girls  
Keanu Filip (Elm) - Year 7 boys (2nd place - shot putt)  
Dylan King (Bay) - Year 7 boys  
Tyrese Sutherland (Yew) - Year 7 boys (2nd place 100m & long jump; 3rd place shot putt)  
Alisson Charlot (Elm) - Year 8 girls (1st place 100m; 3rd= place 800m)  
Rameyah Farquharson (Bay) - Year 8 girls (2nd place 800m; 3rd place shot putt)  
Melissa Knowles (Yew) - Year 8 girls (3rd= place 800m)  
Rhys Asphall (Elm) - Year 8 boys  
Davis Mensah (Bay) - Year 8 boys (1st place 100m; 2nd place long jump & shot putt)  
Jayden McIntosh (Ash) - Year 8 boys (1st place long jump; 3rd place 100m & shot putt)  
Ryley Reynolds (Elm) - Year 8 boys



**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\***

We have received notification from an Independent Travel Trainer, working for Solihull MBC, that a number of our pupils have been witnessed throwing water bottles (full of water) into the road, outside the X12 bus stop on Windward Way. This appears to be a game where the bottle is thrown prior to a car passing by. The goal is for the car to run it over and crush the bottle. If this is not successful then the game is repeated. Several cars have been seen to swerve the bottles.

Can you please bring this notice to the attention of your child that this is highly dangerous behaviour and could have devastating consequences for themselves, if they are participating, as well as the driver. If the school is able to find names of culprits they will receive appropriate sanctions.



**Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Mock Exams  
June 2018  
Theatre/Staff Room/Prefect Room**

	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 10 English 1hr 45		Year 10 Maths 1hr 30		Year 9 Science 1hr
	HCN, EME, CLM, KBE, DCL, VBR, AAS, EBA	HCO, WSE, DHE, LHA, JCR	VBR, DCL, AMS, AMU, RCH, EME, AHA, SLI	DGI, NHA, DTA, EME, AHA, SLI	JBU, LEL, WRO, CBA, AHA, SAN, DHE, SLI
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 9 Maths 1hr 30		Year 10 Maths 1HR 30		Year 9 Spanish
	LGN, SWA, JOA, ZAL, JHA, NFH, SIQ, NMO, LSM	SLI, SAN, ZAB, KBE, LGN, SWA, SED, STH	HCN, MCR, CLM, KBE, JOA, SED, PTO, ZAL	WSE, DHE, WRO, SCA, TTU, EWA	SCA, SBU, TTU, JAU, VMO, WRO, CBA, RMC, LKI
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 9 English 1hr		Year 10 Business <b>External Exam</b>		Year 7 History
	VBR, EBA, AMS, AAS, RCR, SWA, SAH, DGI				RCR, DTA, KCA, SAH, DKI, RMC, SED, LGN
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 10 Biology 1hr 15		Year 9 History 1hr Geography 1hr		Year 7 English 1hr
	WSE, DHE, WRO, SCA, TTU, EWA	HCN, MCR, CLM, KBE, JOA, PTO, ZAL, SED	SIO, SAI, ZAL, STH, RCR, DTA, KCA, SAH		SCA, HBU, TTU, SBU, DGI, SBB, NHA
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Year 10 Spanish 1hr		Year 10 History 1hr 45min Geography 1hr 30min		
	SCA, TTU,		RCO, DGI, SAI, STH, JOA, SED, ZAL	HCN, MCR, CLM, KBE, JOA, SED, PTO, ZAL	

	AM		P3	PM	
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 History 1hr		Year 10 Chemistry 1hr 15		Year 7 Spanish
	NHA, AMU, KDW, SAH, MHP, HMC, DTA, SED		VBR, DCL, AMS, AMU, RCH, EME, AHA, SLI	DGI, NHA, DTA, EME, AHA, SLI	TTU, FMY, SCA, SBU, SBB, KCA, KDW, SAH
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5

<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 Geography 1hr		Year 8 Spanish 1hr		Year 8 Science 1hr
	SAN, AHA, SAI, PTO, RRE, KDW, DGI, SAH		SBU, TTU, SCA, FMY		ZAB, LGN, ZAL, SWA, HCO, JHA, NMO, DLY, LSM
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 Maths 1hr		Year 7 Science 1hr		Year 7 Maths 1hr
	NFH, SIO, DLY, LHA, LSM, CLM, ZAB, SAN, VBA		ZAB, KDW, SED, VBA, DLY, MHP, NFH, HMC, LSM		RCR, DTA, KCA, DKI, RMC, SED, LGN

	<b>AM</b>		<b>P3</b>		<b>PM</b>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 10 Physics 1hr 15		Year 10 Maths 1hr 30		Year 8 English 1hr
	HCN, EME, CLM, KBE, DCL, VBR, AAS, EBA	HCO, WSE, DHE, LHA, JCR	VBR, DCL, AMS, AMU, RCH, EME, AHA, SLI	DGI, NHA, DTA, EME, AHA, SLI	HCO, MHP, SIQ, DLY, LSM, LGN, DKI, AAS, RMC
<b>Tues 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Year 7 Maths 1hr		Year 8 Maths 1hr		
	HCO, MHP, HMC, DLY, LHA, LEL, JBU, WRO, CBA, RMC		SBU, TTU, SCA, FMY, SMC, NFH, HMC, RCR, SAH		
	Year 10 Art		Year 10 Art Music		
			LHA - Music		
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 9 Maths 1hr 30		Year 7 Geography 1hr		
	VBR, EBA, AMS, AAS, RCR, SWA, SAH, DGI	SLI, SAN, ZAB, AHA, SIQ, SWA, ZAL, LGN	ZAB, KDW, SED, VBA, DLY, MHP, NFH, HMC, LSM		