

Principal's Blog

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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

It is wonderful to see the academy in full Christmas spirit.

Today, we saw lots of amazing Christmas themed jumpers with donations going to Save the Children. We are still collecting non-perishable food items and donations for our local foodbank and new toys for Mission Christmas. Full details are [here](#).

Please remember that all donations are made electronically via I-Pay - the account you use to top up food, buy planners etc
Deadline for donations is the end of the 8th Dec - so please hurry or send in food items and new toys to the academy before the 14th December.



CHRISTMAS

Please remember that we break up for Christmas on Thursday 15th December and return on Tuesday 3rd January.

PRIZES GALORE!

We have seen this week and will continue on the run up to Christmas a huge amount of prizes to our young people.

- From Mrs Walsh in the LRC - selection boxes for dinner time challenge winners
- From Mrs Lazenby in English - treat bags from the literacy challenge draw
- From attendance - celebration cakes and treats for top attendance winners
- From Mrs Walsh in the LRC - Cineworld vouchers for Reading Star of the Week
- KS3 English classes and tutor groups, end of term reading trophies and sweets
- Christmas countdown daily attendance draw, we have seen amazing prizes. From vouchers to rugby merchandise. This is every day on the run up to Christmas - be here to be in a chance of winning!



ANTI BULLYING ALLIANCE

Thank you to all parents and carers who have given their child permission to take part in this survey. Over half of our young people will participate in this - 1st survey is straight after the holiday.



ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

Electric Scooters

It is currently against the law to ride an e-scooter on a public road or pavement.

We understand that buying an e-scooter can be tempting, especially as you can buy them from many popular retailers.



Current law

You can buy an e-scooter, but you cannot ride it on a UK public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on a private land.

Why is this?

E-scooters are classified as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), so they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:

- MOT
- Licensing
- Tax
- Insurance

As e-scooters do not have numberplates, signalling ability and do not always have visible rear lights, they cannot be used legally on the roads.

What happens if I'm stopped by the Police

The Police will advise you of the current law about how to use an e-scooter legally and ask you to take it home. They may however still penalise you depending on the nature and gravity of the offence.

E-scooter trials

The UK Government is currently taking part in 'Future Transport Zone' trials for e-scooter hire, with a view to making them legal to use on the roads.

Enquire with your local authority for a trial closest to you.

Further information

Further details can be found on the following government website:
Powered transporters - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



Please note that electric scooters are NOT allowed on the academy site.

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