

## Introduction

Within this termly newsletter you will find information about upcoming events linked to students personal development. Also you will see some highlights of things that have happened over the last term.

## Personal Development Highlights

- Year 7 will be accessing the silver ACE programme in January
- Beacon school Programme for the UCL Holocaust Centre continues to grow
- Duke of Edinburgh award for Year 10
- Christmas gifting to the local community
- Amazing numbers at Y8 Parents Evening
- Exciting Channel 4 careers events upcoming
- Praise events are a huge success
- Student Voice are making exciting progress

## ACE- Year 7



The ACE Silver Programme will be launching in January 2023 with lots more achievements for students to work towards in the next couple of half terms. Students will work on areas such as attending enrichment activities, showing respect at all times and giving back to the community.

ACE Silver Badges will be given out to students when all expectations have been met throughout the term and completed reports have been handed to an ACE Leader.

## ACE Celebrations

Term 1 certificates and rewards will be given out during an ACE Celebration assembly in January 2023. Students who have been extraordinary during term and have been selected by ACE Leaders and staff around the academy.

## Upcoming Life Curriculum Overview

Y7 (HT3) How do our bodies change as we get older?

(HT4) What are the main religions of the World?

Y8 (HT3) What does a Healthy Relationship look Like?

(HT4) What does it mean to be a Christian?

Y9 (HT3) Judaism

(HT4) The Holocaust

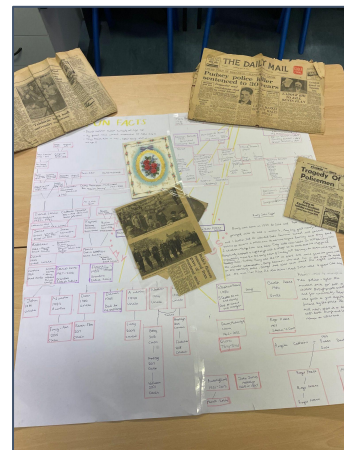


Y10 (HT3) How do I respect myself?

(HT4) What is Sikhism?

Y11 More Drop Down Days to look forward to...

The Beacon School Programme to work alongside the UCL Holocaust Centre continues to go really well and students in Year 9 have begun to actively engage in the #HtFMeUs Project which has produced some amazing work - such as family trees, portraiture work and beginning to understand more about the micro incidents across Europe of AntiSemitism.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award

Year 10 students are completing their Bronze award, by doing this they are completing a skill, physical activity and volunteering for at least 3 months alongside their studying. Their Bronze Award equates to two GCSE's!

## Sustainability

We have a number of events coming up around sustainability including an Outwood wide conference for student voice for a select group of students across the year groups. We have just completed two COP27 activities where students from years 7, 8 and 9 learnt about what it is and why. This has inspired many of them to join our student voice sustainability cabinet.

## Solutions for the Planet

We have our annual event with Solutions for the Planet. This will give all our Year 8's a chance to get to grips with what sustainability is and how we can reduce our impact on the Earth, this event leads into a nationwide contest with the final being held at Westminster!

## Y11 Upcoming Open Events

Wakefield College Wednesday 22nd February  
New College Pontefract Monday 6th February

## What's Next for Careers?

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be part of an exciting project at the end of January working with Channel 4, who will come into the Academy and will explore different careers, looking at the various roles within the TV and Film industry.



## Year 8 Parents Evening Tuesday 6th December 2022

As requested by parents & teachers, parents evenings this year will remain virtual on SchoolCloud.

Over 60% of Year 8 parents booked appointments to speak to subject teachers, with a fantastic 65 hours worth of conversations happening during the evening!

Thanks to all parents and staff for their commitment to raising standards across Year 8.

## Praise

It's been a very busy half term for praise! We've had over 600 students watching the football game between Iran and England whilst another 500 watched a Christmas movie after achieving specific praise targets! Also this half term has seen an update to the Wonderwall where we are sharing excellent work that we are so very proud of!

## Student Voice Update

Student Voice is officially up and running with a fully formed cabinet.

Members of our team have been discussing areas they would like to be involved in within school such as: sustainability, enrichment and mental well-being. All members now wear their badge proudly so that they are easily identifiable by other staff and students so they can share thought/ideas.

## Christmas events!

Student Voice have also been busy collecting donations for the Normanton Foodbank and Mission Christmas.

Donations were also made via lpay for Christmas Jumper day.

We are very proud with how charitable everyone has been, we have raised a fantastic amount of £325. This is been split between the charities Save the Children and Mission Christmas.