



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support. Huge improvements in the academy as recognised by the DfE recently.

Good luck to all our Year 11 for your forthcoming GCSE exams.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter.

With kind regards,
Mrs Helen Mackenzie, OBE, Executive Principal



RESPECT – The Diana Award Event

We proudly hosted an event on Wednesday 14 March, to equip schoolchildren from across the North West with the skills to stamp out bullying in their school communities. The Diana Award, an organisation that aims to empower young people to change the world, led the event to upskill the North West's youth to share top tips on how to prevent bullying in their schools and communities. Around 70 young people gathered in our academy to take part in Anti-Bullying Ambassador training. The day brought together local young people from primary and secondary schools, to creatively explore and understand the issue of bullying. Working together, we exchanged ideas and experiences and gained practical ideas on bullying prevention. As ambassadors we also drew up our own action plans to address the issue and ensure everyone feels safe and happy at HLA.

TEAMWORK

A team of Year 7 & Year 8 pupils took part in the Rugby Union Tournament on Tuesday.

Whilst we didn't win, the RFU and Fleetwood coach who organised the event said our pupils were the most respectful players and they worked well together as a team.

Well done boys, we are so proud of your performance on and off the pitch!



On 20th April, our girls' football team will be taking part in the Trust wide football competition being held at Manchester City Football Club. Play well and enjoy the experience!



William gained one of five wildcat **Snowsport's Sponsorships at Chillfactore Indoor Dome in Manchester** in October 2017 and has been filmed and interviewed for both BBC and SKY Sports.

We've also seen a photograph of William with Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards – wow!!

What a fantastic achievement William, well done !



Year 11 Revision/Intervention

Revision sessions will be taking place over the Easter break. Don't forget to sign up for your classes.

SERVICE - Message from our Student Council

This term we have been busy gathering the ideas, concerns and opinions of our peers. We meet with Senior Leaders every half term so that we can ensure the ‘Pupil Voice’ is heard. We are committed to working with Senior Leaders so that our academy is a safe and happy place where everyone can succeed and all are driven to serve others. We are pleased that the Senior Leadership Team and Pupil Leaders are listening and are taking steps to address the issues being discussed at our council meetings. So far we have secured approval from Senior Leaders to:

- give all pupils the opportunity to go on an end of year trip and for year 11 to take part in life skill classes after their exams
- get pupil leaders to review their duty rotas so that they can help younger pupils feel safe
- recruit voluntary environment ambassadors to work alongside staff to keep our academy clean
- gather information from all pupils to decide some of the charitable causes the academy will support next term
- allocate a special place for a ‘Celebration of Life’ memorial
- meet with members of local community groups to see how we can work together to improve our local area
- help organise and host a Community Party to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

We are excited to be making a positive contribution to our Academy community.

The Shades

Up and coming boy band The Shades paid a visit to Highfield Leadership Academy to share positive messages and hold workshops around staying safe online and tackling cyber bullying. Using his own experiences of being bullied online, The Shades guitarist and singer Nathan Lambert and his fellow band members encouraged discussions around how young people can take care of themselves online, and the importance of being kind to others too. **Band member Rich Scholes commented,** “Highfield was one of the best schools we’ve been to – and we’ve been to a lot! Pupils were so engaging and characterful yet so well behaved. We don’t see many schools that are able to get the balance of enjoyment and behaviour so perfect; it’s been such a pleasure.”



Adam (Year 10 pupil) has been selected to go on the next Scouts World Jamboree in America and Canada as part of the team representing UK Scouts.

Adam will have to go on a number of training events, and take part in fundraising as part of the programme.

This is a really exciting opportunity for him as it is very competitive to get a place.



AMBITION

BBC Question time

Our academy had the amazing opportunity to host the BBC’s Question Time, with panellists Owen Smith MP, Kenneth Clarke MP, Nigel Farage MEP, businesswoman Michelle Dewberry and television presenter Radzi Chanyanganya joining host David Dimbleby.

We took part in a technical workshop, exploring the Question Time set, how it is lit and the sound arrangements for the broadcast. We even had the chance to put our questions to esteemed broadcaster David Dimbleby and we managed to get some photographs with the panellists! Although, not quite as many as Mrs Mackenzie!

We enjoyed putting our STAR values into practice when looking after the audience of 150 people. It was interesting to see how the BBC prepared all the guests for the live show.