

Message From the Principal

'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit' Aristotle

Dear Parents

It has been a pleasure to show parents around the academy this week and share learning in action. Feedback has been very positive as parents have been able to see our calm and orderly lessons, how we are using the classroom spaces and year 11 tutoring sessions taking place. If you would like to come on a tour please see below.

The new homework approach was launched this week, please remember to sign your child's home learning diary. Speaking to your child for 3 minutes a day, about their learning, is proven to make a big difference- why not ask them about Smart Starts or discuss the information on a subject Knowledge Organiser.

Congratulations to year 11 students Jack P, Chloe B and Jess H who are our leaders on the Tassomai science platform, fantastic progress and dedication to their studies. The Tassomai competition for prom tickets is now on, with tickets for best individual performer and best 'couple'. Please encourage your child to do at least 20 minutes a day on Tassomai, including weekends and holidays.

I would also like to offer all those nominated for Celebration of Achievement Award all the best of luck for next Wednesday, when we hold our Awards event.

Kind regards

Joss Hayes - Principal & CEO

Parent Forum Meetings

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| • Weds 1st March | - | 2:00 - 3:30 | - | Osprey Quay (Creche facilities will be available) |
| • Thurs 16th March | - | 5:00 - 6:30 | - | Maritime House |
| • Mon 27th March | - | 2:00 - 3:30 | - | Osprey Quay (Creche facilities will be available) |
| • Tues 25th April | - | 5:30 - 7:00 | - | Maritime House |

Parent Tour Dates

We still have places available on the following tour dates - please contact Elaine Clayton at eclayton@ipaca.org.uk to book a place:

- 27th Feb - 8:50 - 9:30am
- 1st March & 3rd March - 8:50 - 9:30am

Forthcoming Key Dates

Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' Evening - Year 7 & Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 2nd March in the Race Restaurant at Maritime House. The Parents' Evening will run from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. This will be an opportunity to discuss academic progress since the start of the term with your child's teachers. Learners are invited to accompany their parent(s). Sign-up sheets were sent home with a letter yesterday, if you need another copy, please email hwilliams@ipaca.org.uk.

Gateway & Pathway

- Monday 27th February** - Two weeks Year 11 mock exams
- Thursday 2nd March** - Year 7 and Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 2nd March** - SALTMine Theatre Visit (11am MH)
- Thursday 16th March** - Year 9 Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 22nd March** - Year 11 Mock Results Home
- Wednesday 22nd March** - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Friday 24th March** - Red Nose Day
- Monday 27th March** - Assessment Week: Year 1-Year 10
- Friday 7th April** - Break up for Easter

Discovery

- Tuesday 28th February** - Books at Bedtime OQ
- Wednesday 1st March** - Books at Bedtime MH
- Thursday 2nd March** - World Book Day
- Thursday 2nd March** - SALTMine Theatre Visit (9am OQ)
- Tuesday 21st** - March 3.30 - 5.30 - Parents' Evening
- Thursday 23rd March** 5.00 - 7.00 Parents' Evening
- Friday 24th March** - Red Nose Day
- Friday 7th April** - Easter Bonnet Parade (EYFS)
- Friday 7th April** - Break up for Easter
- Friday 7th April** - Easter Bingo

Year 11 Update

Mocks start on Monday 27th February, 2017

How can you support your child?

- Check they are doing regular revision at home
- Ensure they have somewhere quiet to work
- Take an interest in what they are doing...Help with mini tests if they will let you!
- Make sure they are referring to the Year 11 Revision Booklet that came home before the Half Term Holiday, that has lots of useful bits of advice
- Make sure they are using the revision guides and websites that have been highlighted in the Year 11 booklet.

Results for the mocks will be out on *Wednesday 22nd March, 2017* in a special Mocks Results Assembly, followed by a Year 11 Parents Evening starting at 4pm and finishing at 7pm - Put the date in your diary.

ECDL

Is your child taking up the opportunity of the extra ICT course, running after school from 3.30pm - 4.30pm each Thursday. This is a chance to get an extra qualification and learn lots of useful information along the way - Make sure they are getting involved.

For further information rpearce@ipaca.org.uk.

sQuid.

sQuid will have completed their upgrade shortly ready for Discovery Pre-ordered Meals to be made via sQuid from Easter onwards. Can parents ensure they are set up ready with their sQuid account. Further information regarding the new system will be sent out in March. If you have not already set up your sQuid account and no longer have the relevant information, please email cashless@ipaca.org.uk

A reminder to parents that once you have purchased a trip offer in sQuid that has more than one payment date, to pay the next instalment you need to click on the top toolbar "part paid offers". Here you will see all payment history relating to the relevant trip plus future instalment dates.

Senior Leadership Team

Principal - Mrs Hayes, jhayes@ipaca.org.uk

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IPACA Home Learning

A reminder to all parents/carers of learners from Year 7 to 11, they have now been given a Home Learning Diary to record homework. If your child has not received a diary they can go to the Pathway or Gateway teacher prep area and receive a diary from a School Facilitator. It would be appreciated if parents would check and sign homework each night. Home learning is a vital part of your child's education as it extends and consolidates what has been taught that day.

The home Learning Schedule is available on our website at <https://sites.google.com/ipaca.org.uk/home/parents/home-learning>. If you have any questions or comments about this process please email your child's Family Tutor. All email addresses can be found on our IPACA website. www.IPACA.org.uk/contact

For further details or contact Ms Axford on kaxford@ipaca.org.uk

IPACA SEN

All access arrangements for Year 11 mock exams are in place ready for next week. SEN learners were sent a letter in their packs about individual access arrangements last half term.

For further information contact kaxford@ipaca.org.uk

The Passion Project for Gateway Learners

Monday will see the launch of the Passion Project for Year 7 and 8 Learners in our weekly assembly. We will be asking our Learners what are they passionate about, and how can they create a project/product based on their passion. Learners are allocated 45 minutes a week in the home learning schedule to develop their project. During the summer term Learners will present their projects to their classmates during Family Time. The Passion Project will provide Learners the opportunity to showcase their talents and interests while developing independent learning skills.

For more information please feel free to email your [Family Tutor](#).

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