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Dear Parent/Carer

KS3 SEND Drop-In Clinic, Canopies, National Careers Week, Parent Examination Preparation Session, Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 16 March 2023, British Science Week

Welcome to my end of week update letter. This week's offering is much shorter ahead of some bigger versions coming your way in the weeks to come.

KS3 SEND Drop-In Clinic

Mr Adlington and his team will be available for a drop-in SEND meet on Wednesday 22 March 2023 from 1:45pm – 3:15pm in the cadet building. This is for Key Stage 3 parents and carers only as we are intending to run separate events into term 5 for Year 10 with examination concessions etc. in mind. If you would like to attend, please contact Mr Adlington via send@srpa.co.uk and he will ensure a large enough room and light refreshments.

Canopies

The canopies will enter service next week after the installation was completed yesterday.

National Careers Week

Our students have been involved in National Careers Week activities this week and we will be detailing this in our Careers and Work-Related Learning Bulletin next week.

It has been lovely to see so many staff putting up posters on their doors of past jobs and skills they have learned along the way, as well as activities through the week from our careers team.

As a part of evaluating our careers work, we receive reports detailing the proportion of students currently in employment, education and training from Year 11 and Year 13 last year. For context, the national figures for this are 94.7% for Year 11 and 88.5% for Year 13.

Our figures are 98.6% of our Year 11 and 100% for Year 13. These comparisons are significantly above local and national figures and illustrate the outstanding support and guidance our students receive with their careers planning and next steps, reinforcing our recent Career Mark Platinum Award.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Mather for her hard work in this regard.

Parent Examination Preparation Session

On 27 April 2023, we will be holding a Year 11 revision evening for parents wishing to support their children. We are deliberately giving you lots of notice because these events haven't always been well attended and this is the last chance prior to the final examination season to receive this support.

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Thursday 16 March 2023

Mr Kirk has already sent out instructions for making appointments for next week's evening. This is an in-person event. If you have not received any joining instructions, please contact the Academy using enquiries@srpa.co.uk or, to contact Mr Kirk directly, please use gkirk@srpa.co.uk.

British Science Week

Next week is British Science Week with this year's topic focussing around 'connections'. This is a celebration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. In turn, we will be focussing lessons on these topics and celebrating British scientists and inventors who have become pinnacles in history. Along the way, we will be setting tasks and awarding prizes to students. We will also be hosting a Climate Engineer to come in and focus talks around climate change. We are looking forward to celebrating the impact in which science has helped shape the world today.

This week, the Academy celebrated International Women's Day with staff and sixth formers dressing up as famous or iconic female characters from history. Students and staff have also had the chance to deliver a card to any colleague who has supported them or inspired them. This has been really heart-warming to see the thanks being offered to teachers who work their socks off for our youngsters. It is only fitting, therefore, that this week's quote comes from a successful female author, Alex Elle, who said "I am thankful for my struggle because, without it, I wouldn't have stumbled across my strength."

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



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