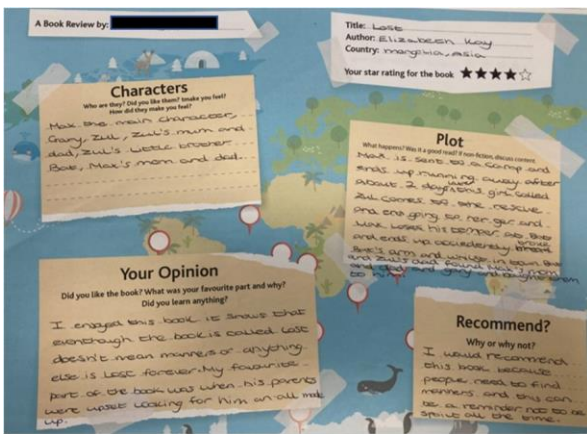
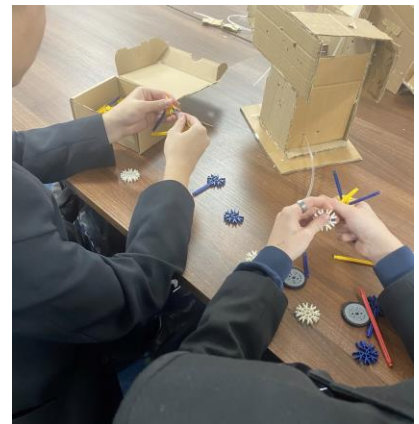


Events

February saw lots of work taster visits for Year 10. Students built a robotic arm in an engineering visit, explored early years careers in a nursery setting and visited the armed forces, forensics, dog unit and drone departments at Bloxwich Police Station's Open Day. Year 13 Philosophy students attended an A Level masterclass at Coventry Cathedral, hosted by leading author Peter Vardy. The 7th February was Safer Internet Day. This year's theme was 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. 6th-12th February was Children's Mental Health Week. With 1 in 6 children and young people having a diagnosable mental health condition the theme 'Let's Connect' was about exploring how we can connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. February also saw preparations for World Book Day, with students identifying which staff own each bookshelf from clues in their 'shelfie', doing some extreme reading, writing book recommendations and guessing who 'The Masked Readers' are. We were privileged to have The National Theatre give a jaw dropping performance of 'Shut Up, I'm Dreaming'. Our staff and students were treated to an incredible 'West End' experience in our own academy.



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Academy Routines

Uniform

We have a strict, but simple, uniform policy at the academy. We do not permit trainers, short skirts or tight trousers to be worn. We are a formal place of work; therefore, the expectation is that students have:

- Black skirts of an appropriate length.
- Black trousers (appropriate style).
- Blazers with the academy badge.
- Academy ties for all students (Years 7-11).
- Formal black shoes (no trainers/sports makes).

The only jewellery permitted is one pair of stud earrings and one nose stud.

Equipment

Students need adequate stationery for their school day. This includes blue or black pens, green pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and a calculator. Many students find having their own glue stick and highlighters of benefit.

Mobile Phones

Whilst students may carry a mobile phone in their bag, this is at their own risk. Mobile phones/earphones & other devices are not permitted in lessons and will be confiscated.

Behaviour

We expect our students to be ready, be respectful and be responsible. Good behaviour is essential for effective learning to take place. Detentions are issued for students who are late and/or disrupt learning.

Please support us in reiterating these basic expectations with your children.



Academy Information

Assessment Window

From Monday 6th March students will have assessments in all subjects. It is important that they prepare for the assessments, throughout the fortnight, with revision of their learning at home.

Advice for parents when their children face exams:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zq8xtrd>

Five ways to help your kids kick-start revision:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmy692p>

Advice if it's all getting a bit too much:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/young-person/coping-with-life/exam-stress/>

Calendar

3rd March – Year 10 Careers at the NEC

3rd March – International Women’s Day

6th March – Assessment Window 2

9th March – Careers Fair

9th March – Year 9 Guided Choices Evening

11th March – Start of Assessment Window 2

17th March – INSET Day

22nd March – Year 10 Theatre Trip

23rd March – Sixth Form Drive to Arrive Workshop

25th March – Ski Trip

28th March – Year 10 Spanish Restaurant Trip

30th March – Year 7 Parents’ Evening

31st March – 12pm End of Spring Term

17th April – Summer Term begins

1st May – May Day Bank Holiday

4th May – Year 8 Parents’ Evening

8th May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III

8th May – External examinations start

26th May – End of Half Term