

## Events

March activities started with World Book Day. Students were asked to design a bookmark and enter the 'Shelfie' competition to guess which members of staff the bookshelves belong to. Year 10 spent a morning at the Careers Fair to enable them to make informed choices about the next stage in their education. International Women's Day was celebrated with a series of motivating talks and workshops from inspirational women. We were delighted to welcome back Chloe Pinches, a former student, to talk about her law career and overcoming barriers as a woman in this profession. Despite the snow, our careers fair went ahead with opportunities for students to engage with a wide range of exhibitions to inspire their future career choices. Girls on Board training took place in the academy. Staff and students will roll out an approach that will help girls to understand the complexities and dynamics of their friendships, empowering them to solve their own friendship problems. The ski trip to Italy have been enjoying the slopes and the thermal spa. Year 10 and 11 Spanish students enjoyed a trip to a Spanish restaurant, to experience some traditional food, and practice their linguistic skills. Year 8 students, selected for consistently displaying our academy values, took part in an eggstravaganza. Congratulations to all those involved.



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## Academy Information

### Easter

As we prepare to enter the Easter holidays, we would like to thank parents and carers for their continuing support of the academy. We hope all of our students and their families have a restful break. Upon their return, we continue to expect all of students to be equipped for learning with appropriate stationery, to be dressed in full academy uniform and to be punctual. Please take some time over the break to ensure that students are fully prepared to meet these expectations and are ready for the Summer Term. Easter sees us bid a fond farewell to our current Principal Mr Turnbull. After Easter Mr Riley will take up the role of Principal.

### What is an AI chatbot?

Chatbots are a type of artificial intelligence designed to interact with users in a conversational manner. The most popular AI chatbot you might have heard about recently is ChatGPT. Users must be at least 13 years old but under 18-year-olds need their parents or guardians' permission. Alongside the functional and fun benefits of chatbots, it's important we consider the safety concerns around children and young people. Safety concerns include factual inaccuracies, misinformation and propaganda, exposure to harmful or inappropriate content, health advice, phishing and scams. Our top tip is to have a conversation with the child or young person in your care about AI chatbots so that they are aware of some of these concerns and to always use content filters, safety settings and parental controls.

## Calendar

- 31<sup>st</sup> March – 12pm End of Spring Term
- 17<sup>th</sup> April – Summer Term begins
- 20<sup>th</sup> April – R&R Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> April – Year 9 War Poetry Event
- 27<sup>th</sup> April – Year 9 HPV vaccinations
- 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- 4<sup>th</sup> May – Year 8 vaccinations
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III
- 8<sup>th</sup> May – External examinations start
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 9 Brilliant Club Graduation Event
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – End of Half Term
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Summer half term 2 begins