

End of Term 1 2020

As we reach the end of the first term it has been great to get well into the swing of the academic year, especially one with some challenges.

Students have really impressed me with how quickly they have adapted to the changes around the building, to the new social zones, new cleaning regimes and more recently to the wearing of face coverings at transition times.

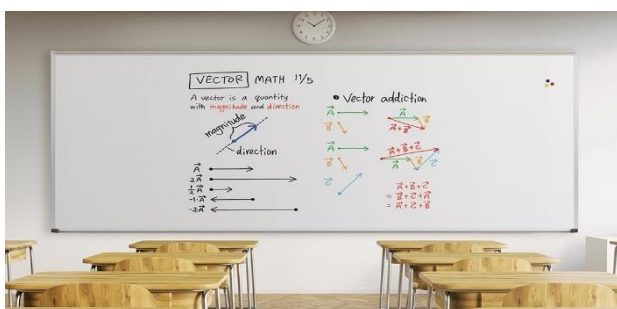
New Year 7s and Year 12s have settled in well now and it is wonderful to see the Academy filling up with record numbers putting Sarum Academy as their first choice and rightly so. I very much look forward to getting to know new families just as soon as we are able to have face to face events again.

Mrs Moore – Headteacher

Welcome to new Staff

Mr Richard Clarke – Deputy Headteacher
 Mrs Roxanne Castle – Science Teacher
 Miss Robyn Grimes – PE / ICT Teacher
 Mrs Lucie Oatey – Music Teacher
 Mr Callum Praoline – PE Teacher
 Miss Jessica Ratcliffe – Maths Teacher
 Miss Kirsty Rendell – RE Teacher
 Miss Lily Stringer – Geography Teacher
 Mr George Thomas – Maths Teacher

Mr David Clayden – Teaching Assistant
 Miss Ella Davis – Teaching Assistant
 Ms Alisha Harrington – Teaching Assistant
 Miss Anna Matthews – Clerical Assistant
 Mr Dylan Nash – Teaching Assistant
 Miss Chloe Wallis – Clerical Assistant
 Mr Charlie White – Academy Cleaner



Richard Clarke

I am delighted to introduce myself as Deputy Headteacher. I have recently moved to the area with my family, having previously worked as Assistant Headteacher at Queensmead School in West London, where



I held responsibility for 6th Form provision as well as Professional Development. I love all sport, having taught Physical Education for over 17 years. I enjoy playing both football and cricket, although with three young children my participation has recently been more as a spectator. I also teach History and have a passion about how we can use the past to learn lessons that guide our way in the future. I am excited to be a part of the Sarum family and have really enjoyed getting to know the school and students over the first half term. I am looking forward to working with all our young people to help them to achieve their aspirations.

Welcome to new babies

Congratulations to Hannah and David Scott on the birth of a baby boy - William Arthur Scott
 Born on Saturday, 3rd October, weighing 7lb 8oz.



Congratulations to Bianca and Thomas Myatt on the birth of a baby girl - Phoebe Sarah Myatt. Born on Tuesday, 22nd September.



Prefects

We are delighted to announce the appointment of the Head Boy, Head Girl and Senior Prefects for the academic year 2020-2021. We know that they will all be excellent ambassadors for Sarum Academy. Well done and many congratulations.

Head Boy – Will Thompson

Head Girl – Ellie Makwana

Senior Prefects:

Ryan Terry-Babb

Kobie Copper

Connor Sanderson

Olivia Moore

Lauren Tongs

Ethan Mortimer

Freya Miller

Tegan Richardson



50:50 Christmas Lottery
raising funds for
Salisbury Hospice Charity



Coming in November, please look out for details on our Facebook page and the participation slip coming home with students.

The more tickets sold the bigger the prize fund – the perfect Christmas windfall!

Masks



Thank you to all Staff and Students who continue to wear masks whilst moving around the Academy in all communal areas. We are appreciative of all the efforts everyone is making to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. Please do try to have a reusable mask rather than a disposable as it is much better for our environment.

Keep it up – well done all!

School Council



Sarum Academy is on its way to becoming a plastic free school. Earlier in the year the School Council was given the task of working on all things green. Mr Podger kindly made us aware of the 'Surfers Against Sewage' charity who, amongst other things, are encouraging schools to become single use plastic free. We have registered with them and have taken the first few steps on our journey to try and achieve this status.

The first task was to launch the initiative with an assembly. The School Council worked hard on organisation and preparing for this and presented to the rest of the school before lockdown. The next step is to investigate where we use single use plastic and where this plastic ends up, so during the final week during tutorial Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taking part in a trash mob. This will involve investigating around the school and also looking

for discarded single use plastic around the whole school site. After this we will look to identify at least 3 areas where we can change our ways and find alternatives to using single use plastics. We hope this will then encourage the wider community and beyond to get involved and we can have an even bigger impact than just at our school. For more information please visit <https://www.sas.org.uk/>



Promote Positive Wellbeing

At Sarum Academy, student wellbeing is high on our agenda as we seek to support 'human flourishing for all'. As part of our focus on the whole child, we have recently launched a new wellbeing feature within Class Charts. Parents, teachers and students are able to log how students are feeling on any given day and to give us more information if they would like. We love to know when life is great and everything is going well, and it also helps to flag up if things are not so great and provide more support where needed. We would encourage you, as parents, to sit down at least once a week and ask your child how they are feeling and submit a wellbeing report together.

Another new feature of Academy life comes in the form of 'Wellbeing Wednesday' which features once a week in tutor times. Tutors will take their tutees through a range of different wellbeing topics such as building resilience, self-care, mindfulness, and sleep.

If you have feedback from either of these two new features or have other ideas about how we can help promote positive wellbeing within the Academy then we would love to hear from you. Please email enquiries@sarumacademy.org, or

Direct Message through Facebook for the attention of Mrs Fletcher.

Year 6 Visits

Over the course of a few days this term we were joined by 100 Year 6 students from primary schools across the area giving them a chance to experience secondary life at Sarum.

In line with COVID-19 restrictions, we welcomed them into our new standalone Design Suite where they participated in art and design activities in their own bubble away from the rest of the school.

In our new DT workshop they had a go at being yacht designers, building and testing their prototypes in our specially constructed 'aquatic centre' while next door in the studio they created landscape paintings on acetate. There were lots of smiling faces and we look forward to seeing them again next year joining as Year 7s.



Pastoral Leaders

As students move through the school their pastoral leader or 'Head of Year' changes. We thought it might be useful to confirm who is leading the pastoral care of your son or daughter.

Year 7	Mr Maddison
Year 8	Mr Pearce
Year 9	Mr Lawrence
Year 10	Miss Rock
Year 11	Mrs Middlehurst-Jones
Sixth Form	Mr Gale

Business Studies

In Business lessons this year, the Year 11s are creating business plans for their own micro-enterprise ideas. This week, students took part in Zoom video meetings with members of the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce to get advice and guidance on their ideas and to refine them even further. It was the first time any of the students had ever been part of a meeting like this, and our mentors were really impressed with the professionalism and innovation on show.

The next steps for these students is to get the refinements down on paper and build a presentation to show off their idea in front of a panel of business people. The most considered ideas will be taken through to be judged, alongside other schools in Wiltshire, as part of the Enterprise Challenge, with prizes to the most successful entrants. Good luck to the students involved, and thanks to Peter Thompson and the Salisbury Chamber of Commerce for their support and running of this event.



Yr12 Photography

Students

On Tuesday, 20th October, Year 12 embarked on a trip into the centre of Salisbury. They walked around getting some great photos of the marketplace, which was in full swing, before taking some photos of the outside of the iconic and supposedly haunted "Haunch of Venison" pub. They then strolled around to take pictures of the river Avon before breaking for coffee and heading to the main event, which was the cathedral. Students took some fantastic photos of the sculptures in the surrounding grounds, before taking some photos of the exterior and interior of the iconic location. Fun was had by all and their coursework will benefit as a result of the trip too!



Extended Learning Day

For Extended Learning Day this term, Year 10 put their creative talent to good use. After learning about African geography, history and culture, they created amazing designs of both Britain and Tanzania, where our partner school is located. The bags will be distributed to students at the school by EduKaid, a local charity. Not only was it a great learning experience for Year 10, they were able to combine the learning with serving others. A very enjoyable day!



Parents Evening

As we are unable to hold face to face Parents Evenings tutors will be calling all families on 11th November with an academic update. We look forward to speaking to you then.

Key Dates – Term 2

Tuesday, 3rd November 2020
Year 11 Mentor Meetings

Saturday, 7th November 2020
DofE training Day 1

Wednesday, 11th November 2020
Parents Evening – All years

Monday, 30th November 2020
Sixth Form Open Evening

Friday, 4th December 2020
Non-Uniform Day

Monday, 14th December 2020
Carol Service (TBC)

Friday, 18th December 2020
Close of Term 2

Monday, 4th January 2021
Commencement of Term 3