

End of Term 3

As Term 3 draws to a close it has been a fast and furious term! Despite the chilly temperatures there has been lots going on both inside and outside the classrooms. A highlight of the Term has to be the Extended Learning Day last week. There were over 30 local employers and friends of Sarum in the Academy for the Year 7 Aspiration Day, The Year 9 Creative Arts Day and the Year 10 and 12 Mock Interviews. All were a huge success and I am very grateful to members of our wider community who give up their time to support our young people. Some of the art work produced on the day is now being exhibited in Salisbury Library - if you are in Salisbury over half term do pop in and see it!

Year 11 and Year 13 have now completed their second set of Mock Exams which signals their final stretch to the Summer exam season. If your child is in these years they deserve a well done for the last two weeks and plenty of encouragement for the coming months. The whole school community will be looking to support them too!

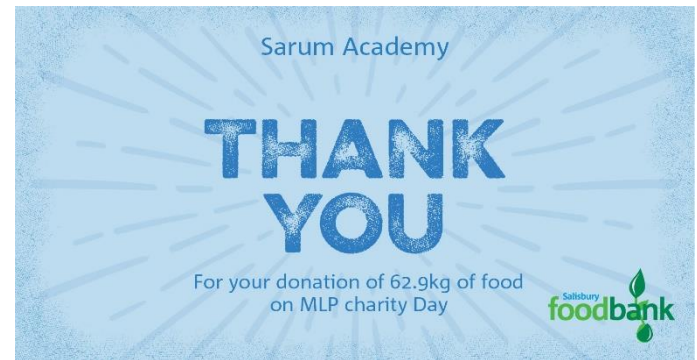
Term 4 starts with our annual 'Check it Out' week. This is always a very uplifting week with The Bridge and DJ Jozzy is back again (he loves Sarum students!!) You can read the full details from our Chaplain Mel and the theme of the week is based around love.

We've now confirmed our calendar dates for next academic year, this is as early as we could this year so that it helps you with any future holiday planning. There is a copy at the end of the newsletter and it is also on our website in the Parent section.

Finally, many thanks for the hundreds of stakeholder surveys returned, it is much appreciated.

I hope you and your family have a good break over the half term and I look forward to Term 4 after I've done a bit of painting and decorating with my own children!

Mrs Moore – Headteacher



Friday, 3rd February was the MLP Charity Day and Sarum Academy students and staff contributed an impressive 62.9kg of food items to the Salisbury Food Bank which is in addition to our impressive donation back in October. Thank you to everyone who donated to this incredibly worthwhile charity.

Breakfast Club

We have been running the breakfast club for a few weeks now. It is good to see so many students starting their day off with a bowl of cereal or a bagel. Studies show that providing a healthy school breakfast at the start of the school day can contribute to improved readiness to learn, increased concentration and improved wellbeing and behaviour.



We have seen a huge increase in the number of students arriving to school early to meet up with friends to enjoy a breakfast together. Some even bring a flask of hot chocolate.

All students are welcome to the breakfast club. They just need to come to the dining hall between 8:00am and 8:25am.

Peer Mentoring Training

On Thursday, 19th of January we welcomed our new cohort of Peer Mentors for their training. Laila Mills, Nina Horton, Neave Woodmore and Max Munroe trained from 2:00pm to 6:00pm.

The training was led by our current Mentors Seth Bradley, Carly Annand, Amelia Taylor, Chloe Down

and Phoebe Butler who will shadow them until they feel confident enough to lead their own sessions. Each mentor supported their own sessions and activities very well. Some of the issues covered during training included safeguarding, confidentiality, questioning skills, body language and listening skills.

Quite exhausted by all their training they all tucked into some lovely pizza to celebrate their new achievements and took home their well earned certificates.

Full credit to the excellent delivery of the training sessions by our Year 11 and Year 10 current mentors - we have some budding teachers there!

Art Exhibition Salisbury Cathedral



Following on from the fantastic day at Salisbury Cathedral with the stonemasons back in October, several students from our Sixth Form Art Classes have developed work based on their experience using mixed media. We were invited to display the students work along with two other schools for an exhibition in the Cathedral. Tomara Peckett, Mia True and Mollie Wand showed work which was of a very high quality including

observational drawings, painting, monoprints, digital art and three dimensional sculptural pieces. There was a private view of the work ahead of the public opening and the display received much positive feedback.

Library Art Exhibition

Salisbury Schools

Art Exhibition

11th -18th February 2023



Painting Drawing Sculpture Photography Textiles

Young Gallery

Rotary Salisbury Rotary Club

Please do try and find time over the half term break to pay a visit to the Salisbury Schools Art Exhibition taking place at Salisbury Library. There is a fantastic collection of Year 9 work on display from their recent Extended Learning Day session.



Extended Learning Day

On Thursday, 2nd February we had the second of this year's Extended Learning Day and what a varied and amazing day it was!

Corfe Castle and Swanage Bay



Year 11 historians visited the dramatic ruins of Corfe Castle, which stand on a natural hill overlooking the village with the same name, guarding the main route through the Purbeck Hills. Castles have their own history, their own architecture, but most importantly, they make us dream. One thing is sure: they do not leave us indifferent! Year 11s learned castles were great places to party. Corfe castle was famous for its knight life.

Year 11 Geographers visited the beautiful Swanage Bay. The bay is flanked by a promenade, beach huts, a variety of eateries, gift shops and amusements, giving that charm we've come to expect and love in a seaside town. As mock exams continue our Year 11s were left with one vital lesson; don't worry, beach happy!

Thank you for a great day!

Mock Interviews

Our Extended Learning Day saw huge amounts of #Careerslearning going on with mock interviews for our Year 10's and 12's where over 20 people from local businesses came in to support our students with practice interviews. Students were really positive about their experiences with the familiar refrain that they would not feel so nervous in the future! Aply supported by the Wessex Inspiration Network who ran interview workshops before the

interviews themselves, feedback from business was also amazing. One interviewer commented, "everyone I saw was a credit to the Academy and the hard work you all put in. I didn't see anyone who didn't want to be interviewed - they may have been nervous but it didn't show."



Aspirations Day

At the same time as the Mock Interviews for Years 10 and 12, we also ran an Aspirations Day for our Year 7's to fire up their dreams of where they can go and what they can do later on in life, ably supported by Bath Spa University, DSTL, QinetiQ, Roche Court, Wiltshire Creative and the Army! We would like to place our warmest thanks to all the businesses that supported both events. If you are able or would like to get involved in supporting our students as an employer, please reach out to gareth.jones@sarumacademy.org.



Cultural Capital

The Extended Learning Day in Art provided a fantastic opportunity for Year 9 students to experience a whole range of new techniques and skills. There were 5 workshops of an hour long which all the students visited in turn.

The first workshop was led by Katy England from Salisbury Museum who introduced the students to the extensive fashion collection and how artists and designers have a responsibility to sustainability in fashion. This then inspired the making of a newspaper dress based on historic sources and ideas about how students could re-purpose garments.

In the second workshop visiting artist Sam Perry, who has previously worked and exhibited at some of the biggest London galleries, worked with our students to create a Surrealist inspired head.

Workshop 3 was led by Miss Shields who introduced the students to embroidery and they created their own bespoke badges.

In workshop 4 Mrs Millidge, helped the students weave with recycled clothes onto scrap bike wheels, all donated by the Trussell Trust and Rise:61's bike hub. These will eventually be installed around the school on fences.

The last workshop was paper shoe making with Mr Humphrey which completes our head to toe fashion and textile ELD.

It was a brilliant, but busy day which we hope you can appreciate by all the photographic evidence!



LGBTQ+ History Month

LGBTQ+ History Month is celebrated every February across the UK. Mr Miller has created a colourful display in the Philipps petal and will be providing students with the opportunity to find out more through links to websites, journals and videos set as an optional homework on ClassCharts.



Apprenticeship Fair



Year 10 had the opportunity to visit Salisbury's very first Apprenticeships Fair on Tuesday, 24th January. Featuring over 30 employers including Trethowans Solicitors, QinetiQ, DSTL, Wiltshire Council and many more, students were able to explore what apprenticeships were available in the local area, as well as the skills they needed to access them. Featuring an apprenticeships Blind Date, students had a brilliant time and feedback from them has been universally positive with a number of students identifying employers they would like to apply to either after Year 11 or Sixth Form. Very much hoping this becomes a regular occasion each year, huge thanks to the Salisbury Education Partnership and all the employers for arranging such an incredibly useful event.

MLP Engineering Challenge Day



On Wednesday, 8th February a squad of talented Year 9 design engineers travelled to the Trafalgar School to participate in the annual MLP Engineering challenge.

Two mixed teams of four competed against teams from Trafalgar and Wyvern St. Edmunds in two challenges that tested their problem solving ability and creativity.

"It is a great to be able to get out and represent the academy in a different kind of event," said Mr Humphrey, "it gives the students an opportunity to experience Design and Technology in a different environment".

The teams were each given an identical box of resources (including strips of timber, paper straws, lolly sticks and bamboo skewers) together with a glue gun and a craft knife. They were then challenged to create a wind turbine that could actually generate electricity and a lightweight bridge structure that could span a 40cm gap and support a 3kg weight.

MLP Director of Education Mr Curtis visited and was impressed by the ingenuity and teamwork that our students displayed during the two challenges.

Mr Humphrey said, "I am very proud of the way the squad (Callum Dixey, George Kay, Daria Sadik, Melyssa Wakefield, Felicity Corson, Chloe-Hope Judd, Sienna Bradley and Evelyn Witt) worked together to create two fantastic working prototypes in such a short space of time. They demonstrated their ability to think innovatively, communicate well and work as teams. The students had a great time and were a real credit to the Academy".

Sporting Achievements

Cross Country



Huge congratulations to Taylor Krier (Year 7) who represented the Academy at the WSAA Cross Country Championships on Saturday, 21st January in Chippenham. He ran 2.7km in a brilliant time of 11:13.0 in extremely chilly conditions!

Basketball



We hosted our first basketball fixture for Year 10 students against a very strong Year 11 Trafalgar School team. This finished 40 – 17 to Trafalgar. Well

done to all involved as it was the first competitive game of basketball for lots of our students.

New Age Kurling

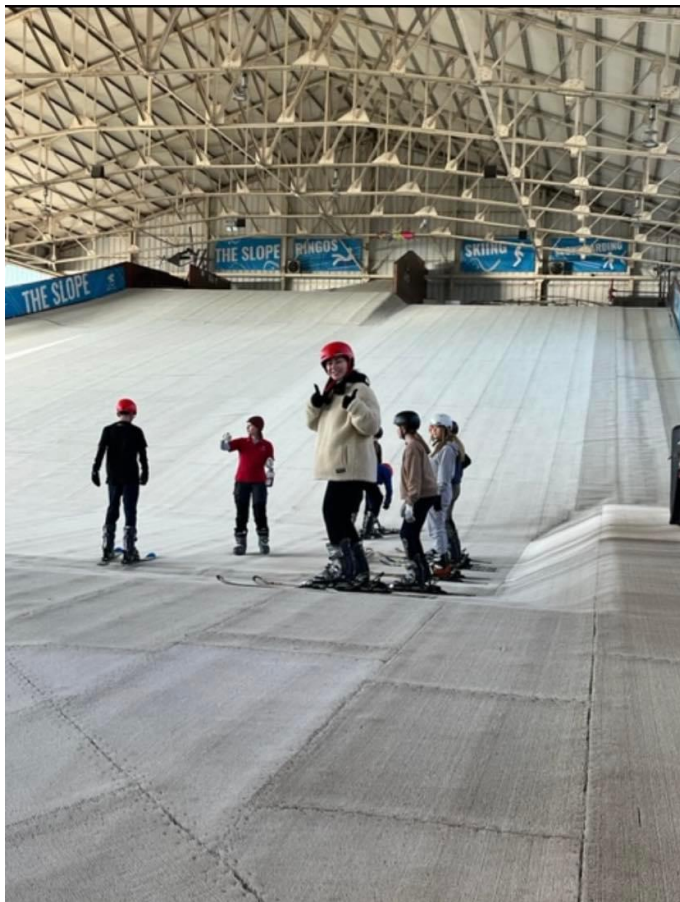
Out of just over 20 teams, Sarum Academy were able to get all three of our teams through to the semi-finals and to an all Sarum Academy final! We were able to secure 1st and 2nd place and during the 3rd versus 4th playoff, we narrowly missed out with our third and final team, finishing 4th overall. Noah Twigden, Jay Watts and Christian Devlin also all won individual awards for good sportsmanship and individual perseverance.



Calshot Residential Trip

Term 3 presented the Year 10 Option PE course the opportunity to study and take part in outdoor activities at Calshot Activity Centre. Within this residential the students got to take part in a range of adventurous activities including snowboarding, high ropes, climbing, archery and experience track cycling within a velodrome. Alongside this they were given an insight into how instructors came into the industry and shown pathways to becoming an outdoor education instructor. The students were praised on how enthusiastic they were and how their love of sport shone through. A great few days were had by all!





WHERE IS THE LOVE ?
Check it Out Week 2023
20th-24th February

RE lessons

DJ Jozzy

Love God...
Love Neighbour...
Love Yourself...

THE BRIDGE Youth Project

SARUM ACADEMY

Check it Out Week

The Bridge Youth Project will be in school all week after half term for our annual 'Check It Out' week. The theme this year is, "Where is the love?!": Students will learn about some of the key aspects of Christianity, exploring how to 'Love God', 'Love your Neighbour' and Love Yourself.'

The amazing DJ Jozzy returns to Sarum Academy from Weds-Fri and will be bringing along his DJ decks and inspiring story to share with us all. Get ready for those early morning, up-beat DJ sets which will be sure to wake us all up for the school day. The Connect Cafe will be operating all week and every student will be able to grab a free hot chocolate and gather together over break and lunch times. The cafe will also be open during R.E lessons where classes will meet there to reflect on the Christian message.

Other fun activities on offer are: Silent disco, DJ workshop sessions, lunch time craft club and much more besides!

It's going to be a really fun week and we can't wait to see you all there!!

Diary Dates – Term 4

- 20th February Check It Out Week Starts
- 21st February Year 13 Music Performance
- 2nd March Year 9 Option Choices Evening
- 8th March MLP Science Event
- 14th March Extended Learning Day 3
- 22nd March Parents Evening Year 9 Only
- 31st March Close of Term 4
Non-Uniform Day – Stars Appeal
DofE Gold and Silver Practice Expedition

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Key			
 School Holiday	 Term Time		
 Bank Holiday	 INSET Day		

Term Dates Summary		
Term 1	01 September to 18 October 2023	34 days
Term 2	30 October to 20 December 2023	38 days
Term 3	04 January to 09 February 2024	27 days
Term 4	19 February to 28 March 2024	29 days
Term 5	15 April to 24 May 2024	29 days
Term 6	03 June to 24 July 2024	38 days
TOTAL		195 days

Bank and Public Holidays 2023/24	
Christmas Day Holiday	25 th December 2023
Boxing Day Holiday	26 th December 2023
New Year's Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024