

Friars Academy Newsletter



A Note From the Headteacher

A very warm welcome to all of our new parents and carers and welcome back to those that have been working with us before.

As you can see, it has been a busy first term with much to celebrate. Please take time to have a good look at our newsletter and also the website.

It is important to all of us at Friars to ensure that your child experiences the very best education possible. This can be achieved by all of us working together to ensure any issues, however small, can be addressed as early as possible. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any worries. We have a team of staff that will be happy to help.

Looking forward to another great term.

Mrs Ijewsky

Online Safety



With phones and tablets becoming a huge part of our students' lives, it is important that we are teaching them about how to stay safe when online.



Photo sharing apps are becoming more and more popular, with teenagers taking selfies, using a range of filters and then sharing them with friends. We regularly talk to the students about the use of photos and how, once they are shared, other people have access to them and could share them with others without their permission.

We remind students about asking for permission before adding images or sharing images of others. Please could we ask that you reiterate this and monitor your son or daughter's use of social media sites. We want to keep all of our students safe.

Please take a moment to remind yourselves about current online safety issues using the links found on our academy website.

Click on the link: <https://www.friarsacademy.org/e-safety/>

Anti-Bullying Action Group



The Anti bullying Action group have now selected new Year 7 Reps, to replace the Year 11s who left the Academy last summer.

We have met as a group and reminded all of the importance of their role to ensure everyone feels safe at school.

It is **National Anti- Bullying Week** Monday 11th November-Friday 15th November 2019. During this week we will be talking to the pupils about choosing their Mentor and recognising or updating their personal network of support.

We have just awarded our first Good Citizen Award of the year to Gabby in Y7, for being a good friend; a brilliant start to Friars Academy.



Design Technology

New Kit for Design and Technology!

Friars continues to build on its links with local industries and strives to provide our students with meaningful Work Related Learning opportunities. Thanks to sponsorship from one of our industry partners, Cummins UK, we have been able to update the equipment in the DT workshop to enhance the students' learning experience even further.

In addition to an upgraded Laser Cutter, we now have two new 3D printers, a CNC milling machine, a Robot Arm, and new metalworking equipment.

These are small-scale versions of what many manufacturing companies use today, and will offer our students a taster of current industrial processes.



Eco Warriors



This year our warriors have been coming up with new ways to improve our recycling at Friars. Plastic bottles can now be put into the recycling bins located in classrooms. Warriors continue to remind us all about saving electricity by turning lights and computers off when not in use.



In November the warriors will be reforming and new members will be able to have their say for the next academic year.

Creativity Week

Our first of the year, *Creativity Theme Week* happened in the last week of the term. Our students had the chance to showcase their creativity throughout the week. The week included activities such as a lunchtime creative open stage to demonstrate their talents, an inter-house Bake off and a show-case exhibition at the end of the week. Each class chose a world renowned creative person to research and study throughout the week.



Thank you to all staff and students for all their hard work and creative spirit. There is nothing like a theme week to finish the term!

Our next theme week will be 'Careers Week 2' in February.

Friars News



McMillan Coffee Morning

Each year, we host a coffee morning, with the donations received sent to McMillan services in support of those affected by cancer.

This year, we were able to raise **£196.99**



World Mental Health Day

The 10th October 2019 was **World Mental Health Day**, providing an opportunity to show support for mental health and well-being.

This year, Friars Academy raised around **£74.**



Evolution of Wellingborough Day

Year 8 had a great day out at the Evolution of Wellingborough Day held at Wellingborough Museum. The pupils were able to experience life as a Roman and WW1 Soldier, trying on uniforms and handling artefacts of the periods.

They also enjoyed looking around the museum and learning about Wellingborough zoo. *The highlight of the day was a visit to the trenches.*

FRIARS ACADEMY AUTUMN FAYRE

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Autumn Fayre on the 23rd October. We had a bottle stall, a chocolate tombola and a cake stall, to name but a few!

We raised a massive—**£583**

Royal & Derngate

On 15th October a group of students went to the Royal & Derngate theatre in Northampton to watch a production of David Walliams' *Billionaire Boy*. The students really enjoyed the show and it was a fantastic experience for all involved.



Sports News



Competitions and Leadership

It has been a very busy start to the term with lots of sports trips taking place! Five of our Year 9 students took part in a County Leadership Training Programme at the beginning of term and they are now preparing to deliver some activities to other students at break and lunch times within school. Our KS4 Football Team got the new Special Schools Football League off to a great start with a 4-2 win over Isebrook! Ten students represented the Academy at a Tri-Golf competition and five students represented the Academy at a Sportshall Athletics competition, both against other special schools across the county. Good luck to our KS3 and KS4 Football teams who will be representing the Academy in a tournament with Northants FA in the last week of term.

PE Uniform -

Just a reminder that all students should be wearing the Academy red and black polo shirt for PE lessons with either black shorts or trousers. Students should also have trainers not plimsolls as some lessons take place outside. As the weather is getting colder we would advise that students have trousers and a plain black jumper to wear for PE as a number of lessons will continue to take place outside.

After School Clubs

At Friars Academy we offer a number of **FREE** after school sports clubs for students to attend. Attending after school clubs not only extends students learning to improve their physical skills, it also benefits and improves social skills, fitness levels and emotional well-being.

The after school clubs we offer are:

- **Archery**
- **Girls Fitness**
- **Tag Sports (Tag Rugby, American Football, Capture the Flag)**
- **Football**
- **Girls Club**
- **Fitness**
- **Yoga**

Please request a letter in your child's home school communication book if they are interested in attending one of the clubs.

Check out our PE Twitter account: @FriarsAcademyPE

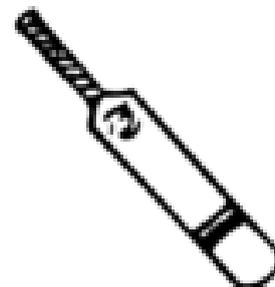
David Ripley Award Winners



This can be presented each week for outstanding contribution to Academy Life.



Congratulations to:
Connor M (year 7)
Ella DJ (Year 10)
Joshua J (Year 11)
Jimmy J (Year 10)



Term Dates 2019/2020

Term 2

School Opens Tuesday 5th November 2019
School Closes Friday 20th December 2019

Term 3

School Opens Monday 6th January 2020
School Closes Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4

School Opens Monday 24th February 2020
School Closes Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5

School Opens Tuesday 21st April 2020
School Closes Friday 22nd May 2020
Friday May 8th Bank Holiday

Term 6

School Opens Monday 1st June 2020
School Closes Friday 17th July 2020

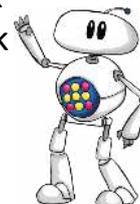
Bank Holidays

Remember to keep reading and practising your maths skills!

Use the online resources at:
www.readingwise.com
www.mymaths.co.uk
www.oxfordowl.co.uk




ReadingWise



The Friars Student Newsletter!

A select group of Friars students have been working hard to produce their very own newsletter, written *for* the students, *by* the students.



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