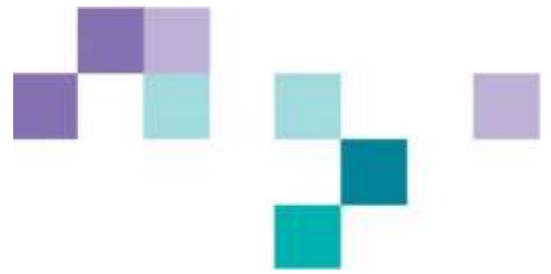


Sarum Academy Principal's Blog 29.4.16



Meeting the Earl of Wessex

Three Sarum Academy pupils represented both the academy and Wiltshire Army Cadets yesterday by taking part in the **Earl of Wessex's visit to Downton**. The Earl joined-in with a number of activities and met young people as part of the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Diamond Jubilee celebrations**. The event went extremely well and each of the Cadets had a brief chat with Prince Edward, who seemed to have a most enjoyable experience. All of the Cadets spoke very well and remained relaxed and happy throughout. Well done to **Kieran White, Daniel Vass and Tyler Gray**.



Key Stage 3 exams start next week and as stated last week timetables are online at <http://sarumacademy.org/index.php/academy-life/exam-timetables>



The second round of **indoor athletics** was held at Trafalgar this week with the **Year 7 pupils** all improving their scores from last time! Individual successes again:

Jasmine Antunovic- Fry - won shot putt and 200m

Bradley Cave - won long jump and 800m

Kristian Palmer - won shot putt and was third in Year 8 short putt

The pupils will now go on to compete in the Super 8s challenge in May.

Year 7 football team will be playing Stonehenge next Wednesday in the **semi final of the Salisbury Schools Cup** at the Academy with a 3.45pm kick off.

Congratulations to our **Pupil Achievement Award** winners this week who were:

Arundells:	Bradley Townsend	Year 7
Clarendon:	Isabella Pugh	Year 7
	Charlotte Randall	Year 7
Mompesson:	Travis Shannon	Year 8
Phillips:	Dylan Namah	Year 8

The **Highest Attendance Awards** this week were won by:

Arundells:	A4	93.7%	Mompesson:	M1	94.6%
Clarendon:	C3	95%	Phillips:	P3	94%

Finally as you all now know I am retiring from headship.

I have wanted to step down this year as there are a number of things I plan to do in the future. I have been asked to play a leading role in the further development of vocational education in Rwanda and East Africa, where I have already supported the establishment of a new secondary school in Kigali, and there is an opportunity for a key visit in the next few months. Therefore the governors have kindly agreed for me to bring forward my planned retirement in order for me to be able to take advantage of this.

In order to ensure a smooth transition, the Governors have been able to put in place strong leadership from next week and I am confident that Jonathan Curtis and the rest of my senior team will rise to the challenge at this time of change.

I have been immensely proud to be the Principal of Sarum Academy and I wish its pupils, staff and families every good wish and success for the future.