

Hello!

Can I start by introducing myself as Sarum Academy's new Headteacher. As the Headteacher I am both delighted and immensely proud to lead the Academy team as we strive for excellence in being the best we can be.

Having taught many of your children over the last two years it has been a pleasure to see them enjoy lessons and challenge themselves academically.

Can I also thank you as parents for your commitment to the Academy and for such a positive response to the recent changes. A strong partnership with young people and their families is the lifeblood of a warm and happy school, (this is our ambition) knowing together we can build the foundation of a successful and boundless future for the pupils we serve.

For this reason I am keen to hear your views and ideas. Over the coming weeks pupils will be bringing home a questionnaire asking for your feedback and ideas in how we can improve our service to you and the pupils. We are listening! You will also be hearing from me my plans for the future.

This week has been a busy week for all in the Academy. Our Year 11, 12 and 13s, who I am immensely proud of, continue to demonstrate their ambition to succeed. Keep on revising guys; no pain, no gain! I don't need to remind you two more weeks to go....

In Key Stage 3 pupils have been sitting their KS3 exams. Examinations can be described as a necessary evil; however we aim to make

the experience as positive and successful as possible for all pupils. Our goal is for pupils to be as well-prepared as possible as they move through the Academy. Well done to one and all, who have committed themselves admirably. We will of course be celebrating pupils' successes.

Extended Learning Day



Extended Learning Day on Thursday was a break from the norm. Pupils had the chance to do something a little different, being passed in the Dining Hall by a collective of Buddhist Monks was a little out of the ordinary I will say. It was also great to see many pupils enjoying their time out of the Academy on visits in the warm weather – long may it continue.

Jonathan Curtis
Acting Headteacher

Maths Challenge success at Sarum Academy

Pupils at Sarum Academy achieved 8 bronze awards, and 1 silver award in this year's UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. Over 200,000 pupils from across the UK took the Challenge, and nationally, the top 6% were

awarded a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze.

Mrs Hill-Parker, Curriculum Team Leader for Mathematics commented - *"We are very proud of the achievement of our pupils in this national competition, and a particular mention goes to Matthew James (aged 15) and Lauren Plumb (aged 14) who gained the highest scores in their year group"*.

The Intermediate Maths Challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries. It is aimed at pupils in Year's 9, 10 and 11. Here's an example of one of the questions posed:

The angles of a quadrilateral taken in order are x° , $5x^\circ$, $2x^\circ$, $4x^\circ$.

Which of the following is the quadrilateral?

- A) Kite B) Parallelogram C) Rhombus
D) Arrowhead E) Trapezium

To check the answer, [click here](#).

Sports News

Year 11 GCSE Webinar – Over the past two Tuesdays GCSE PE pupils have participated in live webinars, set up to help them revise for their two exams. Presented by James Simms, the creator of MyPEexam.org, pupils got to experience a live revision session covering the hot topics, exam analysis and practise questions. Pupils found this an engaging and powerful revision tool and were able to ask questions as the sessions were going out live all over the country. It was also useful for other subjects too; with James discussing how to tackle vocabulary used in other subject exams.

Another football final

Year 7 Salisbury Schools Football Semi-Final – Wednesday afternoon saw Year 7 play Stonehenge in the Semi Final of the Salisbury School Cup. Scoring after just 30 seconds, helped settle the nerves but Sarum could not

put their dominance to good use and had to battle hard to a 1-0 win that now set up an intriguing final against Wyvern College in a couple of weeks' time. Well done to all involved, and well done to Dylan Harrison, making a couple of vital saves and Nathan Luft scoring the all-important goal.

Mr Pearce

Curriculum Team Leader PE & Sport

Sarum Pupils receive first Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

Sarum Academy has recently seen the first batch of Duke of Edinburgh's Awards in the history of the Academy presented to pupils both past and present this week. The first groups of Bronze participants were recognised with many now going on to their Silver award.

Andrew Mouland, Bronze participant, commented - *"Doing the award was great; it developed my confidence to take on new challenges and my team skills"*

Deputy Director of Sixth Form, Mr Gareth Jones commented - *"The Duke of Edinburgh's award is a brilliant way to recognise, challenge, stretch and develop young people. It's given them new friends, some amazing memories as well as a fantastic achievement to support University and Job applications"*



Mr Jones

Deputy Director of Sixth Form