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# SPORTING STARS ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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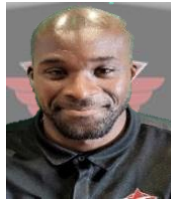
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### EVENTS IN SCHOOL

It has been an exciting and busy half term at Sporting Stars Academy and we have all been incredibly proud of our students, their attitude towards their learning, active participation in all lessons and their exemplary conduct towards external agencies.

We have been privileged host both Entrust and the NHS team:

Entrust have been discussing career options with our students and providing them with further information on how to achieve their career goals.

The NHS sexual health team have been educating all of our young people on the importance of safer sex, consent, personal safety and what constitutes a health relationship.

In addition, our students have celebrated World Religion Day, Safer Internet Day and LGBTQ+ History Month. Our students have explored the main features of the six main worldwide religions and developed an understanding of the common denominators underlying all religions. Furthermore, they have identified how to keep themselves safe online, check their privacy settings and the dangers of online platforms. Students have also investigated discrimination and the protected characteristics alongside what it means to be British in today's society.

Students have also enjoyed cooking up a storm in the kitchen. They have baked biscuits and chocolate cakes and produced, within budget, homemade chicken nuggets and lasagne (all of which have been delicious).





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## ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Enrichment activities are a key component of our student experiences at Sporting Stars Academy and aim to extend their learning, improve and enhance their skill set, knowledge and well-being.

We continue to offer a range of sports programmes such as netball, badminton, pool and golf. In addition, we have recently introduced a gym programme, where students are focusing on their physical well-being, healthy eating and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Furthermore, our students are provided with regular opportunities to visit the library, museums, art galleries and national heritage sites to enrich their cultural capital.

This half term has been no different and our students have visited the National Apprenticeship fair at Port Vale Football Club. The Andy Warhol Exhibition at the Colley ISON Gallery in Birmingham and have created working partnerships with a number of charity shops, including the RSPCA located in Hanley town centre.

Our students enjoyed an informative morning time at the National Apprenticeship event at Port Vale F.C. and this in turn has helped them to pinpoint their interests which will benefit their future career goals. In addition, they had the opportunity to converse with a variety of colleges about their future, hopes and aspirations.

Thanks to Alison (Head of Art) our nurture students visited The Andy Warhol Exhibition. They have been studying Andy Warhol in their art lessons and this provided them with a great opportunity to gain an insight into how it was created, develop their own emotional intelligence and increase their own levels of creativity.

We'd like to extend a huge thankyou to Debra at the RSPCA, we have formed a great partnership working alongside the brilliant staff and volunteering in their three local shops. Our students are really benefiting from these opportunities and learning crucial skills to equip them in their preparation for adulthood and independence.





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### UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope that all the students have a well-earned rest over the half-term break and we'd like to thank them for their hard work, resilience and respect over the last six weeks.

We have a busy half term ahead and are already looking forward to the students contributions, thoughts, feelings and most importantly progress both academically and socially.

Upcoming events include:

- World Book Day
- International Women's Day
- British Science Week
- International Day of Maths
- Excursion to John Ryland's Library
- Sporting Stars Parliament (A Student Leadership Team)

### USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

- <https://www.eplatform.co/gb/find-libraries/>
- <https://ukhosted4.renlearn.co.uk/6704948>
- [www.seneca.learning.com](http://www.seneca.learning.com)
- [www.mathspad.co.uk](http://www.mathspad.co.uk)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)
- [www.bbc.co.uk/newsround](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround)

Please ask your child's form tutor if you need their login details for any of the above sites:

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

The last term was a busy one for staff and students alike!

Sporting Stars introduced behaviour monitoring trackers which are implemented throughout the school day and result in a daily behaviour score. The system rewards positive contribution to lessons, effort and active engagement. We are therefore very pleased to acknowledge the achievements and progress of our students and a number of our students have received rewards to reflect this. In addition, student reports have been circulated to parents and carers for their information.

There have been a number of educational trips and on-site speakers, including visits to the secret bunker, Remembrance Day memorial visits, on site careers visits, a trip to the local careers fair and a sexual health NHS Team visit.

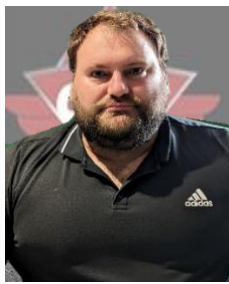
We look forward to the next half term, which will bring many more opportunities for the students, including a visit to the Thinktank science museum in Birmingham. Our year 11 students will also begin their final preparations in readiness for their formal examinations and we would like to wish them every success.



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