



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have a lovely week with your families. Please see below an update from this week and a few key messages:

## Dance Team

This week our dance team took part in 2 competitions and did an excellent job representing the Academy. On Tuesday, they competed in Halifax at The Great Big Dance Off with their routines placing 5th and 4th in the North Regional heat.

Following this, on Wednesday, they returned to the Winter Gardens to participate in the Lancashire Finals. We are very pleased to say they came first at this competition for the second year in a row, making them back-to-back Lancashire Champions with a phenomenal score of 296/300!

We are so proud of not just how hard working and talented our team are, but also how well they conducted themselves at both events. Thank you in particular to Miss Wade, for all the time, effort and support she offers our dance team.

## Music celebrations

On Friday of last week Miss MacKay and Miss Eccles took a group of our students to Lancashire Sings which was a harmony singing event where over 300 students from different schools in Lancashire came together at the Impact Conference Centre in Burnley to learn and perform many songs. Students did a warm-up to a song called 'I am fabulous' then they learned three- and four-part harmonies for the pop songs 'Africa', 'Just the way you are' and 'Big yellow taxi'. They also learnt a gospel song and a country song called 'Wagon Wheel'.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially when we performed all the songs at the end with all of the harmonies. It sounded spectacular.

Also last week, the Academy Band played a Coldplay medley at the 'Celebration of Music' at the Opera House on Monday night where many primary and secondary schools also performed.

We dressed as Coldplay and stood in front of our music stands instead of sitting. It was a great night with the theme 'Through the Decades'. The band sounded amazing!

## Shakespeare Ambassadors

In collaboration with the Grand Theatre, Hodgson's Shakespeare Ambassadors were invited to review Malorie Blackman's fantastic novel *Pig Heart Boy*. Charlie Hibbert, Tom Sleightholme and Grace Grundy all loved the book and spoke enthusiastically about it. ***Pig Heart Boy*** was shortlisted for the prestigious **Carnegie Medal** and has resonated with



readers for over two decades. It will soon be at the Grand and our Ambassadors have been invited to view the performance in recognition of the diligence.

Please see below a link of the video, which includes students from Our Lady of the Assumption.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4P3RhjFEJk>

### **Year 9 Options Information**

Thank you to those of you who attended the Options Evening on Wednesday. We appreciated the feedback provided from so many of you, on how informative the evening was. The forms will be sent out to student school email accounts on Monday morning, from Miss Buckley.

### **Year 10 Parents Evening.**

A reminder that on Thursday 10th April from 16:00 to 19:00 will be Year 10 Parent Evening. This is an important evening for our Year 10 students. Information about booking appointments has been sent by Miss Morton earlier in the term.

### **Year 11 guided revision.**

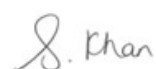
This week was the beginning of the GCSE assessments for Year 11. The students who have completed their French speaking exams, have been absolutely fantastic in the words of Mrs Bates and we wish all the students the best of luck for next week as they work on this. Remember Year 11 'We Believe in You'.

We only have two full school weeks left now till the summer exam season which kick starts on Tuesday 6th May for some of our students. We know preparation will now be well underway for these GCSE exams.

Each day of the Easter holidays (except for the Bank Holidays), subjects are offering various revision sessions across a range of subjects. Please continue to support your children during these important few weeks and reach out if you need our help.

Please also find attached the Y11 Guided Revision for Week 20. Revision lists for all subjects are also available on the Y11 Guided Revision area on our website in the subject folders.

Best wishes,



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Head of School