

Top of the charts

Well done to the following pupils for topping the Praise Token charts in their respective years. A very special mention for Jude Telford for being number 1 and for making the assembly such fun this week.

Jude	Telford	P3
Lewis	Woolford	A3
Chiana	Penny	P3
Naomi	Feltham	P3
Bradley	Townsend	A2
Lance	Smith	A4
Megan	Bennett	A4
Adem	Circir	P3
Faheema	Khatun	M3
Nathan	Whelan	P3
Emily	True	C4
Kieron	Robertson	P3
Aaron	Terry	P3
Veronika	Bethell	A1
Connor	Dawkins	P3
Courtney	Ashley	P3
Sophie	McIntosh	C4
Emily	Loveridge	P4
Chloe	Williams	P2
Emilia	Stanley	A4
Sophie	Devine	C4
Aidan	Malone	P3
Stacie	Randall	A2
Evan	Williams	P3
Jack	Dutfield	P3

Well done to the following pupils for topping the attitudes to learning charts in their respective year groups. Come on boys the girls are beating us!

Jasmine	Antunovic-Fry	7
Daisy	Dawkins	7
Mabel	Bradley	7
Lance	Smith	8
Veronika	Bethell	10
Jade	Chatfield	11
Daisy	Gardner	7

Eve	Bunney	7
Ruksana	Khatun	11
Kayleigh	Bartlett	10
Megan	Wilde	8
Mollie	Gardner	11
Sophie	McIntosh	9
Chloe	Yates	8
Lucy	Hayes	10
Chantelle	Davies	11
Lily	Siggs	11
Sophie	Devine	10
Eden	Twinn	8
Emily	True	8
Stacie	Randall	10
Lucy	Ball	9
Georgina	Humphries	9
Jessica	Evans	9
Ben	Wakawaka	9

Year 7 Parents Evening coming up – 23rd June 5.00-7.30pm.

Don't forget to make appointments for the forthcoming Year 7 Parent Teacher meetings. Appointment sheets are already with pupils. It would be great to see a 100% turn-out. I shall be on reception so please come and say hello.

Photography Competition



As part of our community art project and this year's art exhibition we are running a photography competition for pupils, staff, parents and community members. There will be a prize in each of the categories and judging will take place

during the week of July 10th. Entries and winners will be exhibited and announced at our annual exhibition on the 14th July.

The theme for the competition is 'where we live' and is open for you to photograph your favourite things about living in the Salisbury area and local community. You can be as creative as you wish and we look forward to seeing some exciting entries.

Please email entries to:
photocomp@sarumacademy.org.

The competition is open to everyone, so please get snapping. Please email entries in by Wednesday July 5th. **Please come and see all the work of our talented pupils and the entries on July 14th at 5.30-7pm in the main Academy building.**

Mrs Middlehurst-Jones
Curriculum Team Leader - Art and Technology

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



It is three weeks to go until Sarum Academy pupils will be giving a show stopping performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on **Thursday 30th June at 6.30pm**. Pupils have been working extremely hard since January and are now going through final dress rehearsals before the big night. Tickets are available free of charge, and letters will be going out over the next few days. Please come and support our pupils, and join them on a journey full of adventure and chocolate!

Young Reviewers



Sarum Academy is proud to be the Official Partner School for the AGEAS Salisbury International Arts Festival, and one programme that has been run in conjunction with the festival is the Young Reviewers Programme. This gave a handful of aspiring young writers the chance to receive personalised training and advice from Eleanor Turney, a freelance writer for many publications such as The Guardian and The Stage. Also visiting was Sophie Amstell from the festival's staff and Alex, a young up and coming blogger and intern for the Festival. During her time with the pupils Eleanor told them about how she got into being a freelance journalist and shared some of the tricks of the trade. After their training the young people were issued tickets to some of the festival's prestigious events and given a brief to review them honestly and personally. Their fantastic reviews are currently being uploaded to the Festival's blog page <https://salisfestyoungwriters.wordpress.com/>.

Christian Aid Fundraiser



Well done to staff and pupils for making our Christian Aid charity event so successful. Pupils

from Clarendon School organised the fund raiser as part of the Academy's fund raising programme.

PSHCE First Aid



Year 7 pupils enjoying lessons in First Aid as part of their PSHCE curriculum.

Community Art Project Spire FM - News

Three Salisbury schools have joined forces to create a very unique look at our city.

Sarum Academy has been working with Woodlands and Bemerton St John primaries on a year long art project, making a map of Salisbury that's almost complete.

It's seen the younger children visiting the Sarum Academy art department each week, with every single pupil in Years 7-9 at the secondary being involved too.

It's all been run thanks to a £1,000 grant from local housing association Radian, with the final piece of work going into a competition to hopefully win another grant of £1,000.

That money would go towards art equipment and educational visits if the school was to win.

A community art club and local photography contest are being launched for the next phase of the project.

The art club is due to launch this month at the Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood Centre, with the

photo competition open to staff, students and the local community with the theme 'where we live'.

Rebecca Middlehurst-Jones, art teacher and project leader said:

"It has been really exciting to be part of this collaborative venture and to see it grow and evolve so much over the past year. The pupils have been brilliant and I would love to see as many people coming to the final exhibition to celebrate their successes."

That final exhibition takes place at Sarum Academy on July 14th.

On your bike

A pupil from Sarum Academy recently completed an immense 7 hour long bike ride to raise money for charity. Freya Miller, aged 12, made the decision to undertake this challenge after she heard about the Academy's Sport Relief Fundraising Project. Together with her Dad, she planned to ride from her house in Barford, to Southampton – a total of 31.2 miles.

Freya commented *'I felt nervous before doing it because I've never cycled so far before, but once I started I thought 'I CAN DO THIS!'. The hardest bit was a massive hill that lasted for about 3 miles, but it was all worth it when I reached the end and felt proud because I'd proved to myself I could do it!'*

Mr Mark Pearce, Curriculum Team Leader for P.E. commented *'We are so proud of Freya for such an amazing achievement and she is such an inspiration.'*

Freya raised over £50 for Sport Relief and hopes to go on to do more sponsored bike rides in the future.

Changes for the better

If you missed my letter at the end of half term – Here are the highlights

Changes to Tutoring

From the 20th June 2016 we will be moving from our vertical tutor system to a year group tutoring system. Many pupils have asked to be with their friends during this time as this is a chance for them to be together as a year group. It will also allow them to be together during break and lunchtimes in their year bases. For some, but not all, this will result in a change of tutor. Next week tutors will be writing to pupils and parents introducing themselves to you both. Please be assured we will be sensitive to the many strong relationships tutors have with their tutees and you as parents.

There will be a chance to meet your child's tutor early in September. Please look out for this date in the Calendar.

Pastoral Leadership

In order to make our Pastoral Support team more efficient we will also be moving from our current Heads of School model to a Head of Year and Head of Key Stage model. Mr Luft will become Head of Year 7, Miss De Courcy will become Head of Lower School (Years 8&9), Mr Glover will become Head of Upper School (Years 10&11) with Mr Jones as Head of 6th Form. We do hope this simplifies the process and enables communication to improve. They will also focus more on academic progress and in celebrating the achievements of your son/daughter.

Year 8 Option Evening – Thursday 16th June 2016

New GCSE qualifications that begin next year have recently been finalised and published. As we all suspected they show a real increase in content and challenge. It is for this reason we have decided to move to a three year Key Stage 4. That means pupils in Year 8 will choose their options this year as opposed to next and begin their GCSEs in Year 9. This is already the case in Science in Year 9. We recognise that this is a sudden change; although we have been preparing pupils all year for this by introducing many GCSE style assessments from Year 7. A three year Key Stage 4 will allow pupils the time needed to develop in their GCSE subjects. Please put Thursday 16th June 2016 – 6.30-7.30pm in your diaries as an Options Evening.

INSET Day – Friday 17th June 2016

With the many changes planned the Governing Body have agreed an additional training day for Friday 17th June 2016. I appreciate this is short notice but I am keen to move things forward as soon as possible. The day will allow us the time to make things ready for pupils on the Monday. Sorry Year 11's – you have an exam on this day and will be required in; however you will not be required to wear Academy uniform.

If this day presents any parent with issues around child care we will be happy to make arrangements for your son/daughter to be supported in the Academy for the day. Please let us know if this is the case via Pupil Services.

Parent Forum – Listening to parents....

I am keen to hear your views and ideas. With this in mind I am planning to establish a Parent Forum – An opportunity for you as parents to contribute to the leadership of the Academy. You will get the opportunity to be part of the decision making process. These will take place once every term, tea and biscuits will be provided. If this is something you would like to be involved with please email me or leave a message on the Academy switchboard. I will be in touch.

Many thanks....

I do hope these changes are received positively; they are certainly bringing an air of excitement and anticipation moving forward. I recognise that change can be unsettling but I am sure that these decisions will improve the experience for all. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions I would be delighted to meet more parents in person.