



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

Thank you to everyone who came out in force last Thursday night to support our celebration for the KS3 music talent on the campus. Wykham Theatre was packed and we were all provided with a fabulous evening of entertainment from a huge number of very excited and talented children. Special thanks must go to Mrs Webb and the older students who worked so hard to pull off a truly fantastic showcase. I am looking forward to seeing this next generation of performers appearing in our version of Sister Act next year at St Mary's Church. You will need to book your tickets early because this show is going to be a sell out.



Can I also thank all parents who have been supporting us with the incredibly high expectations we have again this year. Uniform is excellent at the moment and attendance is improving slowly. I am asking for everyone to pull together to ensure that we hit 95% for attendance at Banbury Academy. As you are aware this is the minimum figure we need to help us get a good judgement when Ofsted visit us. At the moment we are 0.3% off this. It is such a shame that we find ourselves sitting just below the threshold we need to hit, especially when 0.4% of the absence we have had this year is due to unauthorised holidays. We fully appreciate that taking holidays in term time is much cheaper, but this impacts upon the whole school and I'm not sure everyone realises the impact they could have when we are inspected.

We look forward to seeing you all at both the Carol Concert and Winter Wonderland in December. Both events are already fully planned and rehearsals are well underway for the concert. If you didn't manage to get to Winter Wonderland last year you missed a real treat and we are already really excited about this year's celebration of all things Christmas. Can I take this opportunity to advise parents that we will be finishing early on the last day (Tues 19 Dec). We will send out a reminder with exact timings closer to the day.

[Link to calendar](#)

Dogs for Good Community Project

Mrs Ingham's Year 8 class were lucky enough as part of their community project, to have a visit from Karen and Iggy.

Karen is a local lady who benefits from having a Dogs For Good dog: Iggy is an assistance dog. We learnt about the support Iggy offers Karen both physically and emotionally and were treated to some of Iggy's tricks!

We will be raising funds for Dogs For Good at the Winter Wonderland event in December.



★ Sports stars ★

We love to celebrate our students' successes at school but also outside of school as well. We have a page on our website called 'Sporting Stars' for students who have excelled in sports, clubs or community activities.

Please email dmerrick@banbury-aspirations.org, with a short description and photo, if you would like to share your successes with us.

See our [2016-17](#) page for last year's Sporting Stars.

WIN
Family Ticket to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio's Tour

Add Magic to your school this term!

Buy your lottery ticket and you could win a Family Ticket to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio's Tour

- Tickets only cost £1 a week!
- Match all 6 numbers and win £25,000!
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Sign up before 22nd December. Supporters must be 16 years of age or older




Homework Club news

Who?	For year 7 & 8 students
When?	Every Wednesday from 3.05 to 4.05pm
What?	Any homework that you are stuck doing
Where?	The library
Why?	We are doing this homework club for our volunteering option for the Duke of Edinburgh award, so please come along and we will help you with any homework you can't do.
Tom	Specialism: English and humanities
Aaron	Specialism: Maths, science, geography, DT and computing



Banbury Academy and Avocet Theatre Company

Winter Wonderland

Friday 8th December 2017 | 5.30pm until 8.30pm
at Banbury Aspirations Campus

Entertainment | Christmas Market | Santa's Grotto
Competitions | Games | Refreshments | Christmas Characters
Fairground Rides | Virtual Reality Headset Experience ...
& Much More!

Fun for the whole family.
Free Entry!



Y7 Ethics & Philosophy Project: Banbury Campus Foodbank



As part of their Ethics Local Community Project, a Year 7 class is launching The Banbury Campus Food Bank. Donation Boxes can be found in Reception, Stanbridge Foyer, Library and Sixth Form Common Room. All non-perishable goods accepted: Tins and jars of food; pasta, cereal, biscuits, wrapped cakes, chocolate...

At the end of term, students will take any donations to the main food bank in Banbury which provided a staggering 1,836 three-day emergency food supplies to people in crisis last year.

Careers Advice: Humanities cash prize

The NCH London Essay Competition is open to students in their final year of secondary education who are interested in studying humanities or social sciences at university.

"You could win £2,000 cash prize, plus £1,000 for your school or college with the New College of Humanities (NCH) Inaugural essay Competition.

[Click here for more information](#)

STAFF vs STUDENTS SPORT WEEK

Starting Tuesday 21st November @ 3.15pm

- Tuesday – Hockey 7-a-side (GWE)
- Wednesday – Netball (LWL)
- Thursday – 5-a-side Football (RHA & ESM)
- Friday – 6th Form 9-a-side Football Match

All pupils are welcome!

£1 per participant and a contribution to watch

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Applications are now open for entry to the Sixth Form in September 2018.

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