



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

Progress has been made over the last week with decisions regarding the rebranding of the academy. The students have voted for their favourite logo design and this will now be incorporated into an overall design for our school badge once we have debated and confirmed what we want our motto to be.



Alongside this discussion we will be working with students in the week before half term to confirm what uniform choices they will be able to decide from. The colour scheme we will adopt will be grey and red but the detail will be up to the students to discuss with us. We are committed to a uniform which is unique in Banbury but is affordable for all. Several girls have asked whether they will be able to wear trousers as they do now and this will be an option available to them. If you have any questions please let us know using my email address sthomas@banbury-aspirations.org

At the moment we are also working on a brand new approach to home learning for September 2018. We are looking at the research available and also linking in to the increased and different demands of the new style GCSE and A level exams which require a lot of recall of knowledge. Please look out for a letter from Mrs Berry giving more details about this. The home learning issue will be a standing item on the Parents' forum agenda for the rest of this year.

Lastly can I thank those parents who turned out for Y8 parents' evening this week. I hope you were happy with the new format for the evening with appointments and the use of the buttry and associated rooms nearby. Again, if you have any feedback we always welcome it as that is the only way we can truly reflect on our practice and improve for the future.

[Link to calendar](#)

PSHCE day: lots going on!



Reminder!

Year 11 maths support and revision: For an online tutorial on the PIXL app, please [click here](#).



**Banbury Aspirations Campus
Sixth Form**

'Our Community... Our Responsibility... Our Future'

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 22nd Feb 2018 6pm-8pm



One campus. Two schools.

Banbury Aspirations Campus Sixth Form is a vibrant community where students' ambitions, dreams and true potential are realised.

Our Sixth Form campus is focused on achieving success and ensuring that all students have a wide range of opportunities in order to achieve their true potential.

We are excited to be offering both **Level 2 and Level 3 pathways** in order to ensure we offer different routes to success for a wide range of students.

We would love you to **come and see for yourselves** the wide range of opportunity that is on offer at our campus.

The **Open Evening** will involve a range of taster sessions led by different subject areas. There will be an opportunity to take part in a tour of our campus, meet the **Sixth Form Leadership team** and of course our fantastic **sixth form students**. Their pride and commitment to our community is evident and they will be thrilled at the opportunity to share that with others.

Space Studio
Banbury



For more information, please contact the Sixth Form Administrator
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Careers advice:

'Which? University' has published a guide to Higher and Degree apprenticeships. Degree apprenticeships see students combine studying for a degree with working for an organisation (which pays tuition fees and a salary.) Higher apprenticeships see students get a trainee posting within an organisation. [Click here for more information](#)

A Guide to UK University League Tables The Higher Education Policy Institute (HEPI) and Higher Education Strategic Planners Association (HESPA) have jointly published a guide to the three main UK university rankings: Times Higher Education, The Guardian, and the Complete University Guide, their methodologies and the different facets they use. [Click here for more information](#)

Aston University Taster Days Aston University (Birmingham) are offering a series of taster days in subjects including Medicine, Law, Marketing, Politics and International Relations, and Computer Science. [Click here for more information](#)

In addition to the university-wide open days in June, Oxford University have announced details of subject-specific open days including Law, Modern Languages, Oriental Studies and Computer Science. [Click here for more information](#)

The results are in!

Students enjoyed participating in the vote for our school's new logo. The Student Council counted votes on Friday afternoon and are pleased to announce the winning design by a huge margin was:



The Student Council will meet next week to discuss the new uniform.

Year 8 Sports Leaders were “excellent”

Year 8 took on the challenge of leading at our Inclusion Sportshall Athletics Festival On Thursday 18th January. Dashwood, The Grange, Hillview, Hanwell Fields, St. Mary's, St. Leonard's and Queensway all came with between 16 and 24 Year 5/6 children to take part in this event which is one of seven events on our



North Oxfordshire Schools Sports Partnership Cluster Calendar specifically designed to allow all children to participate in inter-school sport regardless of ability. The leaders were “excellent, they encouraged all the children and gave extra support to those who needed it.” (Primary School PE Coordinator). Well done to - Archie, Max, Hashaam, Jake, William, Connor, Aidan, Jamie, Calum, Toby, Muhammad, Jack Bowman, Samuel, Billy, Toby, Rebecca, Georgia, Lucie, Louisa, Martha, Imogen, Maisey, Abbie, Caitlin, Hanna, Lydia, Victoria, Kira, Eleanor, Natalie.



Safer Internet Day
Parent Information Evening
FREE!
Equipping you to keep your children safe
Advice and information from internet safety organisations
With a performance by children from local schools in Banbury!
Tuesday 6th February 2018
North Oxfordshire Academy
6-7.30pm
Children welcome
Learn how to make your devices safe for your children
Find out about the risks
Information on what to do if you're concerned
Stay safe online
SCIB

As part of the Safeguarding Children In Banbury (SCIB) initiative that we and all other schools in Banbury are working on, there will be a presentation for parents about internet safety being held at North Oxfordshire Academy.

Keep up to date with the latest information about what's going on in school.
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