



The Weekly Word

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A note from the Principal

It has been a week of excitement at the Banbury Academy side of the campus as the Student Council have been trying on various samples of school uniform which we have been supplied with over the last couple of weeks. We had more samples coming in yesterday and we will be looking at these with the students on Monday. As you are aware the Trust will be purchasing the students a blazer and a tie, plus basic items of the PE kit.



Meanwhile Y8 students at Banbury have been thinking about the two pathways available to them next September as they enter Year 9. Thank you to those parents who joined us last night to hear about the changes and the rationale for these. For those who were unable to attend the meeting there will be a transition pathway at BA and a specialist STEM pathway, for those with an aptitude and deep interest in the sciences and maths, which will be taught solely at SSB. There will be limited numbers for the SSB pathway and we are also welcoming students from other schools to join us.

[Link to calendar](#)

At SSB we are on the countdown to our trip to Geneva next week. I don't know who is more excited – the staff or students. It promises to be an amazing experience as we visit the Large Hadron Collider at CERN and then spend time in and around the city itself. A perfect chance to sample a new European city with all the cultural opportunities that will provide.

Finally I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support over the last few weeks since Christmas. January is always a difficult month for illness but spring is just round the corner and we are looking forward to lighter nights and a bit of sunshine. A reminder that all four of the Aspirations academies in Banbury have an INSET day on Monday 19th February 2018. There are some Y11 students who will be expected in school for various booster events that day and their parents will be notified by letter in the next few days. All students will be expected in school on Tuesday 20th February at the normal time (8.40 a.m.).



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.

County cross country champions



Well done Tia
for coming
8th!



Results:

Kira - 111
Georgia - 122
Sara - 123

Nyle - 24
Harry - 77
Liam - 89
Hashaam - 93

Tia - 8



Y9 Vaccinations

Consent forms for the year 9 Meningitis ACWY and diphtheria, tetanus and polio booster vaccinations have been posted home this week!

Please ensure that these are completed fully and returned by the 9th February to ensure the smooth running of the session.

The vaccination session will be held on Friday the 23rd February in school.

Pupils will be having an assembly about these vaccinations on Friday the 9th February where they can ask any questions they may have, and we will practice some relaxation techniques.

If you would like to know more, please see the leaflet 'Immunisations for Young People' from the Department of Health enclosed with your consent form, or contact me on 07824462634 at sarah.elsley@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk.

Engineering and Computer Science

The Banbury Aspirations Campus has been provided with a great opportunity to strengthen the provision for Engineering and Computer Science by a grant from AAT centrally. This ongoing project will develop the existing Banbury Campus as a Manufacturing Engineering teaching space with new equipment and extended facilities and create a Technical Engineering teaching space at SSB, with 32 CAD computer spaces, new furniture and equipment.

The new facilities will enable the students to gain a qualification that will provide them with the core technical knowledge required for preparing to work in the engineering industry, and reflects the nature of modern engineering, as well as boosting the potential for a career in the computer sciences.

Work has started on the refit



Young carers at Banbury Academy

This week at Banbury Academy we have been focussing on young carers as part of the awareness day on 25th January.

A young carer is someone under 18 who helps look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol.

Young carers are children and young people who often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

At Banbury Academy, we have over 50 young carers in our school that we are aware of.

Students, if you think you or a friend might be a carer, let someone at school know.

What support to expect once you have let school know:

Monthly Young Carers Breakfast Meeting

Referral to Oxfordshire County Council Young Carers Team

One to one support from Young Carers Oxfordshire if needed

Extra support in school if needed

Referral to Study Higher Programme

Opportunity to take part in the Oxfordshire Young Carers Forum

Opportunity to become a Young Carers Ambassador in School

Staff in school made aware of situation

Being a young carer
can have a big impact
on the things that are
important to growing up

- It can affect a young person's health, social life and self-confidence.
- Many young carers struggle to juggle their education and caring which can cause pressure and stress.
- In a survey, 39% said that nobody in their school was aware of their caring role.
- 26% have been bullied at school because of their caring role.
- 1 in 20 miss school because of their caring role.



But young people can learn lots of useful skills by being a young carer.

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

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