



## The Weekly Word

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### A note from the Principal

The February half term holiday is here already. The last five weeks have sped by and yet we have achieved so much in that short space of time. Staff and children alike have worked incredibly hard and many will continue to do so over the break as we invite the first set of Y11s in for their GCSE boosters. We have been really pleased to see so many of the year group already planning their revision strategies, attending after school sessions and going that extra mile in lessons.



On Wednesday afternoon we held the first of two sessions with invited students and parents to ask them for their views on what they want their school to be like. The students in the first forum were those who gained over 100 achievement points in the autumn term from the science and English colleges. Led by three of our governors, they brainstormed ideas about what their dream school should be like. We will be repeating this with students from the sixth form and the other two colleges after the holiday. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February (INSET day) staff will be asked to do a similar exercise. We will then pull all of our ideas together to build our vision and mission statements. This will be the first time in many, many years that we have had the opportunity to sit down and talk about these ideas openly.

On Wednesday we also had a fitting for new blazers for 2018/19, thanks to Steve from Cross Embroidery and the student services team for ensuring that all Year 7s – 10s were measured up during the day. A mammoth effort by all. Student Council have enjoyed the process of discussing the new uniform with us. After half term we will be reviewing ideas about the skirts for girls as this is always the most difficult item of clothing to get consensus on. We want to ensure that we are incredibly smart and proud with affordability built in. We will keep you updated on developments. We are also choosing our new tie in the second half of the spring term.

[Link to calendar](#)

## National Business and Accounting Competition

We are pleased to confirm Banbury Academy has had a group of year 12 students qualify for the second round of the BASE competition. BASE is ICAEW's National Business and Accounting competition for students in school or college aged 16-17. A unique and exciting experience, students are able to engage in business challenges that enable them to develop key employability skills and understand what it's like to be an ICAEW Chartered Accountant. The second round is due to open on Monday 12 February and from that students could be selected to take part in the National Final!

## Careers advice: at the NEC

What Career Live? and What University Live? is an essential event for 15-19 year olds to help them decide what to do after leaving school. Whether it's an apprenticeship, school leaver programme or heading to university after A Levels. It takes place sat the NEC on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

[Click here for more information](#)



**Monday 19 February 2018: INSET day**

**(no students in school)**

## Year 10 Mentor Maths at Harriers

*"In lesson we were asked to teach a year group a topic we have previously learnt in class, our group decided to teach Y5s at Harriers Academy about fractions. We asked Miss Redden to arrange for us to go and see a class and find out how they are best taught, in that process we found out that the Y5s were learning about tessellations so we decided to change our project so we could teach them further about tessellations. Our first visit was the 22nd of January where we observed a lesson and asked questions about how they preferred learning and what tasks they would like to do. Over the next two weeks we prepared a task that involved creating a tessellated picture from an image that can tessellate. We then went back to Harriers Academy to teach a lesson, but we weren't able to teach the same class so we taught a class of Y6s we believed that it went well and they were able to understand the task, they looked like they had fun and enjoyed."*

**Joy, Oliver, Josh, Tia, Ella and Lauren**



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## SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 22nd Feb 2018 6pm-8pm



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