



Weekly Update - 04.11.24 - 08.11.24

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had an excellent start to the term and I have been so impressed with the approach our students have taken to their learning this week. Students have come back prepared and ready to learn - Year 11 are preparing for their mock examinations and there has been a flurry of positive points for students on Classcharts. Thank you for supporting us to ensure we all do the best for our students.

From now on, we will be writing to you weekly to update you on key information and all the positives taking place in the Academy - an area we were asked to develop was our communication and this is one way we are developing this.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the short parent questionnaire last term. We have seen an increase of over 20% in all three questions we have asked when compared to March - we are delighted by this but recognise that we still want to do more work in these areas. We will be asking parents to complete a short survey every month so that we can gather your views.

Thanks again for your continued support and enjoy reading the work of our students over the last few weeks!

Shaun Willis.

Headteacher.

Visit From Sarah King - Headteacher of Chaddlewood

This week we were thrilled to welcome Sarah King, Headteacher from Chaddlewood Primary School, for a visit. Mrs. King reconnected with some of her former students, who were excited to see a familiar face from their primary school days. She toured our school, popped into a few classrooms and saw all the great things we do at the Academy.



Autumn Concert

















Last night's Autumn Concert was a fantastic showcase of our students' musical talent. We have received some wonderful feedback from parents about both staff and students. Thank you to everyone who came to support and celebrate their achievements.

National Theatre



Jo Crook, our Head of Performing Arts, has returned to the National Theatre this term, building on the success of last year's remarkable Connections performance by students at the National Theatre. Jo's participation reflects the high standard of our Performing Arts program and her ongoing commitment to providing outstanding opportunities for our students to thrive in theatre.

Year 10 Project : Mechanic Organic



Year 10 art students have been exploring the process of mono printing this week. They have used and explored a range of mark-making techniques using this process on different backgrounds to support their development for the project: Mechanic Organic.

Personal Development Week

Last half term the students took part in PD Week, participating in a range of activities across all year groups.

Year 7 students made their way to Bude or worked towards their St Johns Ambulance Key Stage 3 Award.

Year 8 worked towards their Bronze Arts award by taking place in a number of different creative and performance based workshops producing some outstanding work.

Year 9 have explored Human Rights as part of our work towards the Silver UNICEF Rights Respecting Award working with members of the Geography, Languages and Religious Studies departments exploring the concepts of fair trade, human rights and social justice.

Year 10 focused on the 'world of work' as students took part in a number of careers based workshops including a talk about apprenticeships.

Year 11 focused on their next steps by completing practical's in Science alongside preparing for their upcoming English and Maths mock exams.

Sixth Form students also took part by attending a number of workshops focusing on healthy lifestyles, healthy cooking and managing their budgets.





Berlin Trip

Some of our students took part in an amazing trip to Berlin before the half term break.

On day one they had an incredible time visiting the Berlin Wall, The Reichstag and having supper at the vibrant Potsdamer Platz.

On day two the students explored Potsdam, the home of the Prussian royal families. They wrapped up the day at a German restaurant, enjoying delicious meatballs and apple strudel.

On the third and final day of the trip the students took a sombre visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and in the afternoon they explored Checkpoint Charlie.









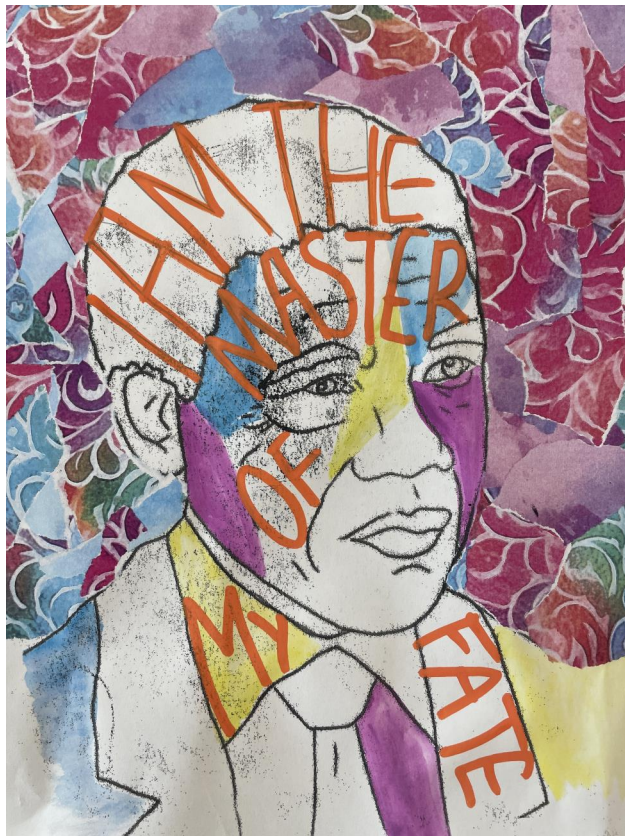
Showing Racism the Red Card

The final day of Personal Development week focused on Show Racism the Red Card.

Our Year 8 students spent the morning in their specialist art workshops creating a range of work including musical performances and these fantastic artistic creations with Miss Hawkshaw focusing on personal identity as part of our work commemorating Black History Month. Whilst students in Years 7-10 completed a range of activities as part of 'Show Racism the Red Card Day'.









Upcoming Events and Key Dates

Monday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Start of Anti Bullying Week

Thursday 14th November

Year 9 Parents Evening

Monday 18th November

Start of TSAT Kindness Week

Start of Yr11 Mocks

Thursday 21st November

Sixth Form Open Event

Thursday 28th November

Look to the Future Day - KS3/4

[Attendance Contact Details Reminder](#)



A message from the Attendance Improvement Coordinator

Please could parents and carers use the student absence email address (see below) for queries regarding student absences/medical appointments/late arrivals/absence requests.

Any information from the emails which needs to be passed to a Head of Year, Tutor or Teacher, will be done so by the Attendance Improvement Coordinator.

studentabsence@plymptonacademy.org.uk

PPCV Annual Survey



Plymouth Parent Carer Voice (PPCV) brings together parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Plymouth and the surrounding area. The group is run by parent carers like you, and they work to give you and your family a voice in the services that you use.

They are working hard with Plymouth City Council (PCC) to make sure that your voice is heard in the shaping of services across SEND 0-25 sector. They are asking for your experience to be shared in their yearly survey which looks into the central services that you and your child/young person use. Your young person does not need a formal diagnosis or an EHCP for you to be able to complete the survey.

If you use Plymouth services and are caring for a child or young person with SEND, please consider following/copying and pasting this link and select the survey that is relevant to you: <https://www.plymouthpcv.co.uk/annual-send-survey-2024/>

Have a Wonderful Weekend