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Dear Parents / Carers

We wanted to write to give some updates regarding the excellent progress being made across Weavers Academy. We were very pleased to see that so many parents have shown their interest in our first post-Covid ski trip and would like to assure you all that other opportunities will be made available to take part in next academic year. Further letters will be sent directly to parents in the coming weeks.

This week students have taken part in The Big Legal Lesson that increases awareness regarding the legal implications of comments on social media. Students were very receptive to this and described some of their own experiences, where comments on social media has negatively impacted their well-being. Part of this discussion was around how the reputation of themselves, others and the Academy can be affected by how others use social media platforms. Students were concerned that when posts on social media refer to the school and or the experiences of students within the school it creates a poor reputation that employers, colleges, and universities may take into consideration. We all agreed that we must be mindful of how we use social media and that we consider the long lasting impact of our actions.

As part of our thorough and committed approach to personal development Year 10 have been working with Human Utopia. This external group help to break down the barriers that children often face and help children to understand the impact that their behaviour has on others.

As ever, we are committed to ensuring that our student's educational experience is our priority and that disruption will not impact on learning. If you have any questions, comments or concerns regarding any aspect of the Academy please contact the school directly to enable us to address your concerns. If you would like to come on a tour to see the learning environment and the school in action then please make an appointment by emailing enquiries@weaversacademy.org.uk.

Please keep an eye out for our extra and co-curricular opportunities that will be released over the next few weeks. I would particularly like to mention the teamwork, communication and perseverance shown by our Year 7 dodgeball team who competed in the County finals this week and a special mention to Ewura-Abena and Alisha who showed confidence, respect and authenticity whilst coaching a netball team, leaders of the future. Well done to all involved.



Please take 10 minutes to read about the exciting opportunities available to our students below.

Mental Health First Aid Training at Weavers

We've all felt different effects of lockdown, Covid and the stresses and strains that daily life can bring so we're delighted to share our newly trained team of ten staff have recently completed their two-day course and passed with flying colours. The team come from all areas of the Weavers staff community and are all excited to put their newly acquired expertise to work.

Teaching and Learning

Mrs Goody held assemblies where she discussed with students the need to engage with every lesson and commit fully to the learning tasks and activities the teachers are setting for them. To help students become more involved with lessons and allow teachers to instantly assess which students have understood the learning, we have given every student their own whiteboard and pen. These will also allow students to become more independent in their learning and engage with their revision and independent study. Students are expected to have their whiteboard and pens with them in every lesson. Replacement stationery is available to buy through parent pay and student office. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring your child is ready to learn at all times by ensuring they are fully equipped for lessons.

Curriculum

We are currently reviewing and revamping our curriculum offer, as well as how we report information to parents. This will provide more detailed information about what students have been learning, their effort and attitude to learning and helpful resources for you to support your child's learning at home. More exciting information will be coming out soon but please follow the link below for our current curriculum offer including options for GCSE and sixth form.

<https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/home/curriculum>

Pastoral Team

Our experienced and dedicated team of staff ensure that no pupil is left feeling unsupported. Our pastoral team encourage and inspire all students to ensure each child has the maximum opportunity to achieve and be success both academically and personally.

Our pastoral managers take pride in the support they provide to ensure all students are ambitious, setting high standards and expectations of appearance, behaviour and attendance. Where students require additional support, our keyworkers deliver bespoke programs to support their individual pastoral and emotional needs. We currently have 3 keyworkers who play an integral part within the behaviour team to provide bespoke support on a 1:1 basis to individual students. Students flourish with the support, guidance and encouragement from the keywork to ensure the students meets their full potential.



Safer recruitment

The purpose of this is to support the selection of both permanent and temporary employees; it ensures:

- The safeguarding and welfare of children and young people is first consideration at each stage of the process.
- A professional, consistent and equitable approach to the appointment of all academy-based staff.
- That the best person is appointed for each position, with the appropriate qualifications, skills and experience.
- All relevant equalities legislation is adhered to and that candidates are not discriminated against on the grounds of a protected characteristic.
- All staff involved in recruitment are aware of the governments guidance on safer recruitment and follow its recommendations

Safeguarding Drop Ins

Safeguarding drops ins are every lunch time on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Universify

We're very excited on behalf of Sophie and Pippa in year 11 who from 25 March until 28 March will be attending their Spring residential at Sommerville College Oxford as part of the Universify Programme. We're also delighted to share with you that Gabriele and Frey in year 10 have just been accepted onto this year's Universify Programme so they are both likely to have a seven-day residential over the summer break at Oxford or Cambridge University.

Sophie and Pippa will be accessing dedicated revision sessions on a core subject of their choice with specialist tutors to help further build exam confidence. They'll also have the chance to learn from world-class academics in a university taster class of their choosing as well as attend workshops and get a real insight into university to help prepare for life after GCSEs.

They'll also have the chance to engage in a range of activities in and around Oxford including punting, visiting museums and some of the many historical landmarks.

Careers Drop Down Day

This week students took part in a range of activities all designed to improve student's understandings of their career choices and the skills and knowledge needed to be successful in the future.

Year 7 and 8 completed an enterprise challenge, using their employability skills to solve a business enterprise problem.

Year 9 took up the £10 challenge, coming up with ideas on how they could start an enterprise business with just £10.



Years 10 and 11 used their time to accelerate their coursework and practice CV writing and job applications, as well as meeting some guest speakers and completing some workshops with Moulton College.

Years 12 and 13 will be working on their EPQ and putting the final touches on their coursework pieces, as well as meeting some guest speakers.

Superbloom Project

We are delighted to share updates to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Superbloom Project. After bidding Weavers was one of 50 schools from thousands of applicants to be selected as a partner school in a 'gardening for wellbeing' celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As a partner school, 30 of our students will be invited to the Tower of London as VIP guests for a dinner and tour of the amazing Superbloom that is planned in the Tower. More details about what will be an incredible display can be found here.

<https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/whats-on/superbloom-at-the-tower-of-london/#gs.troaim>

Weavers students are designing our own 'Superbloom' including the development of a wellbeing garden in partnership with the mental health charity 'Thrive'. As one of the 50 partner schools we will be working with them on the Jubilee Legacy Project so that generations to come can benefit from this exciting project.

Work Experience

Dear parents of Year 10

This week we sent out a text to evaluate how many Year 10's would be able to find a work experience place.

The school is willing to invest significant money in paying for risk assessments for all placements, if parents can support students to call businesses and companies to find placements.

If you could please complete the Microsoft form on the link that was sent, this will allow us to see if we can run work experience this year for Year 10 students

Yours sincerely

Mr Hunt
Vice Principal

Mr Wallace
Vice Principal

Mrs Goody
Vice Principal