



Principal's Message

With thanks to Mr Russell, The Albion Academy newsletter is now established as a regular channel for informing parents of the latest news at the academy. I hope that you enjoy receiving a fortnightly news update. You will be aware that we joined United Learning a few weeks ago and I expect that you'll see a number of big changes over the coming weeks with a new website and new signage all being designed ready for launch in the near future. More importantly, we're constantly improving the way we work in school to ensure that your child can learn in an environment free from disruption and we will not rest until the behaviour of students is excellent in every single lesson. With this in mind I am asking all parents to support the academy and reinforce our quite normal request that mobile phones are switched off and never used in school. We have had a number of instances this week alone where phones have caused disruption to learning. Incredibly, on a few of these occasions, it has been parents who have been contacting their children! I will write to you separately about this because it is an issue that deserves more than a few lines in the newsletter. **Mr K Mackey**



STEM Club Present their Findings



Students from STEM Club present their ideas to Mr Mackey

The students of STEM Club have recently completed their bronze CREST award. They have been studying how clean our school is by swabbing areas of the school and growing bacteria colonies on agar plates. We then use this information to make a plan for a cleaner school including hot to properly wash your hands and requesting more hand sanitisers from Mr Mackey. The group even presented their findings and suggestions to SLT and enjoyed a fantastic conversation with Mr Mackey about his own microbiology research at university. **Mrs E Scott**

Love is in the Air

Would a rose by any other name still smell as sweet? Love is not constrained by days of the calendar, but in the busy, stressful and chaotic world we live in, it sometimes gets pushed to the back of the diary. This cold reality of our modern world underlines the importance of Valentines Day. A time to reflect and put to the top of the priority list the person that, whilst they may know in their heart, maybe doesn't always benefit outwardly from the love you have for them. It's a chance to stop and say 'I love you every day, and I'm taking today to remind you just how much'. Love on any other day is still as sweet, but today, it's just a little more special. **Ms M Bonner**



Upcoming Events at The Albion

25th February 2019
Back to school, Half Term 4

28th February 2019
Year 9 Options Evening

7th March 2019
Year 10 Parents' Evening

March 8th 2019
Year 9 Options deadline

4th March - 8th March 2019
Careers Week

ACE Awards

This half term saw our new rewards system, ACE awards, being rolled out across the school. Students can earn these little blue tickets for achievement and excellent effort in lessons, completing homework to a high standard and showing commitment to extracurricular clubs and teams. As of last week, 4433 awards has been handed out across the school this term. That's 4433 times when a student has gone above and beyond and impressed a member of staff. Congratulations to the top individual scorers so far: Zak Presley (Y7), Amy Presley (Y8), Muzan Altahier (Y9), Emily Tang (Y10) and Titina Nanau (Y11). Overall, Year 7 are in the lead, but Year 8 are closing fast.



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Scores on the Doors

Y11 Boys Basketball v Bridgewater 27-34

The boys were narrowly beaten in their cup semi-final. Our opponents were more clinical under the basket and managed to convert some difficult lay-ups in the third quarter, leaving it difficult for Albion to respond. Unfortunately this means that the year 11's have played their last game as Albion Academy basketball players. The team finish as year 9 league and cup winners, the year 10 league trophy winners and year 11 cup semi-finalists. They should be proud of their journey as a team. **Mr A Walton**

Y9 Boys Basketball v Buile Hill: 17-13

In a really intense game, Nzari Swan and Barry Bennet opened the scoring for Albion. Albion were leading by 8 points with 2 quarters remaining but then one of their players scored two 3 pointers. With a resilient attitude the team kept on going and created a chance at the end to score a backwards lay-up to win the game 17-13. **Altia Ermyek**

Y10 Basketball

With 2 wins to end the season, the team secured second spot in the Salford league. I've seen the boys mature into a fantastic squad with lots of potential. **Mr L. Wild**

Y9 Girls Basketball

The girls represented Salford in the Greater Manchester School Games U14 Girls Basketball Competition on Wednesday 6th February at Belle Vue Leisure Centre. They played really well and came 5th overall. Special mention to Mariam, Nene and Hope who played consistently well every match. **Mrs A. Tattersall**



Year 9 Girls at the Greater Manchester School Games

Head of Year Shout Outs

Year 7: My head of year shout out goes to Rahwa Wondewosen for giving 100% to everything she does! **Mr Lewis**

Year 8: Well done to the Year 8 pupils that represented the school in the Salford Schools Athletics event this week. You all demonstrated teamwork, leadership and resilience and we look forward to hearing the results! **Mrs Columbine**

Year 9: To all the year nines undertaking "Hero training" with Humanutopia. A fantastic opportunity, well done! **Mrs Dalton**

Year 10: Keelan Wheeldon and Eleanor Smith. Both pupils have shown great initiative and maturity outside of school which has seen them receive the Head of Year award for going above and beyond in the local community. **Mr Wild**

Year 11: Lois Kenzo and Marek Tokar for their general attitude in school. **Mr Quilliam**

Department of the Week: Maths

Students have been working incredibly hard this half term in Maths, especially since the arrival of their favourite (virtual) teacher ... Mr Hegarty! Created by UK Teacher of the Year, Hegarty Maths provides a top quality home learning platform to students so that, along with fantastic teacher-led maths lessons in school, students are supported at home with their maths learning. In just a single half term, students at the Albion have answered over 67 000 questions – that equates to 1500 hours of learning!

We have been happy to welcome a new teacher to the department, Miss Robinson - a recent maths graduate, who will be with us until the May half-term. Following the February break, Miss Robinson will be launching a lunchtime club for budding KS3 mathematicians in preparation for an opportunity to compete against schools across the North-West in the UK Maths Trust Challenge! Next half-term, the department are also excited to welcome Miss Thurston, who currently teaches Science at the Academy. Miss Thurston, who joined the Academy in September, is a maths specialist and says that she cannot wait to get stuck into some juicy maths problems!

Miss G Gardiner

Teacher Chat

This week we talk to English's Miss Walker.

What were you like at school?

I had a great time at school. I always loved the social aspect and I had some really inspiring teachers.

What did you study at university?

I studied Sociology at Manchester.

Why did you want to study there?

It's got a great reputation and the city is a brilliant social and cultural hub.

Why did you study Sociology?

I wanted to learn about how people in different societies live and interact with one another.

So what made you become a teacher?

I wanted to do a job which involved helping people reach their potential.

What do you like most about working at the Albion?

The Albion is a very welcoming place to be. I only joined this year but I quickly felt comfortable.

Give us a book recommendation!

I am going to go for *The Great Gatsby*, it's a book that everyone should read before their 18!

What's your favourite thing to do when you're not teaching the young minds of Salford?

I live for the snow! You will find me on a pair of skis up a mountain somewhere.



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