



November 8th 2022

News



It has been announced that the 8th of May 2023 will be a bank holiday to recognise the coronation of King Charles III.

On this day the Academy will be closed, as it was for the bank holiday dedicated to the funeral of King Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

Whilst this may have consequences for the staging of KS2 SATs, it gives our Year 11s an additional day's revision opportunity in lieu of a lost day of learning one week ahead of their GCSEs.

Charity

Year 8 are undertaking the First Give programme. First Give is an organisation which encourages students to engage with charities and uses this motivation to develop teamwork, presentational skills, independence and confidence.

On Monday 7th November, 8G invited a guest speaker in to give an assembly to all of Y8. Next week, 8B and 8C are preparing contributions to the Y11 Parents Evening event. 8D are raising money for victims of domestic abuse on Wednesday and 8H are also planning an event to raise awareness of homelessness.



Puzzle: Which is the odd word out?

Chatty Talkative Garrulous Verbose Taciturn



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Leadership

On Monday 7th November, our student council met.

Among other issues raised, the questions of how to award merits, who should be able to pick litter and where, what the best lesson structure might be and how to occupy students at break and lunch arose.

Next week, the Environment Team will meet to address some of these issues.

Literacy

An exciting opportunity is available to you. This year, the English Department is running a debating club which will be for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Debating is shown to improve your critical and creative thinking, confidence, teamwork, leadership, aspirations, resilience and self-management. Students who have been on the programme see substantial progress in their speaking and listening skills.

Debating Club will run on a Tuesday after school. If you are interested, talk to your English Teacher or Miss Schofield to get a letter!

