



December 13<sup>th</sup> 2022



## News

**O**n Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December, the Academy will be closing early to enable staff to attend the Awards Evening celebrating the successes of 2022's Year 11 leavers. They achieved the Academy's best ever GCSE results (so far!) and deserve a special occasion.

The event itself will take place at the University of Birmingham.

Students in the Academy will be following Friday's timetable, with the school day ending at 1.00 pm. Students whose families wish them to stay in school on Wednesday can apply for them to do so.

## Charity

**F**or the past 8 weeks, Year 8 students have worked on social action projects as part of a charitable programme delivered by First Give.

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December students will present their social action projects to the rest of their cohort and to a judging panel, who will decide which form group will be awarded a £1000 First Give grant for their charity.



**Puzzle:** Which is the odd one out?

Tiger

Lynx

Ocelot

Jackal

Manx



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## Leadership

Last week, we staged Christmas dinners for Year 7s, so that every student in the Academy has now had the opportunity to experience a festive feast with all the trimmings over the past two years..

Special thanks go to the Student Leadership team who managed to dress all of the tables and set cutlery out for all Year 7 students with remarkable speed under the guidance of Mr Mohr.

A fantastic time was had by all, with crackers, hats and rib-tickling jokes shared aplenty. Prizes too, for our lucky, random winners.

A lot of special memories for all who took part.

## Literacy

This week, some students will be retaking Reading Age tests. This is to help us evaluate the progress that they are making and how we can best support students to ensure that all are reading at a level appropriate to their age. Students whose reading ability is below expectation will struggle to access the curriculum and face difficulties in future exams.

Students taking tests should ensure that they try their hardest and answer all questions to the best of their ability. This will enable us to determine who needs support and what form that should take.

Good luck to all taking part.

