

FOURTH EDITION |APRIL 2024|

# In this edition.....

- Information about recent school events
- Reports on some of our amazing educational visits
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Finham Park School are now proud to be an Anti-Bullying Alliance school.

We have chosen 25 students who have become Anti-Bullying

Ambassadors. These ambassadors are visible around the school in purple jackets during break and lunchtimes to offer advice and help with any issues. Our school is also part of the prestigious Diana Award, which was set up by the late Princess Diana to train Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Our own ABA's will be receiving ongoing training through this scheme over a year long period.



#### **Message from the Headteacher – Mr Chris Bishop**

Term has started well but with a great deal of sadness as we lost one of our dear colleagues and friends, Teresa Hughes, over the Easter holiday. She embodied what makes Finham a great community to belong to. She was a respected, active and well-loved member of our Finham Park School family. Indeed, she has been a part of the fixtures and fittings that make Finham so special for over 26 years. The students with special educational needs and disabilities that she supported all have an enriched life as a result of her direct input and support into their education and pastoral development. She was a firm advocate of self improvement as she believed that to be the key to ensuring she could give the children and young people in her care the very best opportunities and life chances that they deserved. This is a sad time in the life of our school community, but we have been heartened by the warmth of the messages sent to the school in condolence of her passing. Thank you for your support as always as together we look to support each other and our young people during life's challenges.

I hope that as you read elements of our latest magazine that you get a real flavour of the incredible things your child/ren have been up to since the previous edition.

**Restorative justice** at Finham Park allows those who are harmed, or affected by conflict caused by another, to come together to find a more constructive and positive way to repair this relationship. In order for this to be successful, all parties involved need to adhere to the following four "R's"

- Respect- respect for everyone their thoughts, feelings and opinions and learning to value them.
  - Responsibility- for everyone to take accountability for their own actions.
- Repair- to help everyone involved repair the relationship and or behaviour, giving necessary skills to help identify a solution that suits all.
- Re-integration- to support all parties involved, allowing for smooth transition for the next meeting together a.k.a. a clean slate!

Restorative justice at Finham is managed by a college well-being officer.

This process is facilitated between the victim or victims of the incident and the offender.

For us this can be between individual students or a group or between students and teachers. Everyone has a right to be heard!

For more information on this please speak to your college well-being officer.



#### Year 7 - Mr John Lawrie

Year 7 students have continued to excel at Finham Park School. At the time of writing, they have accumulated a staggering 61640 achievement points. This means that many have attained their Bronze, Silver, Gold and even Platinum and Diamond awards. The top 5 students in the year are:

Jake P (B01) 449 points; Meghan H (B07) 437 points; John-Paul Cn (M09) 436 points; Arnav S (M05) 417 points; Roa B (K02) 415 points;

In each edition of the Newsletter, I always include a 'special mention' to students who have excelled in a particular subject. Subject Leaders reported to me that there have been so many Year 7 students who have been amazing. Here are a few:

**<u>Drama</u>**: Bhairav A (MO7). Bhairav joined the class later in the year and instantly got involved. He's always eager to learn, offering amazing answers in lesson. As well as this, he's a great team member, who collaborates and supports other students.

<u>Music</u>: Aaron D (M05). Aaron started to learn the drums with Mr Hart in September. Aaron has achieved the following qualifications in this time.

- Grade 1 distinction
- Grade 2 distinction
- Grade 3 distinction (this is the level Year 11 need to achieve to access grade 9 in their performances)

We are very excited to be a part of Aaron's journey as a musician; he has the most amazing work ethic. After Aaron submitted his Grade 3 exam, he started to work on his Grade 4 pieces.

**Religious Studies**: Thomas C (A04) and Lilly L (B06) have applied outstanding effort in Religious Studies throughout the year.

#### **Year 8 - Mrs Kim Hunter**

Every day in school, we ask all students to meet our high expectations. This relates to a multitude of behaviours including attendance, punctuality, effort in lessons, behaviour and conduct around the site to name a few. When students display attitudes and behaviours that meet or exceed our expectations, they are given reward points and a reminder of the boundaries is below:

15 - mentor contact home; 30 - mentor certificate; 50 - bronze; 100 - silver; 150 - gold; 200 - platinum; 300 - diamond and 400 - world class

Over 60 students received more than 50 reward points in the last half term alone which is a fantastic achievement. A special shout out to the following students who received the most:

Anisa H – 115; George E – 97; Beatrice E – 91; Braydon MS – 91 and Jessica H - 85

Well done to everyone in Year 8 for all their hard work last term. Hopefully, we will be celebrating a number of students reaching 'World Class' by the end of the year.

#### Year 11 – Mr Lewis Baker

I am very pleased to say that Year 11 are on track to have a fantastic GCSE year and it is good to see the majority of students engaging with lessons positively and the revision sessions that are on after school. You will shortly be sent out information on Masterclasses, their final exam timetable and final plans for the celebration day.

Opportunity – NCS gave an assembly to Year 11 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April with information on an exciting opportunity on stays away from home for only £95 (pupil premium students are eligible for a free bursary place). More information is here - <a href="https://wearencs.com/head-away-from-home">https://wearencs.com/head-away-from-home</a>

#### Upcoming dates

- Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> April Final exam timetable
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April Exam information assembly
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May First exam
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May Study leave starts for all students
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June GCSE contingency day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July Year 11 Celebration day and Prom

Yearbook Parent pay link – <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/PPManager4W3/PaymentItems/Item/?pi=3834565">https://app.parentpay.com/PPManager4W3/PaymentItems/Item/?pi=3834565</a>
Prom Parent Pay link - <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/manager/v2/#/trips/1a6141e8-5a58-4a4f-9345-45bb996b81fc/summary/details">https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/manager/v2/#/trips/1a6141e8-5a58-4a4f-9345-45bb996b81fc/summary/details</a>

A huge congratulations to the following students for achieving the most reward points since the start of the year: Oheneba N, Sam T, Chloe M, Cate M, Sehej B and Lucy W.

I wish them all a calm and successful exam period and I look forward to seeing lots of happy faces on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

## **Year 10 – Mr Steve Marfleet**

The latest Attitude to Learning scores highlighted what an impressive year Year 10 are having to date. Historically most students score slightly better in the Autumn term than in the Spring term but this Year 10 have bucked the trend with 113 students improving their score and only 90 seeing a dip. A record 9 students succeeded in scoring a 'perfect' 4.00 average. Well done to Anna D, Phoebe A, Martha P, Aayush S, Arjan T, Sam W, Irene K, Molly A, and Darush K.

Congratulations also to the following students who significantly improved on their Autumn score: Pravan D, Aarmeet V, Darush K, Parham B, Isabelle B, Tania G, Trinity M, Mahima S, Abdelrahman A and Priyanka M.

Mr Bridgeman was very keen to highlight some of the great work that is being produced in GCSE IMedia and GCSE Computing...

#### YEAR 10 IMEDIA

The Year 10 ICT students have been very busy this half term, working on their first iMedia controlled assessment. The students have responded very well to the challenge of working to the brief set. They have had to brush up their multimedia skills in order to tackle their assessment and have been improving their image, sound and video editing skills, producing some impressive results. The highlight was the truly terrifying horror movie trailers created in a sound editing program called Audacity. The students will be completing the assessment half term and Mr Parsons and I are so pleased with the work that they have done that it seems unfair to single out an individual student - bravo, Year 10!

#### YEAR 10 COMPUTING

In Computing, the focus this term has been on building students' programming skills. It has been pleasing to see how much the students' confidence has increased over the last few weeks in this challenging part of the GCSE. A big well done to Connor M, who has made particularly impressive progress in this time. As always in Computing, a number of students have shown a real enthusiasm and aptitude for programming, showing high standards of achievement. Well done to this group of fantastic computer scientists, who include Charlie H, Emile KC, Sara A and Christophe J. Computer Science is all about solving problems and this is the next focus for Year 10 - learning to solve problems using computational thinking.

Overall then, as an excellent spring term for Year 10 draws to end, we are hoping that they can carry this momentum into the last term of the academic year to scale even greater heights!

# Year group in focus - 9 - Mr Jerry Crawford

Year 9 completed an immersion day delivered by 'Prison me no way' in March, which was well received by all and a great experience for the students.

Those studying Mandarin look forward to their MEP trip to China later on this term, where they will visit Shanghai and take part in a multitude of different cultural activities as well an opportunity to hone their language skills.

Year 9's have received their GCSE options choices now and I am sure they are looking forward to starting these.

As a Year group Year 9 have received a total of 7655 Stickers, with special mention to the highest amount of stickers earned by Sienna S, Harri S, Phoebe L, Lovemore M, and Priyana K. Lots of Gold, Platinum and even some Diamond awards being given out this term – well done Year 9.

#### Sixth Form - Ms Suzie Green

Throughout the Spring Term the sixth form has celebrated a number of student projects and successes. In January we welcomed year 13 back to school after study leave for their mock exams; we have been working with them and supporting them to begin preparing for their final examinations this summer. They have been such an amazing, diverse and exciting year group to work with – we cannot quite believe we are preparing for their exams, last day and prom.

Just before Easter we celebrated an Iftar – the largest ever student led event at the school. Almost 200 students and staff came together on a Friday evening to witness the beauty of Islam, and share in the experiences of our Muslim students. The newly appointed head student team have been going from strength to strength; they have organised celebrations for Holi and Vasaki, as well as Reggae month and launching the new 'inspirational person of the month' initiative. They have held events for wellbeing week, happiness day and the environment, as well as celebrating BSL awareness week and anti-bullying week.

The sixth form have already raised around £600 for charity since September, and have done things to support five different charities, each of which means something personal to a member of the sixth form. Our academic mentoring scheme is well underway, with around 30 year 11 students receiving after school tuition from year 12 students. Our students are volunteering to support the main school transition programme by visiting local primary schools, and are continuing to build connections with students of all year groups. February saw a dragons den competition: local entrepreneur Mr James Ison sponsored and judged a dragons den competition in which four students won sponsorship to start their business and mentoring calls with him; we wish them success with their ventures.

Our Post 16 football team recently celebrated a 4-2 win against Cardinal Wiseman, securing them a place in the quarter final of the Coventry Post 16 schools cup, and we are pleased to see the Badminton and table tennis teams go from strength to strength. The next Post 16 trip to Uganda has been launched, and will run in October 2024; the students planning to attend have started to plan their ventures and fundraising. Our students have had the opportunity to attend abroad and local trips to over 30 destinations this term, ranging from Warwick University to Amsterdam. We hope the students have enjoyed the spring term and we look forward to see what the summer brings.

# **Safeguarding**

If you would like to report an issue regarding sexual harassment, please use the email address below:

#### dsl@finhampark.co.uk

Someone from the safeguarding team will get in touch with you to discuss your concerns in more detail.

Or if you want to report abuse anonymously so we can be made aware of areas you feel uncomfortable around school, please scan this QR code opposite.



#### **Key upcoming dates:**

#### May 2024:

Year 7/8 in class exams

Year 13 Leavers Day (Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May)

Year 11 Exam leave starts (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – after

AM English Literature exam)

Year 11 GCSE exams start

Year 13 Level 3 exams start

#### June 2024:

Year 9 Progress checks and reports

Year 10 parents evening

Year 10 Exams

Year 12 Progression exams start

Year 13 Prom

#### **Key upcoming dates:**

#### July 2024:

Year 11 Leavers assembly

Year 11 Prom

Year 7-10 Sports Day

Year 7,8,9 and 12 Progress checks and reports

Year 10 and 12 Exam results released

Finham Fest

#### **August 2024:**

Year 13 Level 3 (inc A Levels) Results day (15<sup>th</sup>

Year 12 Level 2 (inc GCSE) Results day (22<sup>nd</sup> August)

#### Our website in focus....

Our new website has a function built within it that enables you to subscribe to our calendar. You will then have live access to key dates and information that can sit within any online calendar you may use (Google calendar ,Outlook etc).

This can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

Finham Park School online calendar

# We are keen to ensure contact details for parents/carers are correct.

If you have moved house or changed your telephone number or email address, do please let us know. It is important that we are able to make contact with you. Thank you.

fpsreception@finhampark.co.uk

# **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Kooth is a free, safe and anonymous online wellbeing service for children and young people. Young people using the site are able to access a range of support services including one-to-one counselling sessions, discussing issues with their peers through online discussion boards that are fully moderated, reading and contributing to self-help content and recording their feelings via journals and goal trackers. The online nature of Kooth means that young people can access help in a way that is most suitable for them, at a time that is convenient for them, 365 days of the year.

https://www.kooth.com/

# Attendance messages – Mr C Thompson

Thank you for supporting us encouraging your child to be in school and on time, this is having a positive impact on student learning.

We're pleased to announce that Finham Park has introduced a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school or if you need to send us a general message regarding holidays, medical appointments, lateness etc.

We will also be using Studybugs to keep you updated on your child's attendance and other important information at points throughout the year. Please use the link below to download Studybugs.

https://studybugs.com/about/parents

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	EXCELLENT
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	SATISFACTORY
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	POOR
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	UNACCEPTABLE
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	UNACCEPTABLE
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	UNACCEPTABLE

# Prison Me! No Way!

PMNW is a national educational charity established by ex-prison officers in 1993, whose core aim is to raise awareness among young people about the causes, consequences and penalties of crime. The No Way Trust provides real-life learning experiences for children and young people between 8 and 18, to help reduce risky behaviour and prevent them from becoming involved in crime. They came to our school on Friday 8th March 2024. It was outstanding!

In the First Aid in the Prison workshop by Prison Me
No Way, I learned valuable skills that could save lives
in urgent situations. The training taught us how to
assess injuries, give CPR, and use first aid equipment
like the defibrillator. I now feel more confident on how
to respond to medical emergencies not only in the
prison setting but also in everyday life. By learning
about this it increased my awareness of the
importance of being prepared and equipped to help
others in emergency situations

Experiencing a prison cell at the Prison Me No Way day was both eye-opening and impactful.

By Karam and Sohail





# Prison! Me! No Way! By Jess and Cherry

The first thing we did was we had an assembly during mentor time. It was an introduction to the prison me no way.

During the first period we went to a class room and a guy came in and talked about first aid. He talked a lot about first aid and had a pretend body we practised CPR on.

Second period we went into the theatre and 2 guys talked to us about prison life, then one of them took us to a van which had a prison cell in it. In the van, it's actually what a real prison cell looks like. Then we learned about what equipment prisoners use for eating and daily routine; it was like some soft plastic equipment for example: soft spoon, soft bowl, soft toothbrush... So they can't hurt themselves with those items.

After break we went to another classroom where a lady talked to us about county lines. She told us about how it happens and who people target for sending drugs and what happens in it. People who normally are targeted to send drugs are young people, they can even be 7 year olds! She then told us about the consequences of it.

County lines is where people transport illegal drugs all over the country using county lines.

4th period we went to the venue and an ex-prisoner came and talked to us about his experiences and what happened to him when he was our age and older.

After lunch/last period we went to another classroom and a man talked to us about knife crime. He then showed us some videos about people who have had past experiences with people who have experienced knife crime.

Overall it was a nice day, the stuff we learnt was very interesting and useful for our lives.

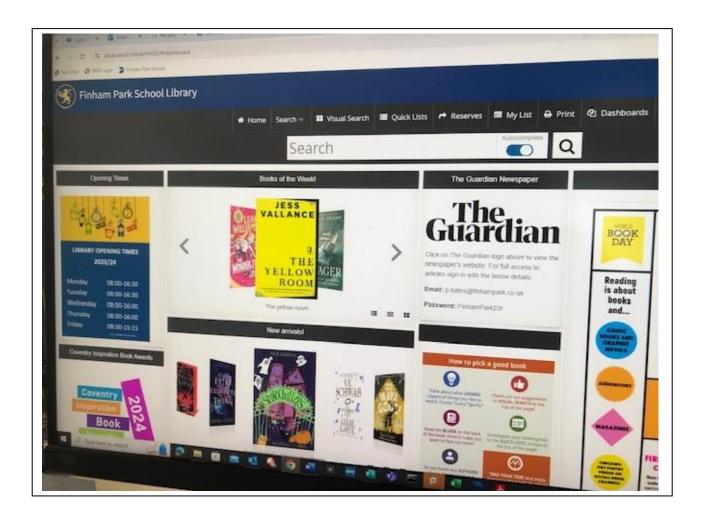


# **Message from the Library**

We have launched a brand-new Library Management System, Accessit! This is available to you, as both a web and phone app.

It's very user friendly and contains lots of exciting and useful features, including books of the week, reading lists, online magazine and newspaper subscriptions, reviews and of course the full FPS library catalogue.

Why not login via the web address or QR code, shown on the 'Welcome to the new Library catalogue' flyer and take a look.



# Welcome to our new Library catalogue

#### How to use





Watch demonstration for how to best use the system



Explore the displays for our books of the week



Quick lists provide various reading lists for inspiration

# Access to web app

Our new online dashboard allows you to search our catalogue, check out library news, make reading lists and check your account. As guests, parents can explore the catalogue and view library news.

Use your school login details to login on to https://uk.accessit.online/fnh00 (link can also be found on Frog) or by scanning the below QR code.



# Access to phone app

Through the phone app you can explore the catalogue as a guest, and when logged in you can check your account, reserve books and create reading lists.

Go to your app store on your phone - search for Accessit - download the app - open the app and scan the this QR code.

To log in to this you will need your borrower number (which can be found when you login to the web app) and your school login password.

If you have any questions, or need help with accessing the system, please pop into the Library or email p.bates@finhampark.co.uk or z.hogg@finhampark.co.uk

# **Andalucia Trip**

Sixth Form students have had the amazing opportunity to spend 5 great days in Andalucia, in the south of Spain, where they put their Spanish skills into practice in a range of fantastic contexts that they don't get in the classroom! Students met their pen-pals in our partner school in Cadiz and we visited the beautiful cities of Malaga and Cordoba. It has been a pleasure to see them improving their level and confidence in the language by attending lessons with their Spanish friends, trying traditional food like tapas and experiencing the culture first hand by watching a flamenco show. Miss Malin and Mrs Lopez were super proud to see them getting out of their comfort zone and being the absolute best version of themselves during this enriching experience.







# The National British Biology Olympiad competition

February 2024, 14 Year 13 Biologists took part in the National British Biology Olympiad competition; an advanced problem solving competition, where they competed against over 15,000 students from over 900 schools worldwide. They all did superbly well, with very little preparation beforehand! Five students received a bronze or silver award, with the silver award students achieving scores in the top 15% of all applicants. We are very proud of them all.



# **Finham Park Media Arts:**

A busy term in Film and Media, with a trip to Pinewood Studios for a conference on Careers in Film for Year 10/12/13 and a trip for Year 7/9 to Warner Bros Studios, where we learnt how the Harry Potter books were brought to the screen. Our CovCreative Film Festival preparations are also well under way, and presented in Parliament thanks to UNESCO's involvement in our documentary section of the competition (which is open to anyone, so get your entries in! Details on the website: <a href="https://finhampark.com/news/covcreative-film-festival/">https://finhampark.com/news/covcreative-film-festival/</a>). Finally several of our students have had amazing opportunities to work on professional video shoots, working with local companies as well as ex-students to create some amazing film work. The highlight was two of our Year 13 students, Izzy and Payam, working with ex-student Torrin Andrews on a short film for West Midlands Police on changing the narrative about young people in society.







# **Finham Park Media Arts (cont):**

Extra-curricular activities continue to go from strength to strength too. Next year's GCSE Film students have been getting together every Thursday to learn the rudiments of film-making after school, while Film Lab continues to be popular with Year 7-9 students on Tuesdays, especially as several of them are creating documentaries for the UNESCO competition. Finally, the term finished on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March with a Stage Combat masterclass from Film Stunt professional Raph Aldis, who taught students how to safely devise, choreograph and film real life combat situations. Can't wait to see their next action films!!



# **Drama Exam Success!**

It's been another exceptionally busy term in the Drama Department at Finham Park School, full of trips, talent and triumphs!

The greatest of which, has to be the outstanding exam performances from our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students.

Year 10 created their own devised work on the theme of Discrimination, and Year 12 on the concept of Human Rights. They researched, scripted, blocked and performed their persuasive and passionate pieces to a wowed audience in January. Y11 and 13 took on script work, and performed monologues and scenes from plays such as Girls Like That, How to Disappear and The Long Road, considering voice, character and non-verbal communication. All students gave 100% and were an absolute credit to the department, and the whole school. Congratulations to all involved!

Don't forget: Drama club has now started for KS3 students, Tuesdays 3.15-4pm, A11- come along and develop your drama skills!









# **Annual Iftar event**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Finham Park School held the 2nd Annual Iftar Event, the largest student-led event in the school's history, aimed to showcase Islam and promote unity among both Muslims and non-Muslims. We truly appreciate all the volunteers, guests, and especially non-Muslim attendees for their support and participation. Our special thanks are extended to Ms. Suzie Green for her guidance throughout the year-long planning. The Event raised around £350 for a charity called Rahma (Mercy) and will be sent to their orphan programme. We hope this is the beginning of continuing such traditions and fostering understanding among different faiths, as well as an inspiration for students of other backgrounds to come forward and showcase their culture in similar events. Organising this Event has been one of the highlights of our time in school and an experience we will never forget. Thank you all, for making this possible, and for celebrating with us what is an important part of two billion people's lives. This was the best way to end our time at Finham and we are delighted to have shared it with all of you.

Aadam, Salma, Muskaan, Tarek & Maariyah

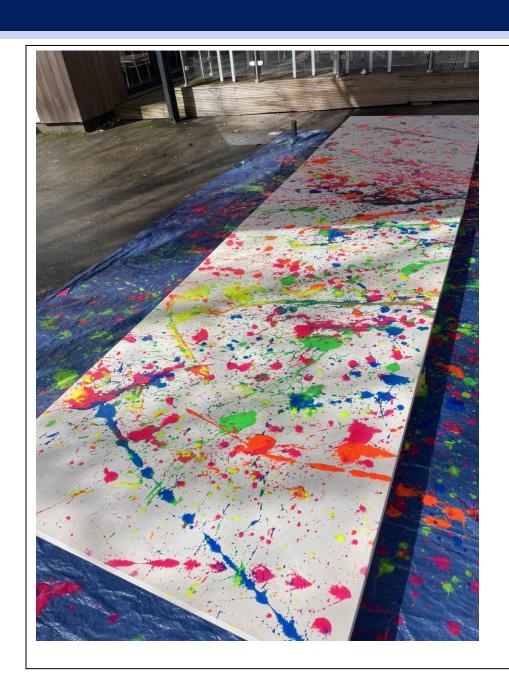






## Hindu festival of 'Holi' - a students perspective

We had the wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Hindu festival 'Holi' in school on Tuesday. Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love, and Spring. During Holi, many Hindus across the world will come together to celebrate by throwing coloured paint and powder. At break and lunchtimes students were invited by the culture team to throw coloured paints at our canvas in our own way of capturing the essence of the festival. The event concluded with a beautiful piece of artwork which will be hung in the school canteen.



Students of year 12 and year 13 recently had the opportunity to attend a Philosophy and Ethics talk at Coventry Cathedral with renowned speaker Peter Vardy. The trip was an enlightening experience for all who attended. The discussions throughout the trip were thought-provoking and educational, allowing students to gain a deeper understanding of how different cultures approach complex issues surrounding morality and ethics. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for students to broaden their horizons and expand their knowledge in a way that will stay with them for a long time to come. Mrs Crawford





In February we celebrated National Apprenticeship Week by inviting former Finham Park Students to deliver assemblies and come into lessons to talk about their career pathways and progression.

Amongst our visitors was Will Barnett, who is an Advanced Assistant Apprenticeship in Procurement at Siemens-Energy and is about to embark on his Level 3 Chartered Institute Procurement & Supply Qualification.

His advice to students was: to research all opportunities, `I applied to several apprenticeships and Siemens Energy took my eye as it looked interesting. I went through quite a long interview process which was a key experience as I had not been in a proper interview before; it was very competitive as apprenticeships are very sort after nowadays.'

Warwickshire College Group delivered an excellent apprenticeship event to our Y11 students introducing them to their provision in many departments: for example engineering, construction, hospitality, in addition to a talk on apprenticeships and the new Technical Level Qualifications.

Many thanks to Mark, Archie and all their teaching colleagues for holding a very engaging event which was very well received.

Ryan, our School Liaison Officer, came into our Curriculum Enhancement Class to introduce Coventry College, their learning programmes and give valuable advice on their open events, when and how to apply and progression routes.





# Careers continued..... Mrs Jo Hooke

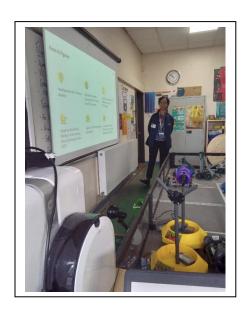
Mr Lawrie and I accompanied students to the Apprenticeship Event held at the CBS Arena where we met another of our former students, Ollie, who started as an apprentice with MTC Engineering and is now the company's STEM Ambassador and supports our Careers Events and Activities.

During National Careers Week, we had visits from CID, the hospitality industry, Rolls Royce, the RAF, a senior Crown Service Prosecutor and Shari, from Kapsch, a local engineering company. Shari delivered an assembly to our students and came into a German class, to raise awareness of the importance of studying modern foreign languages, so highly regarded in the workplace.

Shari was particularly encouraged by our school's engineering lessons and the interest of our female students in this career...which led to one of the learners being invited to a work experience placement with the company.

A huge thanks to all the employers, their members of staff, apprentices, training providers and our students who supported our career events this year and their ongoing commitment to our future careers education.





# FROM MR AMOS AND THE PE DEPARTMENT



# **Coventry Flame of Freindship**

The flame of friendship was launched at Coventry Cathedral. Two Finham students took centre stage. Hester (Y7), was able to hold the torch she made. Amelie (Y11) was the first student to start the torch relay. It will now be taken to 61 schools around Coventry.

#### Ski trip 2024

61 students from Year 8 to 13 had an amazing time skiing over the half term in Austria, Nassfeld. Throughout the trip the hotel staff and ski instructors commented how well behaved our students were. All students showed great teamwork and perseverance. The next Ski trip (February 2026), to the same resort, will be launched in October.



# **Year 10 PE Activities**

We have given students opportunities to learn and try different sports/ physical activities. These include: boxing, Gaelic football, ultimate Frisbee, stretch and mobility, yoga, American football and Lacrosse, which are delivered by Warwick university students. We have also had guest speakers delivering talks on first aid, Coppafeel (breast cancer awareness) and Oddballs (Testicular Cancer).

#### **SPORTS STARS OF THE FUTURE.**

In all future newsletters we will feature one student to share their amazing sporting talents. I would like to celebrate many more students for outside of school sporting achievements. Please email <a href="mailto:m.amos@finhampark.co.uk">m.amos@finhampark.co.uk</a> to share student success stories.

#### **Trinity Mander - Year 10**

Trinity has been playing football for 3 years, she started playing for her Saturday team Coventry united FC, where the team won the league in two successive years, U14 championship leading goal scorer in league, U13 championship runner up goal scorer in league. Trinity now plays for Coventry Sphinx in the Central Warwickshire girls league premier division & is challenging for the league & golden boot again.

Trinity also enjoyed playing Sunday football, last year for a boys' team Meriden Lions and Hunchwood Ladies – she also trains with the CCFC U15 JPL boy's squad.

She trialled for England's Lionesses through the Emerging Talent Camp where she trains every Friday and made it through to the National Future Lioness program. Trinity represented and captained several games for the Emerging Talent squad over the last two seasons. She has successfully been selected to the International Children's Games 2024 in Leon, Mexico – representing the country for Coventry City team.

Trinity's ambition is to play for the England women's team. Who knows where she will be next season!





#### **Further student success:**

- Well done to Samuel Woodward (Y10), who raised £667 for Myton Hospice. He completed a 2.5 mile swim on February 24th. Such a great effort.
- Ignas Futerski (Y8) took part in BJJ National Competition and did amazingly well to win a silver medal.
- Well done to Amelie Perkins (Y11) who competed in the senior women's European water polo Championships. She was the youngest performer at the Championships.
- Well done to Josh Gardner (Y11), who will be representing England U16 team in golf at La Galiana Golf Resort in Valencia in April
- Well done to Kieret Bassi (Y8) who finished 3rd in the British Nationals Judo Championships
- Well done to the following students who took part in the ITFU British
   Championships in taekwondo, all winning medallists: Evie McGinnity (Y8); Eddie
   McGinnity (Y7) Rose Healy (Y9); Kobi Tizick (Y9), Tzion Tizick (Y13) & Aniela Kesler
   (Y13).
- Well done to Jailen Tennant (Y7), who competed in Karate in Belgium and won a Gold medal as part of his team.
- Well done to Reuben Martin (Y9), who competed at the English Schools National Judo Championships. He finished 4<sup>th</sup>, narrowly missing the bronze medal in the 50kg division.
- Well done to Isobelle Watkins (Y7) She competes in artistic (synchronised) swimming. She competed at the National age group Championships winning a team Gold



# **Sporting News**

- The Y7, 8,11 and post 16 boys football teams have all made it through to the semi-finals of the Coventry Cups.
- The year 11 football team have made it to the semi-final of the Coventry Telegraph cup.
- Well done to the KS & 4 badminton teams, who remain unbeaten this year.
- Well done to the KS3 basketball team, who only lost once this year and narrowly missed out qualifying for the Coventry school's play-offs.
- Finham hosted the year 8 girls Coventry schools netball competition.
- 40 students have signed up for archery lessons for the summer term.
- Well done to the year 8 indoor athletics team, who competed at the County Finals. The boys finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall and girls finished 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 130 students represented the school in the 'Derby' against Bishop Ullathone. Unfortunately we lost again.
- After Easter we are getting a Boccia disabilities coach in to give taster lessons to a groups of year 9 students.
- Well done to the year 7 netball team for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Coventry school's netball tournament.
- The department have bought two new trampolines. We hope to start a Coventry schools trampolining league next year.
- Over 240 students were involved in the bi-annual sports photos.