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Dear Parents/Carers

What a busy half term we have had. It feels like just yesterday we were in January at the start of 2023.

We have had such a 'stop-start' term with strikes and bank holidays that sometimes it has felt hard to get the momentum going but in spite of the challenges, we have been motoring forwards.

I have been impressed by the attitude and commitment of the vast majority of our year 11s and year 13s as they have embarked on this exam season and it has been pleasing to see many feel increasing confidence as the exams go on. We all wish them the very best with their final stages of revision and final exams after half term. Year 11 will go on official study leave from Wednesday June 14th (just 8 school days after half-term to go) and we welcome them back for their prom on Thursday July 13th. Information about the revision sessions for this half-term has been sent so we look forward to seeing as many year 11s attend this last-minute revision to give you the extra push! If you have any queries about the revision schedule for year 11 or 13 this May half-term please email Mrs Saddler sam.saddler@nba.e-act.org.uk

We have been busy in other areas of school life too, there have been plenty of trips including the 'Woodland trip' for our sports studies students and guest speakers invited in to support our personal development curriculum as well as a drama troupe who came in to perform An Inspector Calls for all of our year 10 cohort.

- We are also pleased to announce Year 11 students (Shahed Dayfallah and Nahwa El Barini) won the national Arabic speaking competition organised by the British Council last February a fantastic achievement – we are very proud of you!
- We successfully put on the production of High School Musical that has made the finals of the Columba Trophy
- There has been a KS4/5 reward trip to watch 'Heathers' the musical
- Year 10 football team have made the final of the New Horizon's Tournament
- Year 11 have been on a geography field trip
- Our sixth form students have started mentoring our year 7 students with our reading mentoring programme

These are just some of the wonderful activities and events that have been taking place over the last half term and we have much more planned!



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Next half term, we welcome back the pre-Covid tradition of holding our whole school sports day event at Alexandra Stadium on Tuesday 27th June which we are all really excited about. We also have further trips, sporting and performing arts events planned as well as our series of year 6 transition days welcoming our new expanded year 7 cohort who we met at Friendship evening this week which was a wonderful event.

Finally, as the sun is shining, I wish you all a safe and happy half-term and thank you all for your continued support of the Academy as we continue to drive towards our shared vision.

Best wishes



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