



Inside Kingshurst

Table Tennis (!) outside Shake-
speare's Birthplace, Stratford



Special 'Opps'

Providing opportunities to our students is of paramount importance to the Academy, and this year has continued to provide wider ranging experiences that have included breadth of educational visits up and down the length of the country (with the tantalising international opportunities of visiting New York and Paris in place for the following academic year). The purpose of providing these opportunities enable us to support the important work of seeking to enhance pupils' cultural capital and broaden their school experience. The 20 visits organised so far this year have supported over 600 students to participate in academic (Climate Conference), performing arts (Shakespeare in Schools Festival) and sporting competitions (Street Dance Showcase), facilitated completion of course related field work (Stratford Upon Avon), supported days of international remembrance (Holocaust Memorial Day, Solihull Civic Centre) and enabled students to gain information, advice and guidance to guide their careers (UCAS Discovery Exhibition) amongst numerous other educational visits.

This commitment to offering diverse and enriching experiences beyond the classroom have provided additional avenues for pupils to explore their interests and develop new skills and supports the work of the extra curricular provision of over 25 different clubs that have also run throughout the course of the year. Well done to all of our brilliant student for representing the Academy in such an amazing manner and for throwing themselves into trying new activities or committing to furtherment in training hard in order to improve within their chosen sports and activities.

Carding Mill Valley, Shropshire



Sports Awards Evening 2023



Last Wednesday evening saw a packed Main Hall in celebration of the achievements by all of our dancers and sports participants. Students, parents, carers and staff filled the venue to listen to Principal, Mrs Crehan and Head of Faculty for Sport and Outdoor Learning, Mrs Lowe, introduce the event before having the privilege of handing over to Abbi Jenner, a former TGAK student who had signed a professional contract for Birmingham City Football Club on 1st July this year as a product of their long and distinguished participation within the sport throughout the whole of their time at the Academy and beyond. This is an absolutely incredible achievement, and one that Abbi is utterly deserving of. We

can't thank Abbi enough for taking time out of her training to support this year's Sports Awards Evening event.

Each team manager addressed the audience and spoke passionately about their respective teams, bestowing each of them with a medal and awarding specific group members for their respective leadership, performance, teamwork or improvement over the course of the year, much to the delight from their peers, recognising why each was deserving of their award. Many thanks in addition to Mr Carrington for his work as chief photographer for the evening.



Fun Sporting Fact: Tennis

The Wimbledon Championships is the largest single sporting catering operation in Europe. Famous for its strawberries and cream, spectators eat nearly **200,000** servings of these in the two-weeks of the event!

Representative Teams and Groups Celebrated:

- Year 7 Boys Football Team – Staff Lead: Mr. Stevens
- Year 8 Boys Football Team – Mr. McEvoy
- Year 9 Boys Football Team – Mr. Hinsley
- Year 10 Football Team – Mr. Hinsley
- U16 Girls Football Team – Mrs. Lowe
- School Games Table Tennis Squad – Mr. Stevens
- School Games Trampoline – Miss Reynolds
- School Games Diamond Athletics – Mr. Stevens
- School Games Indoor Rowing – Miss Reynolds
- School Games Super Sixes Athletics – Mr. Stevens
- Year 7 and 8 Dance – Mrs. Norris
- Year 9 Dance – Mr. Venson
- Year 10 Dance – Mr. Venson

Special Awards

- Commitment to PE Award: **Poppy Storer**
- Commitment to Extra-Curricular: **Kyle Andrews**
- Special Recognition Award: **Brad Willetts**
- Team of the Year Award: **Year 7 and 8 Street Dance Team**
- Sports Personality of the Year 2023: **Tianna Moyens**

Summer Term End — Just a polite reminder that the summer term ends on Monday 24th July. **Students are therefore required to attend on Monday 24th July and will break up on this day** (full details to be confirmed).

Autumn Term Start — **ALL students will return on Wednesday 6th September for the start of the Autumn Term.** The new Yr7 and new Yr12 students will attend an induction day on Tuesday 5th September. Once again, full details will be shared prior to this date to clarify arrangements.



National Online Safety: Summer Safety — With the school summer holidays only a matter of days away, many parents and carers will already be planning outings and activities to keep their young ones entertained. In between those special summer moments, though, there are also likely to be occasions when children happily invest a whole afternoon in Among Us or spend most of their Monday on Minecraft. As young people's screen time almost inevitably increases over the holidays, parents like to feel confident that their child will stay safe while they're exploring the digital world. Please refer to Page 2 for more information.

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

