

Spectrum Centre; 'Area of Excellence' award

Following our recent Challenge Partners review, the academy is delighted to announce that our Spectrum Centre has been once again accredited as an "Area of Excellence" for the work that they do. Congratulations to the staff and students on this well deserved accolade:

"The centre excels in transitioning students into mainstream education using a 'school-within-a-school' model. This excellence is built into the infrastructure rather than relying on specific individuals. Practice is sustained through institutional frameworks, collaborative governance, internal quality assurance and external validation. Professional alignment is maintained through partnerships and continuous benchmarking against NASEN and Chartered College of Teachers research."



'Golden Ticket' Award for 100% Attendance

We have launched a new attendance initiative to boost academy attendance. 'Golden Ticket Friday' has been very popular with students and it has helped to raise awareness about the importance of school attendance for students in all year groups.



With this new initiative, students who achieve 100% attendance for a week are rewarded with a golden ticket which is issued to them by their form tutor on the following Friday.

At the end of module 4, instead of having our normal college assemblies we had a week of year group assemblies where there were prize draws for the students who had achieved golden tickets for 100% attendance. Some of the prizes included Bluewater giftcards, cinema vouchers, restaurant vouchers, cakes, doughnuts and chocolates.

Annual Raspberry Pi Coding Challenge

We are absolutely delighted to celebrate the incredible achievements of Mason, Markus, Freddie, Riley, and Marshall, who stepped up to the plate for this year's Raspberry Pi Foundation Coding Challenge!

These talented students showcased amazing creativity, logic, and problem-solving skills as they tackled complex digital puzzles. We are so proud of their dedication to mastering the language of the future.



Additional congratulations are extended to Freddie, who managed to achieve a Gold certificate - ranking him in the top 10% of participants nationally.



Ski Trip 2026

Our recent Academy ski trip to Bormio was an absolutely amazing experience and easily one of the best trips we have been on. From start to finish everything was well organised by Ski Team 4 and we were so well looked after at the hotel. The resort itself was fantastic, with beautiful mountain views and a great range of slopes that suited all abilities, from beginners to more experienced skiers.



The skiing was definitely the highlight of the trip. The instructors were really helpful and made sure everyone improved throughout the week, while still having fun. Whether it was people learning for the first time or building on their skills, everyone made clear progress and gained confidence on the slopes. The highest piste was 3,000m above sea level and almost all students managed to ski from the top by day 3! This was an incredible achievement and showed such great perseverance. We were also really lucky with the ski and weather conditions with bright blue skies and sunshine - making the trip even more enjoyable.

Aside from skiing, the overall atmosphere of the trip was brilliant. Everyone got along well, and there was a really positive

atmosphere. In the evenings, students took part in a range of activities including Task Master, an Easter Egg hunt and quizzes. This made the trip not just about skiing, but also about spending time with friends and making new memories.



Overall, the Bormio ski trip was a huge success. Everyone had a fantastic time, and it is clear that it was an unforgettable experience for all students involved. It combined great skiing, a brilliant location, and an excellent group atmosphere, making it a truly magnificent trip that we would all highly recommend. Well done to all of the 42 students who attended the trip and a special thanks must go to the amazing members of staff that came along and made it all possible: Mrs Hurt, Mrs Melbourne, Mr Booker-Keep, Miss Jones and Mr Rutherford.



We will soon be booking our Academy Ski trip 2027 so please keep an eye out for Ski Trip 2027 letters in early June.

Elevation-X Workshops

Our budding engineers had a fantastic time this week during a series of hands-on science workshops led by the experts at Elevation X. The sessions challenged students to think like structural engineers as they designed and constructed towers capable of withstanding various external forces. Our students demonstrated incredible teamwork and problem-solving skills. It was inspiring to see such creative designs rise to the challenge!



A huge thank you to Elevation X for bringing the world of physics and structural integrity to life in such an engaging, high-energy way.



Upcoming events

- ~~20/4/26~~ Start of Module 5
- ~~23/4/26~~ Year 11 Information Event (in-person)
- ~~30/4/26~~ Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening (in-person)
- 22/5/26 - End of Module 5

View the [academy term dates](#) on our website

Academy Notices

A reminder for years 11 and 13; ensure that you make the most of the interventions being offered! Half Term School will run from Tuesday 26th May to Friday 29th May. *Schedule to follow from Mrs Shanthan.*

Good luck to everyone in their exams!

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