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'And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith' . Hebrews 12 verse 1.

I have experienced first-hand, the perseverance of our staff and students these past nine months which has led to significant improvements this year.

It was my privilege to present these key headline improvements at the Academy Council meeting on Thursday (11.07.24). Both Trusts were in attendance to celebrate the successes and for TPAT to take the baton to run the next exciting lap in this marathon to flourish.

Next week, will be the last newsletter written during my tenure as headteacher with many heartfelt thanks and a summary of the key headline improvements.

Attendance (POAP 3 and 4) F Woodfield

It has been wonderful to see and hear about so many brilliant activities in school, everything from The Deanery mock general election, a fully inclusive sports day, career interviews, launch pad, MFL football, Year 10 mocks, Thorpe Park to College visits and much more. I strongly believe that these experiences contribute to our attendance figures increasing. Our students want to be here to enjoy their learning, new experiences and friendships.

Pastoral (POAP 1 and 5) S Parry

This week a group of Year 9 students were involved in a business launch pad group. Students had a fantastic time developing their business skills. We also had the results in from the Deanery mock election, with Labour winning in school as well as nationally. Keep an eye out for more information about these events in the next edition of the school newsletter.

In preparation for next year, you will have received a letter confirming the uniform policy. There are no significant changes to the school uniform as students look smart and ready to learn. However, one change will be the removal of black trainers from the uniform policy. Students will be expected to be wearing black shoes to school.



Sports Day (POAP 1 and 4) D Harmer

Sports day was another huge success with the whole school off timetable for the day to get involved in a variety of practical and classroom-based career sessions to celebrate all things good about sport and to get the whole school community together. There were a total of 30 school records broken by students across the 4 year groups in the track and field events which demonstrates the high standards on show during the course of the day. The winning house will be announced in student celebration assemblies next week.

DoE(POAP 4)

Last weekend saw the very first Bronze Award qualifying expedition for The Deanery take place in Savernake Forest. The participants saw almost every type of weather and navigated their way through some challenging areas. They all showed great determination and resilience, and we are very proud of them all. All participants passed their expedition section which for some means they have now completed their Bronze Award, with many more scheduled to complete over the next few weeks. Thank you to our wonderful staff team and to Mr Chris Watts (Academy Council member) who enabled this amazing experience to take place. Thank you also for your unwavering support to help our young people succeed. Y9 students can now enrol on their Bronze Award, with the expedition scheduled for T1 next year, and Y8 pupils can enrol once they start Y9 in September. Keep your eyes open for emails and notices about this soon.

Car Parking- C Watts (AC member)

Some of you will have noticed that the yellow lines outside of school have been repainted this week; this is part of the School Safe Environment Zone work led by SBC and our Campus Travel Action Group. The new zone arrangements for the campus car park are now in effect and can be found [here](#). Over the summer it is hoped that further improvements to the flow of the car park will be implemented, so please watch out for this next term.

Please can we remind all parents that H&W and Waitrose car parks are not to be used for drop off or pick up unless you are a paying customer of theirs. SBC civil enforcement officers and Wiltshire Police will be increasing their patrols along Peglars Way to ensure the safety of our students, so please ensure you drive and park safely and legally.

I hope you were blessed with a restful weekend,

Kelly Osborne-James

Headteacher

