

SKA WEEKLY

Week 4 – Term 3 2014/15

30th January 2015

SKA CALENDAR

3rd-5th Feb Yrs 11 & 13 Internal Examinations
5th & 12th Feb Year 9 Parent Review Meetings

You may have seen online news reports on Thursday evening that Mr Topliss had gone missing. We are very pleased to say that he has now been found safe and will be returning home. Mr Topliss was signed off by the doctor earlier in the week and is taking some time off to make a full recovery. I would like to thank everyone who has sent us messages of concern and I am sure you will all join us in sending him our warmest wishes of support. We look forward to welcoming Mr Topliss back to the Academy soon.

HOUSE TUTOR GROUP

ATTENDANCE

B1 – 97.3%	N1 – 95.6%
B2 – 95.8%	N2 – 95.7%
B3 – 94.0%	N3 – 93.1%
B4 – 94.0%	N4 – 95.0%
B5 – 94.8%	N5 – 95.7%
D1 – 91.9%	N6 – 95.0%
D2 – 90.8%	N7 – 98.4%
D3 – 93.6%	N8 – 96.2%
D4 – 96.0%	N9 – 95.9%
D5 – 92.1%	N10 – 96.7%
F1 – 96.8%	N11 – 95.6%
F2 – 94.4%	N12 – 86.8%
F3 – 89.1%	N13 – 94.2%
F4 – 90.9%	

AKADEMIA UPDATE

As many of you may already be aware, both staff and students have been using a planner app over the last year as a pilot for both us and Akademia themselves. A number of staff and students provided valuable feedback about its use and how it could be improved. As a result, the app has undergone some development work and there have been two phases of updates. As we were promised, the latest update from Akademia has been launched and features almost all of the aspects we asked for when we gave our feedback last June.

The latest version of Akademia Pro is now available on the app store and includes the following new features:

- **Assignment submission for students**
- **Assignment marking and return to students for teachers**
- **Automated assignment status update**
- **Messaging system**
- **Parent/Carer/Guardian sign off procedure.**
- **Teachers can push ad hoc appointments to the class (e.g. class exams)**

As mentioned, there is now the ability for you as a parent/guardian to digitally sign to say you have seen your child's planner by entering a unique PIN. Once all students have updated the app, we will turn this function on and this will allow you to enter the PIN, telling your child's house tutor that you have seen their Independent Learning for the week. We will be sending out your parent Akademia Pin very shortly so keep an eye out for an email/letter.

Thank you for your help and I hope you enjoy the new app that our students and staff have played a part in developing.

Week 1 TERM 3 – ATTENDANCE

Brunel	95.2%
Newton	94.9%
Darwin	92.7%
Franklin	92.7%

DARWIN HOUSE CELEBRATION

On Monday 26th January, Darwin House held its first ever 'Unsung Heroes' event. The Academy feels that it is important to celebrate the fact that so many students have fantastic attendance records, behave impeccably and try their hardest to be a success. We wanted to recognise these students and to celebrate their achievements with their parents. Students and parents met with members of staff over a cup of tea and cookies. They watched a video, made by Darwin students that celebrated the 'Unsung Heroes' of Darwin. There was a really lovely atmosphere and lots of very proud parents: 'We are so proud of our daughter and it is lovely for her to be recognised for all of her efforts'; 'It is so lovely that the Academy recognises and celebrates the achievements of students who could otherwise go unnoticed'. These were just two of the many positive comments from parents. The event was run as a pilot and because of its success, the other Houses will be running similar events over the next few months. We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate your child's success.

PTFA

- **Quiz Night:** Friday 13th March, 7pm for a 7:30pm start. You are warmly invited to the next PTFA Quiz night, full details have been sent via email today and a letter is available on the Academy website (Parents/Parents Association Section).
- Minutes of the last PTFA Committee Meeting are also available on the website, Parents Association section.
- Thank you to everyone who has signed up to www.easyfundraising.org.uk . Please remember this is an online shopping portal/website, which connects to major brand retailers and every time you shop through it, money is raised for the Academy. Sign up today to help raise further income.
- Second hand uniform – the PTFA would like to start a second hand uniform shop, so if you have any unwanted items please send them in to the Academy for the attention of Mrs Marden, marked 'PTFA – 2nd hand uniform'.

NEW APP FOR ARRIVA BUSES

The Arriva Bus Company has launched a new app for phones and tablets. It is a useful tool for journeys to and from the Academy, as well as around Tunbridge Wells during the weekends and holidays. It has a number of features including timetables and routes plus a live map which shows where buses are in Tunbridge Wells and if they are running on time. Click here for a demo on how it works.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXBP1ArRjFY>

