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ACADEMY

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Dear parent/carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Thank you to those of you who have already completed the Edurio survey. The voice of our parents and carers is very important as we believe that meaningful and constructive feedback will help us to improve our provision further.

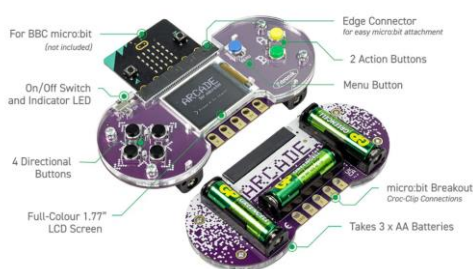
**The survey will close on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024** so is still available for you to complete. **It should take no more than 15 minutes. Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated. Please click on this link if you wish to complete the survey** [Edurio](#)

### Full Crew

This week's Full Crew had a deliberate teaching and learning focus. In the build up to our end of year assessment and exams we explored the difference between recalling knowledge and applying knowledge to given scenarios and tasks. We zoomed in on the 'powerful connections' that occur when we link what we already know about a topic with new information we are taught. This process strengthens long term memory and understanding.

### Exciting Curriculum News

A selected group of Year 9 students have been experimenting this week with Kitronik console, a programmable gamepad for students to learn how to code. The feedback from the Year 9s who have had the opportunity to use this device has been very positive and we are now looking forward to incorporating this unit of work into our KS3 curriculum next year.



### End of Year Assessments

Following on from my letter last week, please see below a reminder of the key assessment dates and a link to the revision lists that subject teachers have produced. These will also be posted on Satchel One along with additional resources to support your child's revision. These are also available on our website, please follow the links below:

[Year 7 Assessment Revision List](#)

[Year 8 Assessment Revision List](#)

[Year 9 Assessment Revision List](#)

- Year 7, 8 and 9 end of year assessments will begin week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> June.
- Year 10 and 12 mock exams will begin week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> June

These assessment windows provide our students with the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have acquired throughout the academic year and to apply what they have learned to given scenarios, questions and tasks. The outcomes of these assessments will then determine any gaps in students' knowledge and inform future teacher curriculum planning and interventions.

### **Lexia Reading Programme**

We are delighted with how well the Lexia reading programme has started and the positive reception from our students to this additional provision. Parents of those students currently accessing this programme will receive a separate communication today containing login details so their child can continue to access their Lexia account from home if they wish too.

### **Key Dates**

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June Year 12 Achievement Evening
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Transition Day 1
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June Transition Day 2
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June Pride Festival
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July Additional Inset Day**
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July Summer Spectacular at 6.15 pm
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July Yr8 Achievement Evening
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Celebration Evening
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July End of Summer Term

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards



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