

Open Academy Newsletter – 3 October 2025

Dear parents and carers

This week at the Academy, we have seen democracy in action through our student leader elections. After a series of engaging hustings in assemblies, our students had the opportunity to cast their votes. I am delighted to announce that Leo C and Chakib L (Year 10) have been elected as our Head Students, supported by Elysia C and Caitlyn N (Year 10) as our Deputy Head Students.

It was inspiring to watch each candidate share their vision for the school during the hustings, and I was impressed by the confidence, maturity, and passion they demonstrated. I look forward to working closely with our new student leadership team as we continue to develop and improve the Academy together. My thanks go to Mr Dilley for coordinating and overseeing the process so successfully.

We also welcomed Alice Macdonald MP to the Academy this week. She spent time with us discussing our Academy Improvement Plan and the priorities we are pursuing for the year ahead. Alice will be returning later in the school year to meet again with our student leaders, and I know this will provide an excellent opportunity for them to gain a valuable insight into leadership, democracy, and public service.

In addition, assemblies this week have been led by Miss Wenlock, with a focus on the theme of Harvest Festival. Students have reflected on the importance of thankfulness and generosity, values that lie at the heart of our Christian ethos. It has been a timely reminder that we are called not only to appreciate the blessings in our own lives, but also to share with and support others in our community.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes for the weekend

Dan Bagshaw
Principal



Drama

To celebrate the success of last year's school show, the cast of 'We Will Rock You' had the amazing opportunity to go and see Hamilton at the Norwich Theatre Royal on Tuesday, 30 September.

Joined by a few GCSE music and drama students, it was an absolute pleasure to be able to see an award-winning performance in the company of such brilliantly talented and committed pupils.

Those on the trip were a credit to the Academy and we were even treated to a post-performance talk, which demonstrated all of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes from quick costume changes to multiple sound and lighting cues.

Thank you to all who participated or facilitated to make the trip happen.



Mrs Ormosi
Teacher