

## Principal's Bulletin

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Open Evening this week. The feedback from our local community was overwhelmingly positive—particularly about our wonderful Student Leaders who guided tours and supported activities across subjects. They were fantastic ambassadors for the Open Academy.

A special mention to Poppy and Samuel (Year 7) for assisting with my speech in the hall. They spoke with confidence and real pride in their school; I am very proud of them both.

Last weekend saw a hugely successful Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition. My thanks to Mrs Pearsall for organising and leading the programme, and to all staff who supported. The external assessor commented: "Open learners were notably reflective and respectful. Their training was evident, with sound navigation, campcraft and a purposeful approach to their project. It was a genuine privilege to sign them off."

Moments like these show our values in action—students learning, serving and leading with character.

Finally, a reminder that we have our Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening – Monday 29 September starting at 5.30pm. This important event will support students and families with revision planning, including how to build a realistic timetable, effective study strategies, and ways to stay motivated. We strongly encourage all Year 11 students to attend with a parent/carer.

With best wishes for the weekend!

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Principal