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**Build it
and
they will come.**



THE BULWELL ACADEMY

Principal's
Weekly

with Mr Nash



Another week of firsts at The Bulwell Academy this week—on the pitch, in the classrooms and corridors, and on the stage.

I share in the excitement of my colleagues and the students as we continue to unlock our extracurricular activities' offer with drama, music and now sport. This week our fatalistic female footballers donned their boots in The Centre Venue League. The tournament that pitched their skills and fitness against Fernwood, Bluecoat and Trinity schools was an epic triumph with convincing wins achieved against all three competitors. Winning 3-2, 4-0 and 4-1 consecutively, the girls kicked off the season in style and, depending on results in games being played across the county, should place them in the final next week. Girls from all Year Groups represented the Academy making this an all-through success for us. All players received a free-dinner pass, and the players of the tournament were rewarded with Amazon Gift vouchers. Well done girls. Go get 'em!

As mentioned in one of my previous letters, The Bulwell Academy is fast becoming a beacon for the recruitment of immensely talented teachers, support staff and leaders. We started this academic year with 13 new teammates whose impact on the progress of your children has been immediate. This week we welcomed prospective candidates for positions that we are currently advertising, and I look forward to updating you in the very near future about who secures the privileged position. One of the candidates who I toured the Academy with this week was amazed at the transformation that has taken place since his last visit 4 years ago. He couldn't believe how calm the classrooms were and the focus of students in lessons. The Bulwell Academy has fast become a place where teachers can teach and students can learn—the positive impact on the wellbeing of both is palpable. It is great to watch the confidence of children grow as they are given the platform to engage and contribute to the learning experiences being delivered by our brilliant team.



We held our Open Evening on Thursday; the perfect opportunity to share with prospective students and their families, the remarkable journey that The Bulwell Academy has embarked on. The Bulwell Academy team collaborated to deliver a brilliant event that attracted over 300 guests throughout the evening. Smiles beamed on the faces of both children and adults as they toured the departments taking part in a range of activities from indoor rugby, quizzes, exploding methane bubble demonstrations and for the strong stomached, heart and lung dissections! It was clear that a number of the adult guests were being transported back to their own school days.

Some of the guests are without doubt reading this letter and as such it represented, for me, an opportunity to put faces to the names and voices of parents and carers of children already studying at the Academy. Thank you for your incredibly kind words of support for what the team is achieving. I agree, it is really exciting for all involved.

I also want to say a huge "Thank you" to all the students who gave their time to support the evening by giving tours and helping departments deliver a festival of brilliantly engaging experiences for our guests. They represented the Academy with such maturity and positivity, their manners and enthusiasm were a delight to witness.



Next week we have the most amazing opportunity to, once again, showcase the achievement of staff and students at The Bulwell Academy—on Thursday we will welcome the 25 headteachers, principals, executives and the CEO of Creative Education Trust. It is the first event of its kind of the year and we are incredibly proud to kick-off a season of such like events that will allow leaders across the Trust to collaborate and share best practice and brilliant resources.

I look forward to updating you on the success of this event next week and, until then, I wish you all a lovely and hopefully dry weekend with family and friends.