

**Friday 8 October 2021**

**A school  
on a  
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THE BULWELL ACADEMY

**Principal's  
Weekly**



*with Mr Nash*

Here ends another exciting week for The Bulwell Academy, a school on a truly remarkable journey. Today it was an absolute pleasure listening to the Year Managers praise their students for their achievements with respect to attendance. Children with exemplary attendance are so much more likely to become adults who live happy lives full of opportunity and choice.

Our Year Managers have been working very closely with all students and their families to ensure that fantastic school attendance is a top priority, and today the fruits of their labour have come to fruition. Children received gift vouchers, dinner vouchers and warm rounds of applause for their achievements so far.

Our talented girls' football team donned their boots once again this week in their bid to bring home the trophy. After securing convincing wins against Djanogly and Emmanuel, they just fell short against Trinity in the final, losing 2-1. The girls received their medals and many of them wore them with pride around the Academy today. I would like to thank Miss Bowden for the brilliant training sessions that are ensuring that our girls are highly competitive on the local and national scene.

The journey that The Bulwell Academy is on is being communicated via school leaders across the country. The sharing of the improvements that are resulting from the dedication of both staff and students is being recognised far and wide and, as such, the Academy is fast becoming a beacon for recruitment. We are excited by the number of applications that we have received for the posts that we are currently advertising. The calibre of applicants is incredibly high – their experience and expertise will add immense further depth and breadth to an already highly talented team of professionals. I look forward to introducing you to the names of the successful candidates in the very near future.

On Thursday of this week, we welcomed all the Headteachers, Principals and Executive Leaders from Creative Education Trust as we hosted the first Trust-wide leadership conference. As soon as they arrived, they were greeted by students from all year groups who led them on tours of the Academy. On returning to the conference hub, the Trust leaders were blown away by the impact that recent changes have had on the behaviour, education, and confidence of our students. They were seriously impressed with how disruption-free classrooms are enabling our talented teachers to deliver exemplary learning experiences. Numerous comments were made about how purposeful the learning environment felt, and the progress being made by both staff and students was palpable. The Trust leaders were given the opportunity to observe our year group line-ups – all were suitably wowed at how smart all our students looked. With pencil cases and reading books in hand, students moved to their lessons ready for business. Throughout the day our students commented to the Trust leaders about how our recent changes have dramatically increased their ability to learn and to enjoy their lessons. I would like to thank the site, IT and catering teams for their contributions to a successful day, led brilliantly by Tracey Sadler, my fantastic PA – an event that set the bar remarkably high for other leaders and their schools to follow.

Really looking forward to next week, the last of a fantastic half term, during which we will celebrate the achievements of staff & students for their contributions to the successful journey so far.

***Wishing you all a nice weekend.***