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THE BULWELL ACADEMY

**A positive week
and
a Fantastic Friday!**



**Principal's
Weekly**
with Mr Nash

We know positive change is happening at The Bulwell Academy - but it is always reassuring to receive recognition from Trust colleagues.

I attended Creative Education Trust's annual get together of head teachers and trustees in London this week. It is a chance to discuss successes, future priorities and how we can support each other. Head teachers spoke positively about their visits to Bulwell and the changes they were seeing.

The Academy is fast becoming a beacon of best practice. We hosted eight colleagues from Ash Green School in Coventry who came to look at our behaviour policy, the disruption-free learning environment, safeguarding procedures and pastoral support. They went away most impressed, which is a credit to our students and staff and the way in which they have adapted to the changes.

In the last couple of weeks, we have also hosted every secondary science teacher from across the Trust. They too, have gone away with only positive things to say about their experience. We also learn from external colleagues, something reinforced by the conference. That cohesive, coordinated approach will stand us in good stead going forward.



Thank you to everybody for contributing to Friday's fundraising event in support of the Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank, BBC Children in Need and When You Wish Upon a Star. The cake sale was particularly busy, and soak-a-teacher also proved popular! As well as a huge amount of food donations, we raised £446, a fantastic effort by the whole Academy community. A special thanks to Year 11's Bethany Dunn who baked 120 brownies and 60 star-shaped cookies for the Cake Sale and to Sixth Formers who helped organise the day and made it one to remember.



The fundraising added to our Fantastic Friday awards. Well done to those individuals who were rewarded for their hard work last week, and to those students who earned the first bronze awards of the year for earning more than 300 points on ClassCharts. I am sure there will be more students who achieve their bronze badge on the next Fantastic Friday.



Finally, good luck to Year 11 who start their practice exams today. Free revision guides and resources were given out to all Year 11s on Friday as part of our efforts to support students. We understand exams can be a difficult time, but we encourage them to do their best. It will be worth all the effort in the end.



Wishing you all a good week.