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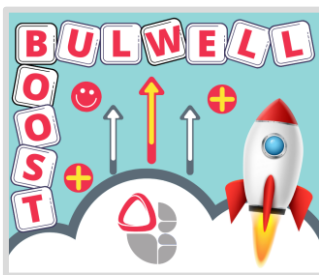
Dear Parent / Carer

I wanted to write to formally acknowledge and thank you for your support over recent weeks. The Bulwell Academy has been in a difficult position and most importantly of all, pupils have missed out on several days of learning.

I have been into Forum, welcomed back our pupils and apologised for the school being closed.

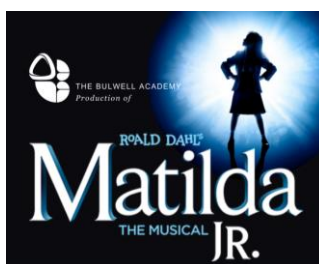
I remain hopeful that we can put this behind us now and move forward together. There is a lot of work to do, mainly rebuilding the trust and confidence of parents and carers in the Academy. We all recognise this and want to gain your support.

Despite industrial action, there remains a lot of great work taking place, each and every day. More pupils are attending the Academy regularly than over the last three years and is testament to the hard work of our Safeguarding, SEND and Attendance teams. Historically, too many pupils have not attended the Academy. We have tackled this and seen some great results.



More pupils are taking part in the Bulwell Boost extra-curricular programme. Parents will recall that we started this last year and the numbers taking part have continued to grow. Click the link below to find out more about our extra-curricular offer, and to sign your child up our wide range of clubs.

[Extra-Curricular Timetables * Bulwell Academy](#)



Next week we look forward to welcoming parents and carers, friends and family to our evening performances of Matilda the Musical JR.

Teachers and pupils have been rehearsing for many weeks and the production runs from the 6 – 8 February, 7pm to 9pm. Tickets are going fast, so please come along and see the excellent talent we have in our school. [Click here to book your seats!](#)



The school has now established a literacy programme which is supporting young people to read more fluently. We are having great success with this and through the programmes we are now seeing pupils 'catching up' and excelling in the classroom. There is also an after-school Literacy Club which is well attended on Mondays and Thursdays as part of the Bulwell Boost programme. [Click here to find out more about Reading at Bulwell.](#)



Our focus on Year 11, under the leadership of Mr Smith is, as ever, relentless. We meet Year 11 every day, we talk to them about how best to prepare for their exams, we provide daily practice questions in English, maths and science. We have employed graduates who come in every week and work specifically with small groups of pupils. Our next Mock Exams take place from Monday 26 February to Friday 8 March and we look forward to Year 11 showing improvements from their first round of mocks.

BE BULWELL KIND	
K	Kind
I	Intelligent
N	Neat
D	Determined

BASIC EXPECTATIONS	
B1	Be on time
B2	Be prepared
B3	Be calm
B4	Be respectful
B5	Be off-line

LESSON EXPECTATIONS	
L1	Ask and answer questions
L2	Show PRIDE
L3	Respect adults
L4	Respect each other
L5	Work bell-to-bell

Pupils have returned to school extremely well. We have reminded them of our expectations and visited them regularly in lessons, where they have shown lots of enthusiasm for learning.

We will continue with our **Fantastic Fridays** when students receive their weekly Pay Check of **Bulwell Bucks**, detailing the credits and debits they have received that week.



To celebrate and monitor your child's daily behaviour choices, make sure you have signed up to the 'Kickboard' Family Portal. Please email kickboard@bulwellacademy.org.uk if you have not received your login codes.

In building trust, we must give parents more opportunity to have a voice in the Academy and represent other parents. That is why we will be sending out an application form for parents to express an interest in becoming members of our Academy Council, which meets a small number of times per year and discusses the school, its progress and what we can do further to improve it.

In addition, we will be sending out a parent questionnaire, so that we can listen to more of your views and work with you to build a better Bulwell Academy community.

We look forward to providing you with regular updates each week with the return of the Bulwell Bulletin, to let you know what's been happening, celebrate successes and share news of upcoming events with you. You can also follow us on social media on Facebook, X and Instagram.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chris Keen
Executive Principal