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Dear Parents/Carers

There have been many successes at the Academy during the Spring Term. Please find details of some of our most recent events below. Academy News is also regularly updated on the new ARA website and Mobile APP. It was good to meet many parents and families at Parents Evenings held in both the primary and secondary phases during the term. I hope you found your meetings with your child's teachers beneficial and informative.

ARA crowned National Basketball Champions

I am delighted to inform you that Alec Reed Academy have claimed the 2018 **ABL National Championships** title with a 90-87 victory over Stoke on Trent College. The finals were held at the Leicester Arena on 22nd March. We are all very proud of the team and their outstanding achievements.

Earlier in the term, the Primary Phase raised an impressive £397.80 for the Rose Ward and Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Brompton Hospital for National Heart Month. Thank you for all your donations and support. Following an initial postponement due to snow and school closure, a very successful **World Book Day** was held on 16th March. This event was followed by the **British Values Dazzle Day** in which pupils explored the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs. We now look forward to seeing pupils wearing their Easter hats for the **Easter Parade** on the last day of term!

In the Secondary Phase, **fundraising for Sports Relief** involved running, cycling and rowing the 250km distance to Paris (without leaving the Gym and Fitness Suite!) during every day of the week between 19th – 23rd March. Pupils spent every lunchtime clocking up miles on rowing machines, cross trainers and treadmills. There was also a Dance-a-thon in the Dance Studio each day. Our thanks to Ms Roberts and Mr Thomas for organising such a successful event.

Gold Ealing Reading Quality Mark

Alec Reed Primary Phase is the first school to be awarded the Ealing Gold Mark for Reading. The award ceremony was hosted by the Secondary Phase in the Reed Theatre on 6th February. Ealing schools attended the event along with special guests including the Mayor of Ealing, Simon Woodroffe, Charlotte Arthur of the Hounslow Library Service and Glynis Weller, Senior Education Advisor for Ealing. Lubna Khan, who organised the Ealing Extreme Read ceremony, also attended along with pupils from her school. The ceremony commenced with an interesting presentation by Josh Lacey, author of the series Dragon Babysitter. Josh talked to us about his childhood, the inspiration for his story writing and his impressive career as author.

Prizes were awarded for best pupil, best teacher, best parent and best governor photograph. We are delighted to announce that our very own Alec Reed Governor, Dee Morrison won the Ealing prize for best Ealing governor Extreme read photo. Congratulations!

'The Collins PiXL Award for Outstanding Progress' National Award Winners 2014



Woodland Trust Silver Award

The Prince's Trust group have built on last year's success and been awarded the Silver Award from the Woodland Trust. Pupils have continued to work hard on improving the local environment for the local community and wildlife. The Academy were awarded a tree grant of 500 trees which the students have now planted on the Academy site.

Preparations for Examinations

The Summer Term is always a very busy period during the school year. At Key Stage 1, pupils are working hard preparing for their Phonics Screening Tests whilst pupils in year 6 are preparing for the forthcoming SATs examinations. In years 11-13 students are firmly focused on the preparations for their GCSE and A Level examinations.

Students in Years 11-13 have been provided with details of the following **Year 11, 12 and 13 Study and Revision Sessions during the Easter break:**

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| Tues | 03/4/2018 | Music 10.00am – 4.00pm - Ms Lashmore-Bennett |
| Tues | 03/4/2018 | Yr12 Computing / Yr13 Computing / Yr12 BTEC IT 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Anane |
| Wed | 04/4/2018 | Art and Graphics 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Smith and Ms Taberner |
| Wed | 04/4/2018 | Music 10.00am – 4.00pm - Ms Lashmore-Bennett |
| Wed | 04/4/2018 | Design Technology 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Flynn |
| Wed | 04/4/2018 | Geography 10.00am – 4.00pm - Ms Brooks |
| Wed | 04/4/2018 | Yr12 Computing // Yr13 Computing // Yr12 BTEC IT 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Anane |
| Thu | 05/4/2018 | Music 10.00am – 4.00pm - Ms Lashmore-Bennett |
| Thu | 05/4/2018 | Design Technology 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Flynn |
| Thu | 05/4/2018 | Yr12 Computing / Yr13 Computing / Yr13 Computing 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Anane |
| Fri | 06/4/2018 | Music 10.00am – 4.00pm - Ms Lashmore-Bennett |
| Fri | 06/4/2018 | Design Technology 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Flynn |
| Fri | 06/4/2018 | Yr12 Computing / Yr13 Computing / Yr13 Computing 10.00am – 4.00pm - Mr Anane |
| Mon | 09/4/2018 | History Crime and Punishment 10.00am – 12.00pm – Mr Bate |
| Tues | 10/4/2018 | History Weimar and Nazi Germany 10.00am- 12.00pm – Mr Bate |
| Tues | 10/4/2018 | Health and Social Care 10.00am – 4.00pm - Ms John |
| Fri | 13/4/2018 | History British America 10.00am- 12.00pm – Mr Bate |
| Fri | 13/4/2018 | Spanish 9.00am-1.00pm – Ms Roberts |

Examination timetables have been posted to parents of all pupils in Year 11. Please make contact at any time should any further details of forthcoming examinations be needed.

Safeguarding

The Department for Education has provided guidance for parents and pupils relating to indecent images of children. This information was recently presented to all pupils in Years 7-11 at their weekly Assembly. In summary, the guidance for pupils states that:

- looking at indecent images of under 18s is illegal regardless of how old they look
- these images are real children and young people, and viewing them causes further harm
- if you stumble across indecent images of children under 18 online, you should report them

Full details including video's produced by the DFE are available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/indecent-images-of-children-guidance-for-young-people>

Social Media

It has been brought to our attention that an anonymous Instagram user with the handle "fake_gurls" has sent inappropriate messages to some pupils in Year 8. The Academy investigates any concerns relating to the inappropriate use of Social Media and regularly provides guidance for pupils in all year groups on how to use social media responsibly. Our Safer Schools Police Officer has been informed of this incident involving the use of Instagram. Pupils have also been provided with advice. It is important that we all work together to keep our pupils safe and you may find the following information helpful.

If your child has an Instagram account, please ensure that they:

- Set their Instagram setting to 'private'
- Do not accept direct messages from someone who is not following them
- Block followers that he/she does not know

Should you have any questions or concerns relating to the use of social media please contact the Academy for support or advice at any time.

Adult Education: Earn while you Learn - Foundation Degree in Teaching and Learning

The Foundation Degree was first offered at the Academy in 2015. The course has been popular and successful with adults graduating at the University of Worcester. A Foundation Degree is the equivalent of the first two years of an Honours Degree. The course takes two years to complete, and consists of academic study integrated with relevant work-based learning. No previous qualifications are needed to enroll on this course. Study sessions are held at the Academy between 1-7pm on one day each week enabling adult learners to study for the Foundation Degree whilst continuing with their paid employment. Many adults continue to study beyond the Foundation Degree and progress to the full Bachelor of Arts Degree in year 3.

We are currently recruiting for the next course that begins in September and information sessions are held regularly at the Academy during the year. Please contact our Lead Academic Tutor, Trevor Davies (Trevor.Davies@alecreedacademy.co.uk) or Main Reception at any time for further information.

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, click on this [link](#) and it will take you to the application form on our website (at the bottom of the page). You do not need to print the form, just submit it and no documentation is needed.

You will be entitled to free school meals if you receive income related employment and support allowance and you may be entitled if you receive other benefits. More information about benefits and entitlement is on our website.

Students eligible for free school meals attract more funding for the Academy so it is really important to apply. The form is very simple to complete and won't take more than 5 minutes.

Contact Julia Ali if you need any help on 020 8841 4511

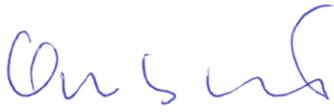
Summer Term dates

- The Summer Term begins on **Tuesday 17th April**
- Half term break: Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Should any further information relating to any of the above items be needed please do not hesitate to make contact at any time.

Thank you again for joining us at events, concerts and performances and for all your support during the year. I hope you have a relaxing Easter break and look forward to seeing pupils again on Tuesday 17th April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Lobbett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gary" and last name "Lobbett" clearly distinguishable.

Gary Lobbett
CEO and Principal