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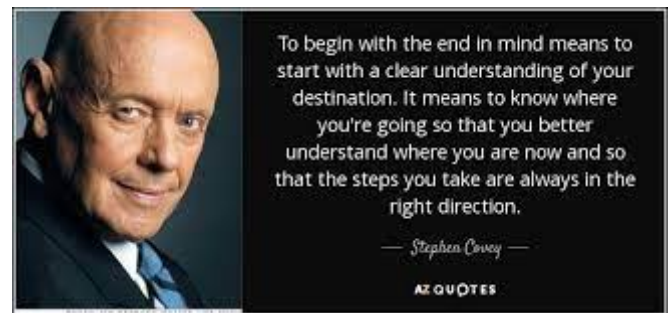


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Dear Parent/Carer

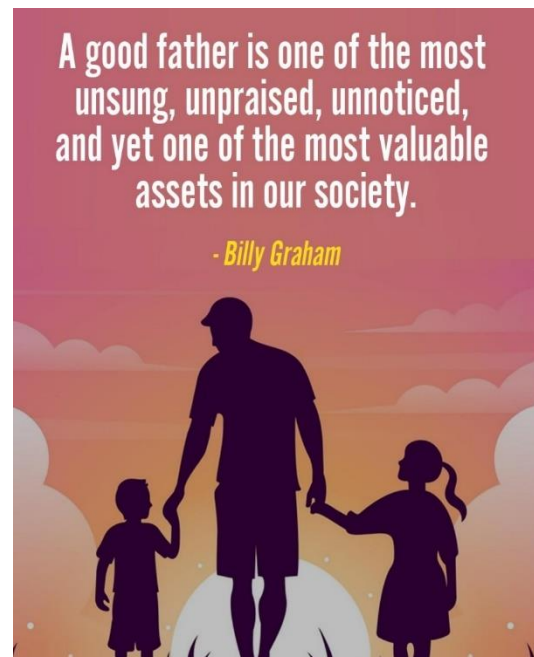
Amazingly we are once again nearing the end of a term and for Year 6, 11 and 13 they are closing in on their end of year exams. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them all the best in these tests and assessments. For pupils in Year 11 and 13 there will be a number of intervention sessions organised over the holidays to help students finish of their coursework and prepare for their exams.

Hopefully the pupils in these year groups will be giving thought to next steps and this is a conversation I encourage you to have with your children on a regular basis, whatever their age. At ARA we offer a wide range of subjects to provide pathways to future success. If a child has a goal or dream for the future then it is more likely that they will be engaged in their education. A good tip is to "Begin with the End in mind" our link with REED employment agency supports this process.



Over the course of this term we have experienced industrial action by teaching staff and whilst I know that this will have created some difficulties for you we have done our best to minimise the impact on your child's education. I'm sure we all hope that the Government and Unions will be able to hold constructive meetings to resolve the current situation over the coming weeks.

As a father of three I appreciate just how tough being a parent can be. The challenge remains, although the issues change, as your child moves through the different phases of their life. The Fathers We ParentU Programme is designed to encourage and support fathers in their parenting role. It includes sessions that address various aspects of fatherhood including communication, bonding, discipline, and involvement in your child's life. The programme offers practical tips, advice, and guidance to help fathers be more effective parents. It is designed to be inclusive and welcoming to all types of fathers, regardless of their age, background, or experience and offers a safe and supportive environment for fathers to share their experiences and learn from one another. Your participation could strengthen families and improve



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outcomes for children. The programme [link](#) consists of 11 weekly sessions and takes place on Thursdays from 6-8 pm. It's free of charge, and refreshments will be provided. If you are interested complete the referral form [here](#). Once you have registered, they will send you further details about the programme .

I have highlighted previously our desire to fund raise for Turkey and Syria following the tragic earthquake last month and whilst this may no longer get significant news coverage the need for support remains. We have already held some fund-raising events and these will continue after the holiday. One such event will take place on Friday 28th April 2023 at 15:15 pm and is aligned with our Eid Festival. I hope many of you will support this event or make a donation to support the appeal. Further details, including how you can get involved, will be sent out in the near future.

I have also written to you in the past regarding my concerns regarding the crossing at Northolt Library and the need for it to be improved to keep our children safe. I have now had confirmation that this will be adapted and changed as part of an ongoing project to improve Northolt. I encourage you to get involved in the public consultation programme which is looking at introducing improvements to the travel and cycle infrastructure along Church and Mandeville Road. If you would like to give your view then you can do so at [Give My View](#) you can also attend one of several events taking place across Northolt. These are set out in the below;

Northolt Leisure Centre

Library

Eastcote Lane North, UB5 4AB

Open Monday to Saturday, noon-5pm

Northolt Library

Church Road, UB5 5AG

Open Monday: 10am-5pm,

Tuesday to Thursday: 10am-7pm,

Friday 10am-5pm,

Saturday: 10am-5pm

Northala Fields Café

(Parkrun)

Northala Fields, UB5 6AH

Saturday 15th April, 9.00-11.00am

Islip Manor Community Centre

Arnold Road, UB5 5TB

Wednesday 5th April, 11.00-1.00pm

We continue to receive more information about our successful bid to have a wonderful garden installed on the entrance slip to the Arc. Initially the installation will be on show at the Chelsea Garden Show before relocating to ARA at the end of the event. This is an exciting opportunity and if you would like to know more about the project then please click on this link: [Chelsea Garden](#)

A reminder that the Academy **closes at 1.15pm on Friday 31st March** as this is the last day of term. I hope that you all have a really enjoyable break and we look forward to your children returning to school on Tuesday 18th April.

Kind regards,

Phil Cosby
Principal & CEO