

# Newsletter

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## Message from the Principal

Welcome to our newsletter this week.

I would like to draw attention today to all those staff who have done so much throughout the year, but particularly at this exam time, in supporting our students to success. The staff team here at Downham Market Academy are by far the most generous with their time and support than I have ever worked with and, I know how much extra they have given to support the students' preparation.

To the students the message is also a huge well done as so many more are on track to do well this year and they are working incredibly hard. My message is therefore; keep going, with around a month left for most, make the best of that time. Stick to your revision plan over the half term holiday – make sure you have some recharge time but as part of a plan that sees you actively revising for a significant portion of the break. Those of you who have given it your all will have a fantastic summer without regret – so keep going now!

There was a lovely celebration this morning for students who have been busily Ooble earning this year. Our top Ooble earners were invited to an Ooble breakfast of pancakes and juice to celebrate their efforts – I'm sure they enjoyed the food, quiz and raffle. I would like to add my congratulations on their effort as their example is crucial to others in the Academy.

I know that we have plans taking shape for a summer event to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. With proceeds to go to Service charities, it promises to be an excellent event on Saturday 4 July. More details will follow in future newsletters.

I will close by wishing you all a lovely half term break – with not much emphasis on 'break' for examination students!

## Dates and Notices

w/c 25 May	Half Term
4 June 15 June	New timetable for all students
18 June	Year 6 Parents' Information Evening
3 July	Year 11 Prom

## Key Stage 4 Half Term Revision

Half term is a wonderful time for students to be really cracking on with revision for their remaining exams. The Academy will be open at selected times for students to revise with staff.

There are activities running on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in English, Maths, Science and History. Whilst the English, Maths and Science days are targeted at Year 11 students, the History is open to Year 10's too as they will also have exams in it this year.



Tuesday 26 May	English Maths	E block N3	9.00 am – 12 noon 12 noon – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 27 May	Science History	S9/S16 tbc	9.00 am - 12 noon 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Thursday 28 May	History	tbc	10.00 am – 1.00 pm



Students need to be spending time at home revising. Remember there are lots of online support websites that can help them with this process. SAM Learning is an excellent revision tool as is BBC Bitesize and O2 learn.


Past papers are available from all of the exam boards to give that all important exam question practice. You can help students at home by giving them a past paper to do and encouraging them to work within a time frame, eg: if it is an hour exam, get them to work on it for an hour. It helps them to develop time management skills and writing under pressure.

Mrs Beasley  
Assistant Principal - Achievement

## Americas News

 Chile earned over 400 Oobles last week to take top spot and earn back the Ooble cup - well done Miss Cowan and her students. 

 Paraguay was the most respectful group and  Brazil had the highest attendance - congratulations to all the students who contributed to this.

Liam Robinson and  
Louis Woodruff-Nuss (Year 7)  
Jack Niyazi (Year 8)  
Megan Melerski (Year 9)  
Harry Melling (Year 10)  
Josh Cant and Lily Webb (Year 11)  
earned the most Oobles in their respective Year groups - keep up the hard work and positive attitudes. 

Our swim team was amazing last Friday, earning second place overall in the inter-House gala.

Jake Barber	Alfie Porter-Chapman
Daniel Evans	Brady Melerski
Rachael Johnson	Imogen Munday
Hannah Cant	Kieran Saxby
Charlie Williams	Oliver Henderson
Jack Hanslip	Molly Daynes
Molly Sharpe	Holly Harrod
Oliver Harris	Jordan Stimson
Joe Rolfe	Ben Muskett
Arnas Visinskas	Emma Hurtley
Chloe Hill	Trevena Rees

were brilliant competitors and supported each other with enthusiasm and more importantly... volume. Thank you to you all for volunteering to take part and represent Americas - we will be looking for people to compete in the summer Sports Day soon.

Our assembly this week launched the search for next year's Student Leaders. The team this year has successfully organised a coffee morning in the Town Hall to raise money for an ex-student, amongst other initiatives in the Academy. We are looking to continue their hard work by recruiting the very best students from across all Year groups.

We want students who are committed, self-motivated, inspirational, trustworthy and good communicators to take on the responsibility of representing the students of our House. Application forms are available from the Help Desk at break or lunchtimes and must be returned by Monday 15 June - so plenty of time to think about the application and complete it to the highest standard as we are expecting lots of really strong applications this year.

Finally, as the exam season really takes hold now, we would like to say a huge "GOOD LUCK" to all our students in Years 10 and 11 (and Michal in Year 9) who are sitting GCSEs over the next few weeks. Keep up the hard work, stay positive and remain focused - all your efforts will be rewarded.

Mr Eastwood (Head of House)

## Asia News

### Oobles Winners

Year 7	Liam Leonard (15)
Year 8	Scott Ring (35)
Year 9	Aaron Pearce (29)
Year 10	Paige Misangyi (26)
Year 11	Honor Whitby (29)



### Respect Cup Winner

Congratulations India; 2 Behaviour Points.



### Achievement Cup

Well done Burma - 476 Oobles.



### Attendance Cup Winner

Great Effort Bhutan; 99.3%.



### Asia Student Leaders - New Team

Following this week's assembly, Asia Student Leaders will be available to meet and discuss the application/interview process for next year's Team.

Please ask if you would like to meet with one of the current Team. Julie and I hope that you apply and we look forward to reading your application forms.



### Asia House Swimming Gala 2015

Congratulations to Asia House for retaining the Swimming Gala Shield for 2015.

Once again all 28 of our swimmers completed some fantastic swims. Every point gained was crucial as the other Houses ran us close this year, however a total of 245 points saw us home. I was very proud to be able to award all our swimmers their certificates in assembly this week.

### Asia House Student Success

Congratulations to Josie Morgan (Russia) who has been awarded 'Most Progress' in her Child Care Course at the College of West Anglia 2015 Prize Giving.



Well done to

Jenny Read (Burma)  
Scott Ring (Burma)  
Matthew Farman (Sri Lanka)

who were part of a winning team in this year's Year 8 'Enterprise Day - Be Your Own Boss'.

Congratulations and well done to our Oobles winners who enjoyed a crepes breakfast:

Georgia Harris	Tegan Cowling
Madison Cole	Kiera Hewitt
Jenny Read	Dylan Pevreall
Scott Ring	Bethany Cook
Lauren Dearsley	Owen Lusk
Chloe Philipot	Molly Virgo
Reece Peers Holland	Georgia Sandover
Rebecca Phillips-Bartlett	

Have a great week.

Mr Ryan and Mrs Watts  
(Head and Deputy Head of House)

## Oceania News



Our top Oobles this week go to;

Year 7	Harvey Back
Year 8	Cairn Rugg and Storm Tozer
Year 9	Bethany Dodds and Sam Mackelden
Year 10	Tyler Ostrowski
Year 11	Nicole Polden

Well done to all students on all their efforts this week.

We would also like to say congratulations and well done to the following form groups:



### **Achievement Cup**

Samoa who achieved 440 Oobles this week.



### **Attendance Cup**

Kiribati - 98.7%.



### **Respect Cup**

Tuvalu with only 3 Behaviour Points, you should be very proud of yourselves, can you manage to win the cup for a fourth week.

We would like to thank the following students who all competed in the inter-House swimming gala;

Emily Lowe	Emma Aubrey-Jones
Olivia Holden	Alana Norris
Ellie Ireland	Becky Read
Harriet-Mae Murfit	Karina Grief
Meg Matthews	Eloise Cromarty
Harry Paul	Harvey Back
Louie Perillo	Lestyn Hagland
Aiden Clegg	Aaron Ely
Jesse Tierney	Jacob Sim

You gave 100% for the House Team and we are very proud of you all.

We are now recruiting for Student Leaders, application forms are with the House office and the closing date for receipt of applications is 15 June. Mrs Stewardson and I will then plan when we will hold interviews. We are not looking for the best academic students; we are looking for those people who will give it their all.

Mrs Stewardson and Mrs Warr  
(Head and Deputy Head of House)

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## **Europe News**

As we reach the end of this busy half term I would like to congratulate students for their high efforts towards their learning. It is really good to see students working really hard on their studies. This has been an extremely busy week.

As exam season hits off, lots of Key Stage 3 and 4 students have been sitting exams. For some this is the first time. All have handled this really well and I hope you all do really well. If students have any concerns or need additional support they are more than welcome to come and speak to me. Year 10s and 11s keep working hard over the break, it will soon be over, but also have a rest.

We were lucky enough to join up with Africa House for this week for both our assemblies. We launched the 'Student Leadership Application Process'. I would encourage all students to consider whether they would like to be a part of the Team later this year.

I was fortunate enough to judge, alongside Mrs Taylor and Mrs Watts the 'Year 8 Enterprise Project' organised by Mrs Potter. The students were really engaged and had their business hats on. We have so many budding entrepreneurs.

Congratulations to all who took part and I am sure you got lots out of your day that you can take on to the future.

Fran Williamson, Paralympic swimmer, came in to do some motivational sessions with a group of Year 8 students. Fran is an inspiration, and I know all who took part agreed. This goes alongside our themes of the week.

It was lovely to see students enjoying their Ooble award of a Crepe Breakfast today. Students in Europe House have worked really hard on earning Oobles and it is great to see a celebration of such efforts.

Well done to

Mr Roberts and Eu10 for having the highest amount of Oobles last week. Please keep up the positive efforts in all our lessons.

Mr Ridsdill and Eu8 for having the least Behaviour Points. This is extremely positive; 0 points. It is fantastic to see that students are focused on their learning and making positive efforts day in, day out.

Ms Younge and Eu7 for having the highest attendance with 97.8%. It is great to see that our students are regularly attending the Academy, which has a direct result on progress students are making.

Have a great half term.

Mr Harris (Head of House)

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## **Africa News**

### **AFRICA**



Top **Ooble** Earners:

Year 7	Georgia Heffernan
Year 8	Edis Ahmed
Year 9	Joe Edwards
Year 10	Callum Mayes
Year 11	Phillip James

**Highest Oobles:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nigeria (Af12)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Egypt (Af7)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tanzania (Af2)

**Best Behaviour Points:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Sudan (Af10)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tanzania (Af2)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mauritania (Af11)

**Attendance:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tanzania (Af2)
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ethiopia (Af4) and Sudan (Af10)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Madagascar (Af9)

**Student Leadership**

We have delivered Student Leadership assemblies this week – all students are welcome to apply for one of the 10 spaces for next year.

The Africa Student Leaders have worked well as a team this year and have shown us what can be achieved when we step out of our comfort zone. The forms need to be returned by 15 June and interviews will commence on the week beginning 22 June. Please ask Form tutors and Students Leaders if you have any questions about the application forms and interview support. Good Luck to everyone.

Thank you to all the students who took part in the **Swimming Gala**, we came third this year and I was very proud of the full team and amazing spirit shown by Team Africa:

Year 7	Abbie Richings	Rory Armitage
	Bethany Cowell	Tom Lidgley
	Tunde O'Brien-Dele	Maisie Loram
	Jack Watts	Isabel Coupland
	Jack Bishop	Bronwyn Dawe
	Nicole Hempson	

Year 8	Ella Scott	Lizzy Wheeler
	Abby Gosling	Ella Bowden
	Trinity Hillyer	Olivia Cupit
	Joseph Mayes	Toby Pocock
	Dale Hellard	Edis Ahmed
	Ted Nicholson	Mason Lucas

Years 9 and 10	Eve Norman	Shannon Roylance
	Megan Blakemore	Abi McGlone
	Fraser McManus	Richard Mills
	Emre Tursucu	Matthew Mills
	Alex Read	Oliver-James Filby
	Tom Robinson	Gui Gomes

Congratulations to KC Peckham who was part of the winning team in the Year 8 **Enterprise Day**. KC's team presented about a community festival with a theme of the 'The Great British Festival'. Thank you to Mrs Potter for organising this great opportunity for the students to learn about what is needed to organise events.



A great time was had by all at the **Oobles Breakfast** this morning, the top Oobles earners for each House were invited for pancakes and milkshakes served by the House Team. Well done to Courtney Donley (Af4) for winning a raffle prize. We were impressed with the knowledge of the students for the quiz and we all feel very old as many had not heard of The Spice Girls. Thank you to Mr Matthews for being our resident quiz master and keeping the students entertained with his jokes.



Happy half term holiday everyone. Although we need to keep the momentum going for revision and exam preparation please take time to relax and get ready for the last half term of the academic year.

Mrs Taylor (Head of House)

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