

March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

As Easter approaches we are reflecting on what has been a short yet successful term for The Vale Academy, cut shorter by the three 'snow days'. We are, of course, mindful that the summer examination season is rapidly approaching. Students in Years 11, 12 and 13 are focused on revision and final preparation for their forthcoming examinations. Towards this end, we are offering all Year 11 and sixth form students an extra intervention day on Thursday 29 March, one of our training days. In addition, there are a number of revision sessions scheduled during the Easter holidays. Full details are available on the academy website, as well as this year's GCSE and AS/A2 timetables.

One of the enrichment highlights this term has been our visit to the First World War battlefields in Northern France and Belgium. Year 9 and Year 10 history students visited sites and memorials around the town of Ypres. They also attended the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate where students laid a wreath on behalf of the academy; a moving and truly unforgettable experience for all concerned.

This month, our gifted musicians have had another successful week at the North Lincolnshire Music Festival, with a number of individuals and groups winning prestigious awards. Our sports teams have also had numerous successes, the highlight being our KS4 boys' badminton team being crowned North Lincolnshire champions.

Well done to all those students who have contributed to the many enrichment activities this term. As always, there are too many to mention each one individually, although most are reported in this term's Vale Views. None of these many events would take place, however, without the ongoing hard work and dedication of our staff for which I am extremely grateful.

A group of students are spending the first week of the Easter holidays skiing in the Italian Alps; we wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers that the spring term ends at **3.20 pm on Wednesday 28 March** and the new term begins at **8.45 on Monday 16 April**.

I wish all students, staff, parents and carers a pleasant Easter break.

As always, I am hugely appreciative of your ongoing support.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Williams'.

Nicola Williams
Principal