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Dear Parents and carers

I write as we come to the end of another successful term at The Bishop of Winchester Academy. There has been much to celebrate during this Lent Term including the extremely successful production of Matilda Jr, Year 10 Work Experience and have welcomed the return of many trips and educational visits.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their support of the academy during our recent Ofsted inspection. We await their final report and are looking forward to sharing it with you and celebrating all that Bishop does well.

Our Year 10 students have been increasing their aspiration and broadening their horizons as they have been involved in Work Experience this past week. The academy has received many positive phone calls from employers and our students have been excellent ambassadors reflecting the Bishop student values.

The Matilda Jr production was a huge successful with our cast of students from Years 7-10 performing 4 sell out shows. It is a privilege to work with students from Muscliff Primary and QPA in these productions. Audiences loved the show, with particular favourites of "Naughty," "School Song" and "Revolting Children." We look forward to launching our next production in the Pentecost term

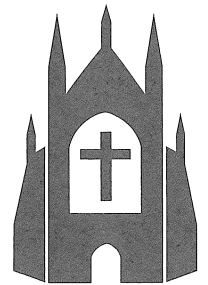
I welcome the development of our Student Council and we look forward to supporting them in addressing concerns that TBOWA students are raising such as environmental issues and recycling in our community.

As part of feedback from the Student Council, students have suggested that they would like the opportunity to go home in their PE kit if they have Healthy Living during lesson 5 of the day.

As an Academy we would like to support this request and will be trialling this change during next half term. From the first Monday back after Easter, if students have Healthy Living during Period 5, they will be allowed to leave the Academy in their PE kit. We recommend that students ensure their school uniform is packed away into their school bag at the start of the lesson to ensure they take all of their school uniform at the end of the day. Students are still able to get changed into their school uniform but they may have reduced time to do so.

The amendment to the PE changing will be reviewed at the end of the half term. Students should ensure they have the correct PE kit otherwise they will be asked to get changed into their school uniform before they leave the Academy to ensure the high standards of uniform is maintained.

I am sure you are aware that recent data shows an increase in the number of children vaping. It is illegal to sell such products to under -18s in the UK and the long term health effects of vaping are still relatively unknown. I would like to remind you that vaping equipment is banned from the academy and students found using or in possession of such equipment can expect it to be confiscated and for there to be a sanction such as a fixed term suspension.



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There are a number of students who have achieved 100% attendance for this academic year. Attendance is a key indicator of success at GCSE and A level – the higher the attendance the better the final results.

We wish all our students in Year 11 and Year 13 all the best in their forthcoming formal exams and look forward to celebrating their successes on results days in August.

Thank you for your continued support and prayer and I wish you a happy and holy Easter.

Best wishes

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Paul McKeown
Principal