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Dear Parents

As I'm sure many of you are aware, this half term is always busy with events and activities building up in the run up to Christmas. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some dates and events that are happening over the next few weeks.

Remembrance Day: Thursday 11th November

As per previous years at Atlantic Academy, children who attend Guiding, Scouting or Cadet Troops are invited to wear their uniform into school as we celebrate Remembrance on November 11th. As a mark of respect, all students at Atlantic Academy will be marking the day with 2 minutes silence. Additionally, our student leaders are selling poppies for donations. We hope to see many of our students proudly wearing a poppy.

Anti Bullying Week

From Monday 15th to Friday 19th November, Atlantic Academy will be participating in [Anti Bullying week](#). The theme for the week is '**one kind word**' and will see a number of key issues covered as well as opportunities to participate in ambassador training and online safety awareness events. To mark the start of this week we are inviting Secondary students to participate in odd sock day on **Monday 15th**.

Virtual Guidance Evening: Thursday 18th November

4.30pm - 5.30pm Year 11 parents and students only

Hosted by Education Development Trust, this one hour talk will explain to students and parents the available options when leaving school at 16. The Education Development Trust will be working with us this year to provide careers education support. [Click the link here to join](#). Please feel free to ask any questions.

Tip of the iceberg: Monday 22nd November

Year 10 and 11 students

Tip of the Iceberg is a well established theatre company who have been delivering creative educational projects in schools across the UK for over 15 years. Using this experience the company have created an informative and inspiring project to support the delivery of the statutory Relationship and Sex Education curriculum.

The Relationship & Sex Education Package is delivered through drama productions and workshops aimed at year 10 and 11 supporting issues including many different areas such as: Different types of relationships • Trust • Respect • Honesty • Boundaries • Consent • Privacy • Challenging & understanding stereotypes • Coercion • The Law • Mental & Physical wellbeing • Different types of relationships • Trust • Respect • Honesty • Boundaries • Consent • Privacy • Challenging & understanding stereotypes • Coercion • The Law • Mental & Physical wellbeing • Pornography • Sexting • STI's • Pressure • Drugs • Sexuality • Suicide • Pregnancy • Contraception • Body image • Self Esteem • Bullying • Divorce • Exam Pornography • Sexting • STI's • Pressure • Drugs • Sexuality • Suicide • Pregnancy • Contraception • Body image • Self Esteem • Bullying • Divorce • Exams



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Healthy Living Week

From Monday the 22nd November, all children will be actively learning how we can all be a little bit healthier and happier - inside and out! We also have the launch of our new state of the art gym!

Coppafeel Breast Cancer talks

During Healthy Living week students in Years 10 and 11 will further be supported with a talk by CoppaFeel, a specialist charity who educate young people in the importance of getting to know their bodies, and the signs to look out for when checking breasts and pecs for cancer related symptoms.

Enrichment

There will be no Enrichment clubs during the two weeks of the PPEs. Enrichment will resume on Monday 28th November.

Christmas Activities

We have a busy schedule of Christmas activities planned over the next few months. Whilst we tentatively have pencilled these in, they are of course subject to change depending on the situation with the Coronavirus pandemic. We will confirm closer to the time of events that will be taking place in person or virtually but wanted to make parents aware of dates and activities ahead of time.

November

- 11th - Remembrance day
- 15th - Anti Bullying Week
- 15th - 26th Assessment Fortnight
- 19th - Children in Need
- 22nd - Healthy Living Week
- 23rd - Parents can book for the **Year 11 Parents Eve**
- 26th - INSET
- 29th - Parents can book for the **Year 9 Parents Eve**

December

- 8th Year 11 Progress report
- 9th Year 11 Parents Evening - Virtual
- 10th Whole school reports
- 14th Year 9 Parents Evening - Virtual
- Year 11 Christmas Lunch (date tbc)
- 13th Principal's Commendation Postcards in the post
- 15th - Christmas Lunch
- End of term Celebration assemblies
- 17th - End of term

Kind Regards

Mrs Bishop - Principal