



# Padgate Academy

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Dear Parent or Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. I think it is important that I begin this letter by expressing the deep sense of sorrow that we all feel as a school community over the death of Brianna Ghey. That something like this could happen in our own Town is deeply shocking and saddening. Our thoughts are with Brianna's family, friends and loved ones at this time. We have offered our students support should they need it. If you feel like your child needs any additional support, please do contact us.

This half term has been a busy and vibrant one here at the academy. We have seen a plethora of activities, events and opportunities taking place for our students. To give you a flavour of the wide and varied range of these I have listed some of the main ones below.

- The Champion Tour Performance in conjunction with Children's mental health week and Warrington Youth for Christ
- TCAT Parliament event
- Primary transition events
- United Utilities projects
- HS2- The EPIC Engineers event
- Duke of Edinburgh activities
- Reading ambassadors
- EAL ambassadors -supporting new students to settle in
- Mental Health ambassadors
- The launch of the wellbeing drop- in
- EAL sports activities event
- Padgate Community Lectures with Bill Cooke and Professor Catherine Fletcher
- Year 10 History workshop with Professor Catherine Fletcher
- History, Chester University trip
- Holocaust Memorial Day assembly
- LGBTQ+ History month celebration assembly
- Young Carers assembly
- Kurling County final competition- winners
- Netball fixtures
- Indoor athletics event
- EAL sports activities event
- Table cricket district and county event



- Year 10 sports leaders for table cricket
- Year 5 primary trampolining with year 7 sports leaders
- Explore programme College visit
- Bowling Pentathlon for students in our Designated Provision
- Tutoring programme and Saturday study zone

As well as these internal opportunities, we also celebrate the fantastic achievements of Luke Littler in Year 11 who continues to go from strength to strength in the world of darts.

These events show our commitment to providing a wide and varied offer to our fantastic young people to enable them to have opportunities beyond the classroom and to develop their confidence, resilience, and leadership. I am sure you will join me in offering thanks to our staff who go the extra mile to provide opportunities for our students. This is all in addition to the curriculum offer taking place in classrooms on a daily basis, and the extensive CAS offer of enrichments that I would encourage all students to sign up for and attend. All this makes us incredibly proud to be Padgate.

I have, during an end of half term assembly, also had the great privilege of presenting the Principal's Recognition award to the students who have received the most Attitude to Learning 1 points (AtL1) These points are awarded to students for going above and beyond expectations both in their general attitude and work ethic. I would like to congratulate all those students for their hard work and effort this half term.

Finally, as we break up at the end of another half term, I want to remind you that the outset of the next half term begins at 08.25am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

I hope all our students, and yourselves, have a restful and enjoyable half term.

Thanks to you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Adam McMillan  
Principal