

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**10th February 2017**

Dear parents, carers and families

I cannot believe that we are at the Half Term mark. How quickly this term has gone, and what a term it has been. Our students go from strength to strength with huge achievements across the term.

This week the 'Endeavour Sports Team' consisting of seven students had the honour of representing the Academy in a Panathlon at The White Horse leisure centre in Abingdon. This was a sporting event aimed for students who would not normally be given the opportunity to compete against other schools. The sports that students competed in were wide ranging, such as track and field events, indoor curling, boccia, table cricket and polybat.

The students teamed up with Bishopwood School to form 'The Green Team'. All had a chance to sample all of the sports. Students demonstrated important life skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship and determination. Some showed a real competitive streak! Endeavour were particularly good at the curling. Most importantly the students had a great day representing Endeavour, mixing with other schools and catching up with old friends. Everyone had a medal to take home for their efforts. We look forward to the next event in March. A huge thank you to James McAvoy and all the staff who supported this event.

We welcome, Sam Ram, Macintyre's Director of Education and Children and Young People Services, who has taken over operational responsibility for MAT. Sam joined us on Thursday this week and spent time meeting with staff and students.

Home Visits

As part of Endeavours commitment to putting families first we offer home visits to parents. You can contact Sarah Roots, our Children and Young People Outcomes Lead, by emailing sarah.roots@macintyreacademies.org. She will be able to come at a time that is convenient for you and discuss any issues, concerns and to support your family

I do hope that you all have a fantastic Valentine's Day next week.

A reminder that school will reopen on Monday 20 February.

To finish on this week's quote:



Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke
Principal