# SAA NEWS

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#### MOTIVATONAL MANTRA

Mr Atkins has shared with us his motivational mantra, "Fear kills more dreams than failure ever will"

He said, "If you do nothing, you will never move towards achieving your goals. It is ok to fail along the way and fail often. As long as you are learning from your mistakes, you are growing as a person and will be a better version of yourself."



Mer Alkins

## **SAA PROM**

After several stalled attempts, the Year 11 Prom finally took place at the Collingwood Hotel on Thursday 9th September and what an event it was! The students looked amazing - the dresses, the suits, the cars....it was a sight to behold! They were certainly attracting a lot of attention from the passers-by and rightly so. They were not only perfect in their appearance but also perfect in their behaviour. Every student showed a great deal of maturity and respected the fellow guests and school staff. It was a great chance for the students to celebrate the end of their time at SAA and have one last send off with their friends. The magician was a hit with the students, wowing them with his magic skills. He commented on what a great time he had performing during the evening and he certainly will be back in the future. There was also the Prom Queen and Prom King awards who were won by Rosie Taylor and Jamie Somerscales respectively.

For most of the old cohort of Year 11, this was the first time seeing their friends since results day. It was lovely to hear them tell their stories of the first days at College or Sixth Form since leaving school. The vast majority of them were so happy with their choices and this was great to hear. We wish them every success for the future and hope they will keep in touch with their news.

Mer Lambert

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year 2021-2022!

It has been a busy start to the term. We have welcomed a significant number of new staff to the team. We hope they will quickly settle and enjoy being part of SAA.

We are very proud of our new Year 7 students, they have settled well, look very smart and are achieving lots of StARS and working hard in their lessons. We have our 'Meet the tutor' evening for Year 7 students and their parents on Thursday 7th October and are looking forward to inviting you into our academy buildings!

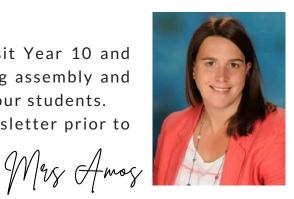
We have also had a busy few weeks of events in addition to prom.

We have had our Year 11 Information Evening for current Y11 students and parents to explain all the things that will be happening for them this year and the support that is in place for them in this, their final and most important year at SAA.

Last week we had our Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 parents - after having our last one two years ago and having to move things virtually it was great to have a packed theatre and school again.

Last week saw two performances of our show Aladdin which had to be rescheduled from the end of the Summer term. It was an amazing performance and ALL the students involved were amazing. massive well done to them all! The Performing Arts team and Showtime students will now be working towards our Christmas show which will be upon us before we know it!

Our Chair of AAC, Maria Seabright has been in to visit Year 10 and Year 11 to talk about her journey – it was an inspiring assembly and we are grateful to her for giving up her time to talk to our students. I hope you enjoy this issue, there will be a further newsletter prior to half-term with more of our news.









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## ALADDIN AT LAST Mrs King

We ventured to a whole new world last week as SAA finally managed to perform 'Aladdin' which the showtime crew had been rehearsing for months!

The original performance dates were meant for July last year, but sadly Covid and isolation rules meant that it was put on hold! Our pupils returned in September absolutely determined to see the performance through! Lines were practiced over the summer and songs were rehearsed ready for the return of showtime rehearsals!

Thank you to all the parents, friends and community who came and supported the cast. All members thoroughly enjoyed finally performing and it was a wonderful success! Although not without a drama! One of our cast members fell poorly during the second half of the last night's performance, meaning that one of our teachers hopped on stage and stepped in to play the role of Sultan! Mr Westgate played this superbly and all was saved!

We are now working towards a Christmas showcase - so do look out for tickets and come and support us when they are released! Until then, the showtime family will keep on rehearsing!









# >>>>>> DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 7 Tutor evening: Thursday 7th October 2021 - 3.30pm-6pm Year 11 Parent Consultation: Thursday 14th October 2021 - 3.30pm-6pm

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