

SJA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Joyful January

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BUILDING PARENT/CARER PARTNERSHIPS

WHAT IS THE LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD (LPPA)?

The Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) is key to our academy's important priority to help strengthen our academy's partnership with parents and carers.

LPPA is a national award that will provide us with a reliable school improvement tool and also give us recognition for our commitment to working with parents and carers. The award will be helping St James Academy to work in partnership with all parents and carers, increasing parental participation in academy life which leads to securing life chances daily with regards to improved attainment, punctuality, attendance and behaviour.

The framework encourages parents and carers to be involved in their children's learning leading to improved outcomes in all aspects of academy life. The programme is delivered by trained LPPA advisers and high standards are maintained through a consistent quality assurance process. To achieve the award schools have to work towards meeting nine different objectives, building evidence to support them before they can achieve the award.

WHY

The award will improve our standards as an academy and encourage ongoing partnerships with families and the community involved with our academy. Working towards the LPPA will enhance links between home and school. This is important to us as we know that when positive relationships are built children's learning improves.

WHAT CAN FAMILIES DO TO HELP ST JAMES ACADEMY STRENGTHEN PARENT/CARER PARTNERSHIPS?

- Read all the newsletters, letters and publicity we send out.
- Come along to events we organise if you are able to.
- Complete any questionnaires or feedback forms we send out as honestly as you can.
- Share your ideas on how we can help you or your families.
- If we are getting tight or working, please tell us so we can continue to improve.

LPPA Improving Parent/Carer Partnerships

'Securing Life Chances Daily'

LPPA OBJECTIVES

1. The school demonstrates a commitment to work towards achieving the LPPA.
2. The school makes and implements effective plans to achieve and maintain the LPPA.
3. The school is a welcoming communicative and friendly place for parents.
4. The school promotes the awareness and participating of all groups of parents in supporting their children's learning and developing their own learning. In addition the school holds and actively promotes a programme of opportunities and events for parent and carer participation.
5. The school provides a good induction for all new parents.
6. The school provides parents with relevant and user-friendly guidance and information to help them support their children's learning.
7. The school produces and implements parent-friendly policies to establish effective home-school links and improve children's attendance, punctuality, progress and positive participation in school.
8. The school provides good support for all parents as their children move through or leave the school.
9. The school summarises its achievements against the LPPA Objectives and outlines its future plans.

THE LPPA OBJECTIVES

There are many ways we can enhance the parent/carer partnership through the LPPA, here are just some of them:

- Ensure the academy is a welcoming and fair place for all, not just parents and carers.
- Consultation and communication with parent and carers.
- Provide information and guidance to parents carers to help them support their own child's learning.
- Holding and actively promoting developing opportunities or events for parent/carer or child activities.
- Involving parents and carers in specific celebration events to celebrate their child's achievements.
- Evaluating our performance against the Lead Parent Partnership Award.

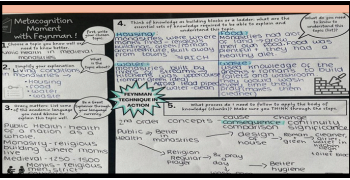
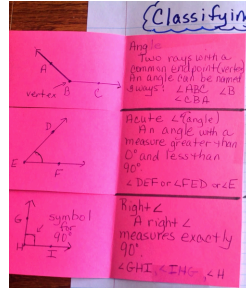


The Academy's LPPA coordinator is Miss Adeoye, Vice Principal, feel free to contact: eadeoye@stjamesacademy.org.uk



MAGICAL JANUARY: FEATURING VIBRANT AND HEARTWARMING MOMENTS WHICH ECHO OUR COMMUNITY'S EXCELLENCE!

IT'S REVISION O'CLOCK



We will be supporting learners with building their bank of revision strategies over the next few months. Let's love REVISING!

LANGUAGES TALK



David Binns, the Director of Sanako UK visited the academy to speak to Year 9 learners about the value of learning a language.

OUR FABULOUS FRIDAY REWARDS



- We are extremely PROUD of our rewards culture.
- Our vision to reward learners weekly is an integral part of our core value - 'Rewarding Effort'.
- January saw many learners take part in the weekly Friday rewards.
- We particularly love the fact that everyone gets a chance weekly. All you have to do is have a GOOD week!

TALENTED ART LEARNERS

Our learners continue to inspire us with their creativity in Art. They work with keen precision and an ethic of excellence.



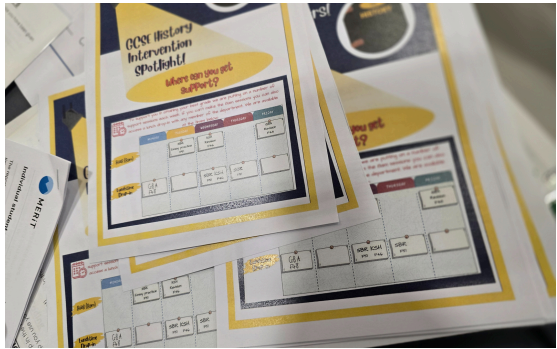
OUR LOVELY GOODIE BAGS

Our first aid team did an amazing job putting these goodie bags together for our parents/carers event.



TRAILBLAZERS FEEDBACK EVENT

Following the November PPE exams, our Y11s participated in a high level 1:1 feedback event with staff. Learners were able to discuss their current grades and predicted grades in great detail. Teachers had the amazing opportunity to share personalised learning targets with learners.



- QLS AND TRANSITION TO LESSONS IN 3 MINS!
- CHECK YOUR TIMETABLE, SO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR NEXT LESSON IS!
- TAKE THE SHORTEST ROUTE. NO EXCUSES!
- IF YOU ARE NOT IN LESSON - YOU WILL GET LINES!
- UNIFORM STANDARDS MATTER- ALL DAY...EVERY DAY!



LIBRARY LEGENDS

Asin J is our latest Reading Plus superstar. She is progressing well and always attends her sessions. Her attitude to learning is outstanding. Keep up the GREAT work - we are proud of you!



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