

February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been another successful half-term for Bower Park Academy.

Although it may not be popular with students, I am really pleased we managed to dodge the snow and avoid any school closures. Such days are very disruptive for the school and obviously affect the learning of our students. This is especially true for Year 11 who are in their final term and a half at the school and working very hard towards their GCSEs. We have been very pleased with their commitment and, having just interviewed all of them, I have been impressed by the motivation and aspirations that they show for the future. Our current indicators show that there should be a significant improvement in results this summer and I wish them luck in the Pre-Public Exams that they are currently undertaking.

Once again, we have had lots of success in sport this half-term. The under-13 girls will be joining the under-15 girls in the County Indoor Cricket finals after successfully winning in the qualifying rounds. This included beating New Hall, which is an independent school with a long history of cricket success. We have also had individual success with Tayllah Barton-Conde winning the Indoor County Athletics Championships at 200m and coming second in the Eastern Regionals, only missing out to a photo finish. Harrison Smith, also from Year 10, competed in the Midlands Taekwondo Championships and won gold in pattern, silver in sparring and gold in power strike.

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th February, we held the annual High Flyers gymnastics and dance display, which was very well supported by friends and family. The quality of performance was extremely high. Many thanks to Mrs Porter for the gymnastics and Mrs King and Mrs Freer for the dance routines. We also enjoyed performances from Clockhouse Primary School, the King Academy of Dance and St Joseph's Primary School. It was an extremely rewarding evening for all concerned. Josh Barber sang two brilliant songs. Thank you to everyone who came to support the event.

Attendance

It is part of the school's Vision Statement to help transform the life chances of every student. In order for us to be successful with this, it is very important that every student has good attendance. Our aim is that all children's attendance will be above 95%. Thank you for the support from parents with this. We ask that all parents ensure that their children attend school regularly.