

Welcome

Executive Principal's blog! A new departure for Stephenson Academy, so it is with some trepidation that I begin my first ever blog. With this blog it is my intention to keep you updated on a monthly basis on what's happening here at Stephenson, its successes and other information that may be of interest and will, I hope, give you a flavour of what is happening in school on a regular basis.

New Website

I'm delighted to announce the launch of our new website. I hope you find it appealing, user friendly and that it contains the information relevant to your needs, whether you are a parent, student, prospective member of staff or an interested member of the public. There are still certain areas where we need to add more information and this will happen over the next few weeks.

What's ahead?

Progress Day - this will run from 1.30pm onwards on Friday 27th February and is an opportunity for parents and students to sit with staff and discuss progress. If you wish to speak with a senior leader in school, for whatever reason, then this is a good opportunity to do so.

School Trips - dates are now confirmed. Year 9s will be going to France and Belgium between 18th and 22nd May. The Year 10 trip will go to Berlin from 20th-23rd April and Year 11s and Sixth Formers go to Barcelona from 6th-9th July. Year 8 will be going to Longrigg, an outdoor pursuits centre in the Lake District, between 29th June and 3rd July. All trips are free to students.

We very much hope you will support your child and the school in these activities.

General Information

The winter weather has been relatively kind to us, however, we are only too aware that we can experience all seasons in one day and we do have procedures in place if the weather takes a turn for the worst. As always, the safety of students and staff is paramount and at the heart of all our decision making. Tutors will keep parents and students fully informed when the Academy is closed and you can also check Three Counties Radio, our website and the Milton Keynes Council website, www.milton-keynes.gov.uk. Please help us to keep in touch by ensuring we have up to date contact details, in particular mobile numbers.

Finally, on Friday, 13th February we break up for half term and return to school at normal time on Monday 23rd February.

So, first Executive Principal's blog completed! I have kept it brief so as not to set a precedent. If there are any particular issues you would like to know more about contact us on yourviews@stephensonacademy.org.uk.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dr Neil Barrett
Executive Principal