



Joseph Swan Academy

21st May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

Following another productive half term, I would like to update you on some of the achievements of the Year Group.

Our Be Kind champions were busy promoting kindness in the community. They handed out personalised flowers to members of the public who were delighted with the gesture. The Champions then went on to deliver 'kindness assemblies' in our feeder primaries.

We also had an assembly from the NHS informing Year 9 about the services on offer and where to go should they need support this half term.

Our Options evening was a huge success with a fantastic turnout. Students have been very engaged in this process and keen to move on into KS4 next year.

Year 9 have been involved in some amazing visits this half term including an Engineering workshop at Beamish Museum and a visit to the Apple store to learn about developing technologies. Some students were also lucky enough to take part in sessions with Newcastle United Football Club. They have been coming to the Academy to work with small groups on a weekly basis. This will continue for a number of weeks.

A group of Year 9 students won a national competition with their entry into 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Mr O'Dwyer accompanied two of our students to the Britannia Stadium (Stoke on Trent) for the National Awards as we are now Digital Media winners. They had a fantastic time and represented our Academy very well.

Throughout this half term we have been running a Joseph Swan giant Connect4 competition. This was something the students were really excited about. Tutor Group champions were decided before they all went head to head to produce the Year Group champion and this led to discovering our very own Joseph Swan Champion.

We celebrated the Royal Wedding by holding a JSA street party on Friday 18th May where top points holders, as well as students that consistently display outstanding behaviour and attitude to learning were invited. Students had a wonderful time and were all keen to have their photographs taken with the happy couple (a life size cardboard version we had in the Academy).

We have lots to look forward to next half term including the Year Group celebration day in July and the Joseph Swan All Together Games. Further details will follow.

Yours faithfully

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