



# December



## Blackpool Aspire Academy – Year 9 Newsletter

### Head of Year Messages

Happy December!

We're nearing the end of the first full term and have so many fantastic students to celebrate in this newsletter. This academic year so far we have 104 students that have received 0 behaviour points – a huge well done to these students who each day show perfect conduct both in and out of the classroom. We also have 38 resilient students with 100% attendance.

Our key message again remains the same. Attendance in this year group is not at the standard that it needs to be, and this has a direct impact on the progress made with regards to learning. Throughout November, the year group as a whole had 84.9% attendance which falls drastically short of the expected 97%+. It is absolutely paramount that this improves so that your child makes the progress throughout this academic year, to stand them in good stead ahead of their GCSE years.

#### Attendance by Form Group

Form Group	%
9T	85.6
9O	90.3
9A	84.6
9S	87.2
9P	85.6
9I	82.3
9R	79.1
Year Group Average	84.9

\*It is expected that students have 97% attendance to make necessary progress.

#### Top 10 Achievers

Student	Points
Maddox B	261
Manoja O	258
Shelby J	242
Ellis M	228
Samuel S	226
Amera N	226
Shammi	221
Madison B	209
Melody W	205
Tamika W	204

#### What's Going On in Blackpool?

- 'Christmas by the Sea' has returned on Blackpool Promenade. This features Christmas cabins, simulated snowfall, light installations, fairground rides and an ice-skating rink.
- The Illuminations
- Christmas Pantomime at The Grand Theatre, Winter Gardens and Blackpool Pleasure Beach



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## Student in the Spotlight!

Manoja O - has settled in brilliantly and is doing so well in maths!

Jasmine S, Keegan S and Alexa M - have shown fantastic leadership in dance. Not only have they really engaged in the whole class dance they have led their groups well and come up with some great choreography.

Harley S - absolutely incredible in science. He works really hard, makes sure his work is done and he understands everything I teach and is completely respectful every lesson.

Maisy T- the most hardworking child I have met. She has an extra notebook which she takes home and writes up her own notes on whatever I have taught and then brings it in to show me!

Tyler H - Outstanding commitment, attendance and enthusiasm to Chinese Club, excellent progress in Mandarin and Chinese culture

Katelyn A - Amazing in English recently. She always puts 100% effort in and is very conscientious.

Mackenzie H- comes to see me every day to ask how my day is going. He is so polite, well-mannered and a pleasure to teach.

Lily S and Georgia T- for high quality work in maths, with all work beautifully presented.