



Achieving Excellence Together

10th January 2025

Dear Parents,

This term we are going to be using the school assemblies to revisit our school vision and values.

Our vision at Hadrian Academy is to provide a school of excellence building further on the schools identified strengths and caring ethos, where every child is encouraged and supported to reach their individual potential.

Thinking about our vision and school motto 'Achieving Excellence Together', we will be reinforcing the high expectations and aspirations that we have for each other and every child at Hadrian.

This term, the new Senior Leadership Team will be using the school assemblies to unpick what this means for the children and staff at Hadrian and how we can demonstrate this through our approach to learning and the way we interact with one another.

Hadrian Academy School Values

We are *ambitious*; *resilient* and *Creative* -

always *READY* to learn

We are *role models*; *kind* and *honest* -

always *RESPECTFUL*

**We are *SAFE* to *achieve excellence*
*together***

First Coffee Morning

Next Friday, we will be hosting the first Coffee Morning of the school year. This will take place at 9am in the school hall. During this coffee morning, you will have an opportunity to meet with Mrs Sparrow, our new Vice Principal for Teaching and Learning and Mr Roxburgh, our Special Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo).

Before and After School

Every morning and after school, different members of the Leadership Team will be outside to greet you. If you have any questions about any school related matters, please do come and speak to us.



Mrs Sparrow



Mr Roxburgh

Parents Evening Spring Term

Parents evening this term will take place during the final week of the half term for most classes. The dates have been added below.

Years R, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 will be on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th February. Year 3 Sunbear class on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February. Year 3 Honeybee class will be on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th January. We shall be using Parents Evening Manager (PEM), which is available via your ParentMail account to make your in person booking with your child's class teacher. All bookings, with the exception of Honeybee class, will be available to book from Monday 20th January at 4.30pm and Honeybee class from Monday 13th January at 4.30pm.

House Points

Weekly total:

St. Patrick	34
St. David	41
St. George	33
St. Andrew	18

Overall points since the start of the school year:



Attendance

The classes with the top attendance this week are:

Tiger class with 98.5%

Koala class with 98.2%

Giraffe class with 98%

The whole school average attendance this week is **95.26%**.

Mr Griffin

Principal

Celebration Assembly

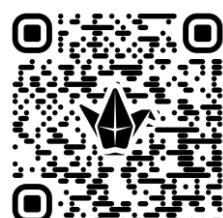


Mental Health Support

Central Bedfordshire Mental Health Support Teams Mental health services and resources for Children and Young People (CYP) collated by the MHSTs across Central Bedfordshire.

[Parent / Carer Padlet](#)

[Children and Young People Padlet](#)



Dates for your Diary

Tues 14 th Jan 9am	Friends of Hadrian Academy	All	All parents welcome
Fri 17 th Jan 9.00am – 9.30am	Coffee Morning	ALL	Parents welcome to come long and meet with the new Senior Leadership Team
Mon 27 th Jan Tues 28 th Jan	Parents Evening – Honey bee 3.30pm – 6pm	Yr 3	Bookings open Mon 13 th Jan 4.30pm
Mon 3 rd Feb	Choir to sing at Young Voices	Full	
Mon 10 th Feb Tues 11 th Feb	Parents Evening – Sunbear 3.30pm – 6pm	Yr 3	Bookings open Mon 20 th Jan 4.30pm
Tues 11 th Feb Wed 12 th Feb	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm		Bookings open Mon 20 th Jan 4.30pm
Wed 2 nd April	LAMDA Exams	Full	
Fri 23 rd May	Whole Class Photo - Tempest	All	
Mon 23 rd Jun – Fri 27 th Jun	Kingswood Residential, West Runton	Yr 6	All payments to be made via ParentMail

Diary dates can also be found on our website by clicking [here](#).



COMMITTEE MEETING

We will be holding this special general meeting to make updates to the Constitution of our Association. We welcome all parents who would like to come along and find out exactly what FOHA aims to do.

Tuesday 14th January
Straight after morning school run
9:00am SHARP
School Library

For more information email: foha@hadrianacademy.co.uk



Subject: Don't Miss Out! – Join Me for a “Wicked” Workshop This February!

I hope this email finds you well and excited for the coming year. I'm absolutely thrilled to extend a special invitation to secure your place at my upcoming **Wicked-themed workshop**. Tickets for my workshop are now officially on sale!

Join me for this spellbinding 2-hour workshop, where we'll be defying gravity together as we dive into a medley of the most enchanting songs from *Wicked*, including *One Short Day*, *What Is This Feeling?*, and, of course, *Defying Gravity*. With the film's release at the end of November, there's no better way to celebrate the Oz-some magic of this iconic musical.

Workshop Highlights:

- **Songs:** A medley of *One Short Day*, *What Is This Feeling?*, and *Defying Gravity*
- **Warmup:** A fun Wicked-themed warmup
- **Workshop Date:** Saturday February 8th at 3pm at Hadrian's Academy, Dunstable.
- **Ticket Price:** £25 per member for this 2-hour workshop

This workshop is a fantastic opportunity to sing together and share in the *Galindafied* fun, and immerse yourself in the world of *Wicked*. *Wicked* is incredibly popular with youngsters and adolescents, so if you have a son or daughter or even a grandchild who loves it, please consider bringing them along and share in the joy of singing together! They would be welcome! Whether you're a devoted fan or new to the Emerald City, you're in for a truly magical time.

To secure your spot and avoid any *melting* disappointment, simply follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://nationalworkshop.myshopify.com/collections>
2. Click on "Wicked Workshop."
3. Use the map locator tool to find my workshop.
4. Click on my photo to view the workshop details.
5. Adjust the ticket quantity if needed, then add to your basket.
6. Follow the on-screen process to check out.
7. Use the "order special instructions" box to provide names, emails, and harmony parts for any members you're purchasing tickets for.

Spaces are limited, so don't let this opportunity slip away like sand through an hourglass. The workshop is open to non-Rock Choir members as well, so feel free to invite your friends or family to join in the *Wicked* fun!

Important Information:

- Tickets are non-refundable but can be transferred to someone else. Just let us know at events@rockchoir.com.
- The name "Shopify" may appear on your bank statement – this is our external shop.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. I can't wait to share this *Wicked-ly* wonderful experience with you!

Warmest regards,

Liz Shea

Welwyn Garden City Rock Choir, Luton and Dunstable Rock Choir, Amersham Rock Choir, and Hemel Hempstead/ Berkhamsted Rock Choir

Liz.shea@rockchoir.com

PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may be eligible for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium if you are in receipt of certain welfare benefits. If you think you may be eligible, contact Central Beds by phoning **0300 300 8306**. More details can be found at <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Did you know

We will receive extra funding for every eligible pupil who is registered!

If your child has a packed lunch or if your child is in EYFS or Key Stage 1 **you can still apply**

Benefits of Pupil Premium for your child:

- Free daily school meal. This can save you **over £200 per child per academic year**
- 50% off school trips/residential
- 20% off school uniform Logo items
- Discount is available to the Cool Kids before and after school Club
- Free daily carton of milk
- Discount on LAMDA



Hadrian Academy

Further details of Pupil Premium/FSM at Hadrian Academy can be found on our [school website](#)

Central Bedfordshire Council currently offers any child eligible for Free School Meals a supermarket voucher to help support during school holidays. [Click here](#) for more details.

Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme Central Bedfordshire

For more details [click here](#)

PUPIL PREMIUM IS MORE THAN JUST FREE SCHOOL MEALS

At Hadrian Academy, we recognise that all pupils regardless of their background should have equal access to a curriculum which will enable them to reach their full potential. The pupil premium is a Government initiative that targets extra money to pupils from deprived backgrounds. Research shows that many of these pupils underachieve, compared to their peers.

Qualifying benefits for free school meals

The qualifying benefits for free school meals are:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

The Government uses pupils entitled to Free School meals as an indicator for deprivation, this year Hadrian Academy will receive £1,480 per pupil, based on the number of pupils eligible for Free School meals.

At Hadrian we use the extra funding in a variety of ways to improve the quality of our children's education and to employ strategies that will support these pupils to increase their attainment, overcome any barriers to learning. This could include improving attendance, supporting emotional well-being, narrowing attainment gaps or providing enhancement opportunities to the curriculum, additional training for staff or employing additional staff to help us meet all of our children's needs.

Therefore, we ask that any PARENTS / GUARDIANS who think that they may be eligible, please apply by calling **0300 300 8306**. Further details can be found on their website <https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals>



great
prospects



**Was your child born between
1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?**

**They will start school in September 2025, so you
need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025.**



Apply online at www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school
or by contacting School Admissions  admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk  0300 300 8037

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