



**Fir Vale Academy**

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# FIR VALE FORTNIGHTLY

## *Principal's Message*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I am delighted that today and Monday we have welcomed three new Senior Leaders to Fir Vale Academy on their induction day, who will be joining us and supporting us on our improvement journey.

All three colleagues bring significant experience in school leadership and extensive backgrounds in driving school improvement.

We will be welcoming Miss Foxton (Vice Principal – Quality of Education), Miss Gautry (Vice Principal – Personal Development, Behaviour & Attitudes) and Miss Pierce (Assistant Principal – Literacy & EAL).

All three colleagues will start with us after the Easter break (with Miss Gautry starting in the third week). I am sure you will join me in welcoming the colleagues over the coming weeks.

Mr Bullock



**Mr Bullock**  
Principal



**Determination**



**Togetherness**



**Achievement**



**Opportunity**



**Kindness**



**Respect**



Arbor

We're now in full swing with Arbor, our school's information system that keeps you connected to your child's attendance, achievements, behaviour, and all our updates. **It's really important that you download the Arbor app so you can stay fully in the loop.**

Please take a moment to download it and log in so you have everything you need at your fingertips!

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## Key Dates

### Y9 Options Evening

Tuesday 24th March 2026  
(3:45pm – 5:00pm)

### Y11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 26th March 2026  
(3:45pm – 6:00pm)

### Easter Holidays

Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday  
10 April 2026

### School Closure Days

(Staff Training)  
Monday 13th April &  
Tuesday 14th April 2026

## Rewards are coming up!

- **£20 Meadowhall vouchers** will be given to every student who attends all of their mock exams!
- **A trip to Alton Towers** will be a reward for 100% attendance between December and March!
- Three lucky students will win a **£100 Meadowhall voucher** for attending Parents' Evening on Thursday 26 March!
- Students who make good progress between mock 1 and mock 2 will be rewarded with a **Karting trip!**
- Six hard-working, dedicated students have won a **£100 Meadowhall voucher** each for completing their Maths and English homework!
- **Pizza** has been delivered to students who have been attending after-school intervention sessions!





## ***Apprenticeship Week!***

The Careers Department ran a competition where students created an acrostic poem using the word “Apprentice,” with each line describing a quality of a good worker.

We received many creative entries and were impressed by the effort and detail shown. Congratulations to Jamaal, Deborah and Zaynab who went above and beyond and won Just Eat vouchers. We hope you enjoy your takeaways! 🍕



## ***Any reading is reading!***

On World Book Day, students were challenged to find out what teachers were reading.

There was a treasure hunt where staff wore badges to encourage students to get involved with great conversations around reading.

During the day, the top readers in each year on Sparx Reader were invited to the library during the day for fun activities. 📖



## ***Awesome rewards!***

Every week, 12 students go on a reward trip to Awesome Walls.

Students who attend every day and have positive behaviour (0 negatives and 100% attendance) have an opportunity to attend this trip.

Remember to attend school every day and make a positive choice!



## ***Inspirational Visit!***

Year 9 'She Can' girls enjoyed a visit to Leeds Beckett University Campus where they had a tour and took part in some information and aspiration sessions surrounding University life.

They also got to visit the on-site Tropical House.

