*Togetherness *Kindness * Respect * Achievement * Determination * Opportunity



Y10s had an amazing time on their reward trip to Alton Towers! This was to celebrate their excellent attendance and positive behaviour.



Y9s found Lightwater Valley brimming with fun! Students were really grateful to have earned this special reward trip.



Y8s had a great day at Flamingo Land! Our students were excellent role models on this exciting trip.



Y7s joined in the fun at Drayton Manor! A well deserved trip where our students loved every minute.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st September 2025 School Closure Days

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 School Closure Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 First Day of Term

Thursday 11th September 2025 Tutor Evening **Thursday 18th September 2025** Parent Drop-ins (9:30pm & 3:30pm)

Thursday 25th September 2025 Y5/Y6 Open Evening (5pm - 7pm)

Thursday 16th October 2025 Y11 Parents' Eveninng

Tuesday 21st October 2025 Y11 Conference

Thursday 23rd October 2025 Presentation Evening (5pm - 7pm)

Grand Day Out!

Students visited a local Mosque to experience and learn about the Muslim faith.

At a VIP guided tour of the Grand Mosque Petra Y9 said: "It was a very beautiful building and listening to the sounds of the prayers was very special." This was a wonderful togetherness activity.



Performance!



Students celebrated Roma talent for the second year running. Thank you to the band and their manager for all of their hard work.



Gospel Choir - 50 students formed their own gospel choir and performed a collection of songs to a live audience!



Steel Pans - 30 students learned how to play the steel pan drums in a workshop with Cath from Sheffield Music Hub!



Showcase - well done to all of the performers involved in the spectacular summer show! The cast performed a selection of songs and scenes from a variety of musicals.







Rosa Cisneros is one of our Fir Vale governors.

She is actively involved in projects with students and within the community. Rosa says, 'I love that the board were actively seeking community representation and diversity'. Rosa believes it is important that different communities are heard.



"It's been a privilege to serve Fir Vale for so long" says Richard Edwards, a governor for nearly 25 years at the Academy.

Usma Saeed, who has been Chair of governors for over ten years agrees. "It's been amazing to see all the changes at the school over the years".

Speaking at the academy this week as they retire from governance, we would like to thank them for all the hard work and time they have given to the community over the years. We will miss them and wish them all the best!



Tafseer Shabir is one of our Fir Vale governors.

Taf said 'Fir Vale has done amazingly at celebrating diversity - it's one of its strengths. Everyone on the governing body brings a different perspective and everyone is keen to move the school on in its next chapter.'

School Photographs!



Student photographs taken in school. Scan the QR code to view your child's photo.



You will have noticed we have a new logo! That is because we are now part of United Learning, the Trust we have been working with for the last two years. We are delighted that our partnership is now official!

Good bye from Mrs Smith...

It's hard to know how to say good bye.

Working at Fir Vale for the last few years has been an honour and a privilege.

Thank you to students, parents, carers, governors and staff who have made me feel at home.

I'm moving into the retirement stage of my life.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Rachel Smith, Headteacher



Fir Vale Cadets worked with other schools



training and testing ready for their annual **camp.** Learning the weapon system to

camouflage and concealment and surviving the wind and rain under their shelters.

We solve it!



Y9 girls won the Amey cup in the engineering competition across other schools. Well done!