

06 December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the final two weeks of the Autumn term there is lots to write home about and share with you all.

Mr Rogers and Mr Stanger led assemblies for all year groups which focused on Honesty; one of our three core values. As I mentioned last week, I want assemblies to be something that all students look forward to and this week's assembly was built around a powerful story about best friends crossing the desert. Students all enjoyed the assembly which brought the value of honesty to life.

On Tuesday Ellie S-B in Year 8, held a bake sale to raise money for the Little Princess Trust to which she is donating a large proportion of her hair. If you are unfamiliar with the charity, they take donations of real hair and make it into wigs which can be worn by children who have lost their hair during cancer treatment or other medical conditions. A great example of demonstrating great character – well done, Ellie!

On Thursday afternoon, our amazing sports leaders took charge of a Key Stage 2 Boccia tournament for which 9 primary schools were involved. They all demonstrated amazing patience, great communication skills and stand-out leadership skills! They were praised by the teachers from the primary schools for their professionalism and kindness throughout.

Year 7 parents' evening took place on Thursday evening, and it was a genuine pleasure to welcome all parents and carers into the academy. It was nice to see the children getting lots of praise from their teachers regarding the positive start they have made. It was also nice to speak with many of you regarding how well your children have settled in. If you were unable to make the evening for any reason, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor who will be able to collate some feedback from your child's teachers.

On Friday afternoon, our Year 10 Boys football team travelled to Leicester for their fifth-round cup tie to see if they can progress to the next round and be one of the final 32 schools left in the country. We will all be keeping our fingers crossed and I will update you on the result next week.

This week, we launched our attendance leagues with every tutor group being placed into one of four leagues based on their cumulative attendance. Each week Mr Rogers will be letting the students know who has been promoted and relegated with lots of rewards on offer for improvements! I have promised the students a mufti-day on the last day of term if the whole school attendance figure is 90.5% or above.

The top 3 forms for attendance, currently sitting at the top of the premier league, are:

1st place was 7ZHD – Miss Hayward’s form with 99.23%

2nd place was 11ABI – Mrs Briffa’s form with 97.86%

3rd place was 7TRC – Mrs Childs’ form with 96.07%

The top praise point earners this week are as follows:

Year Group	3rd place	2nd place	1st place	Average points
7	Thalia H - 22	Cerys F – 26	Christy J – 29	8 points
8	Dib B – 19	Brianna W – 21	Olivia E – 24	7 points
9	Jazmin C – 21	Imogen C – 22	Elisabeth L – 28	8 points
10	Euan L - 16	Amelia C – 16	Owen W – 17	6 points
11	Aiden W – 18	Dorothea G – 18	Harry S – 19	5 points

Looking ahead to next week, on Monday, Year 11 students will be given their mock examination results during their assembly. This process will mirror what happens in the Summer, so they get the experience of opening their letter with all their results in it. The progress league will be updated, and correspondence will be sent to you directly regarding strengths and areas for development in different subjects.

Next Thursday we will be supporting Save the Children’s Christmas jumper day and if your child would like to take part, they will need to bring a recommended donation of a pound to wear their Christmas jumper. Just to be clear, this is not a mufti-day so their normal uniform will be worn with the addition of their Christmas jumper – if they wear a Christmas jumper they do not need to wear their blazer.

The Christmas show will be taking place on the 17th December, which will include music, dance and drama performances, and is something that I am very much looking forward to! Tickets are available via Scopay with initial priority going to parents and carers of children performing in the show.

Finally, just with regards to dropping off and picking up on Greening road. I stand there on duty at the beginning and end of most days, and I am worried that a child is going to get injured. With this in mind, please can I ask that you don’t park on the yellow zig-zags or double park as it is currently forcing cars to mount curbs or drive on the other side of the road. Parking directly opposite the school also makes it difficult for the buses to enter and exit the school. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Have a very pleasant weekend.

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines  
Principal