

4 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Week 5 of the academic term has been a busy one with open evenings, SEND drop-in sessions and football tournaments!

Mr Haig led assemblies this week which focused on Black History Month for which this year's theme is reclaiming narratives. He shared some powerful historical images of times where prejudicial treatment towards ethnic minorities was commonplace. Mr Haig then talked about the fundamental British value of tolerance and the importance of this value within our school community.

On Monday evening we invited a number of you in for our SEND information evening which shared what's new for this academic year. It also gave you a chance to meet the members of the team and give us your views on what we currently do well in relation to our SEND provision and what we could do better. I have collated all this feedback and the intention is to run another evening in the future where we can have a "You said, we did" agenda. Your voice is very important and I just wanted to thank those of you who came to share your views.

On Tuesday morning, three of our Sixth Form students - Owen, Kieran and Tom – organised a Year 7 football tournament which took place during periods 2 and 3. Despite the inclement weather, it was a fantastic event which the Year 7s thoroughly enjoyed. It was also lovely to see a large number of other Sixth Form students all volunteering their time to assist with managing the teams and general organisation. A fantastic display of leadership and great experience for Year 7.

On Tuesday evening we had our Year 6 open evening for prospective parents and students. The evening commenced with a presentation and talks from our Head Students Joe and Hannah, followed by a talk from two Year 7 students Cerys F and Matthew W – all of whom spoke beautifully! The feedback from prospective parents was overwhelmingly positive with 100% of feedback forms rating the evening as 'very good' or 'excellent'. It was also the first opportunity to showcase the new vinyl wall wraps around the school which are a statement of our commitment to enhancing the learning environment for all.

The top 3 forms for attendance this week were:

3rd place – 11ABI – Mrs Briffa – 96.06%

2nd place – 7KL – Miss Lauder – 96.6%

1st place – 10IJA – Mrs Power – 96.9%

Sixth Form Attendance

3rd place – 13JWA – Mr Adams – 93.4%

2nd place – 12MGT – Mrs Thomas – 94.18%

1st place - 13PJS – Mrs Sutliff – 98.98%

The top 3 praise point earners this week are:

2nd place – Iyanuoluwa I – 29 points

Joint 1st place – Eva S – Year 7 – 30 points

Joint 1st place – Raine S – Year 7 – 30 points

In terms of my personal stars of the week, I have looked at which students have achieved the most lesson star awards since September. Many students have accumulated huge numbers of lesson star awards which is lovely to see. The top 3 students are:

In 3rd place is Eva M – Year 8 – 33

In 2nd place is Dib B – Year 8 – 42

In 1st place is Iyanuoluwa I – 48

Well done to all 3 students who have clearly made an incredible start to the year!

It has been another week at the helm which has reminded me just what a privilege it is to lead this school.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr B Baines

Principal