

11 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

The penultimate week of the term has been a busy one with lots to celebrate around the academy.

Mr Rogers led assemblies for all year groups which centered on the important theme of mental health. With World Mental Health Day being the 10th October, Mr Rogers talked about ways in which people take positive steps to promote positive mental health. Recent figures from the charity, Mind, suggested that over 2 million people are currently stuck on waiting lists for NHS mental health services so there has never been a more important time to know how to look after our mental health. Mrs George also encouraged students to come together in the library on Wednesday and Thursday to explore how our values can support positive mental health.

Following the additional open evening for Year 6 parents from Rothwell Junior School which took place on Monday evening, it was a pleasure to show a number of prospective parents and students around the academy. They came in on Friday morning to see the school during a normal day and I was proud for them to see calm corridors and students intently focused on their learning. There are further tours scheduled for next week which I am looking forward to.

Year 11 students have continued to work hard in lessons as we approach the mock examination window in November. Every day, a member of the senior leadership team or I, visit every Year 11 lesson and it is great to see students taking their studies very seriously. In addition to lesson time, it was also fantastic to see large numbers of students at the revision sessions for maths and science this week.

Going forward I am keen to learn more about student's achievements outside of school as this week I was made aware of two significant sporting achievements that I knew nothing about. Firstly, Lauren M in Year 11, qualified for regional finals in the 400m individual medley with a time of 4:30. Prior to this, she also recorded regional qualifying times in 100m fly, 200m fly and 200m freestyle. Secondly, Oliver S in Year 13 is flying off to Ireland today to represent Boxing England in a match on the Emerald Isle which is a huge achievement; I look forward to hearing the result of the fight. In a bid to capture these exceptional moments of character, Mrs George will be sharing a form with your children's tutors at the beginning of each week for them to collate any achievements outside of school. This is for any achievements not just sport and I look forward to learning more about the exceptionally talented children of Montsaye.

Finally, I wanted to mention that I was blown away by the talent in our stage school club which I witnessed performing after school on Friday afternoon. They were rehearsing a rendition of the White Stripes, Seven Nation Army and it was lovely to see students from Year 7 right up to Year 13 all playing and singing together – a real highlight of the week.

This week's top 3 tutor groups for attendance were:

3rd place – 7JOB – Mr Beet – 96.83%

2nd place – 11CDA – Mr Darnbrook – 96.8%

1st place – 11ABI – Mrs Briffa – 97.4%

The top 3 praise point earners this week were:

3rd place – Iyanuoluwa I - Year 7 – 24 points

2nd place – Olivia E – Year 8 – 25 points

1st place – Skyla C – Year 8 – 29 points

For my personal stars of the week, I have chosen to focus on the students who have submitted excellent homework.

In joint 3rd place – all with 5 praise points for good or excellent homework are Anthony C (Year 9) Viki D (Year 7) Alfie D (Year 7) Lewis G (Year 9) Bethan Hutchinson (Year 9) Rosie J (Year 9) Jenissa L (Year 7) Alfie M (Year 9) and Chelsea M (Year 7)

In 2nd place is Logan S (Year 9) with 6 points for good or excellent homework

In 1st place is Samuel O (Year 9) with 7 points for good or excellent homework

Have a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mr B Baines

Principal