

14 March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The end of this week brings us to the midpoint of this term and lots of great things have been happening around the school this week.

With mock examinations continuing in the hall, Mrs Horne put together a virtual assembly for all year groups which focused on our core value of Respect but was linked to International Day of Mathematics which occurred on Thursday. Her assembly followed the story of Big John and Little Henry, two unlikely friends that lived in Anchorage in Alaska. Throughout the story Big John and Little Henry learn how to use body measurements to build kayaks for each other but encounter a number of problems which teach them the importance of listening to one another. The story was a great example of how different cultures interpret mathematics to find their own individual ways of surviving.

Year 11 completed their mock examinations this week and once again they have left me feeling exceptionally proud regarding the way they have conducted themselves during the exams. Once the papers have been marked, we will be sharing question level analyses with parents/carers and students as we did with the November mocks so you can see exactly which topics and skills need prioritising for revision ahead of the final examinations which commence in May.

Still on the theme of Year 11, there is a prom launch assembly taking place on Monday where they will learn about how they can earn discounts off their prom ticket by attending additional revision sessions and completing all homework set. The assembly will also be the official launch of what Mrs Perry has called the Prom-ometer. Each day that Year 11 attendance is over 93%, between now and the prom, the prom committee will earn additional money towards their prom budget to allow them to do extra things such as chocolate fountains and other plans they have.

Our top readers in Year 9 have been offered the opportunity by Mrs Palmer to shadow the Carnegie Awards which will give them a great insight into how the judges make their decisions whilst getting to read some fantastic new books. The readers all achieved a reading score in stanine 9 which means they are reading at the age of a 17 year old despite only being in year 9 which is fantastic.

On Thursday Mr Chandler, who leads on our STEM on track programme, informed me of the date for the official track test day where the team will get to test their go-kart on track for the first time after building it from scratch. There is then a final competition day where our team will compete against all of the other teams from across the country to see whose go-kart is the fastest. I look forward to sharing updates on how the team get on!

On Friday, we collectively supported Team Sebastian's Orange Day which was a charity chosen by our student leadership team. Everyone was invited to wear something orange and make a small donation to the charity who

supports families who have children suffering from serious health conditions. It was great to see so many children and staff all wearing something orange to support the cause.

In terms of student successes, rather than looking at praise points, I wanted to celebrate the top 5 students in years 7-9 in terms of their academic progress. The reports you received recently show you how much progress they are making in each of their subjects and a progress score is calculated using the average score across all subjects. The top 5 students for academic progress in each year are as follows:

Year Group	5 <sup>th</sup> place	4 <sup>th</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	1 <sup>st</sup> place
7	Iman R	Ianis B	Lleyton W	Victoria K	Ade O
8	Macie R	Benedicta A	Evie I B	Rhys E	Sethuli R-P
9	Scarlett S	Neil T	Pippa M	Mollie G	Jake B

In terms of attendance, the update league positions are below:

Premier League	Form	% attendance	Position	Championship	Form	% attendance	Position
1	11ABI	96.4%	=	1	7KL	93.6%	=
2	7JOB	95.8%	↑ 3	2	11PHM	93.3%	=
3	7TRC	95.4%	↓ 1	3	9LHM	93.0%	=
4	10UA	95.4%	↓ 1	4	9SC1	93.0%	=
5	7ZHD	95.4%	↓ 1	5	9SCO	92.8%	=
6	7EJG	94.5%	=	6	11CDA	92.6%	=
7	7JEL	94.1%	=	7	8ERO	91.9%	↑ 1
8	8AWH	94.0%	=	8	10SEC	90.7%	↓ 1
9	8DAS	93.7%	=	9	8GDB	90.3%	=

League 1	Form	% attendance	Position	League 2	Form	% attendance	Position
1	10LFE	90.0%	=	1	9RL	86.9%	=
2	10NG	89.4%	=	2	10SPU	86.4%	=
3	10MS	89.1%	=	3	9VPA	86.1%	=
4	11MAS	88.9%	↑ 2	4	10AJT	86.1%	=
5	9LUC	88.8%	↓ 1	5	11FAL	86.0%	=
6	8MCO	88.7%	↓ 1	6	7REL	84.9%	=
7	9ELB	88.2%	=	7	11SLY	78.9%	=
8	8JJW	87.6%	=	8	8EBL	77.4%	=

Have a pleasant and restful weekend,

Yours faithfully,



Mr B Baines