

20 June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As a week of warm weather comes to a close it has been a week to reflect on the rapid improvements made so far this year.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Senior Leadership and I spent time reflecting on the work undertaken around the achievement agenda, raising standards, SEND provision, behaviour systems, attendance and the rapidly evolving character development programme. Listening to each member of the team present on what has worked well and what needs to be the focus for improvement next year, highlighted just how much great work has been carried out in a relatively short amount of time. This will all feed into the school vision for the next 5 years which I am currently developing and am thoroughly excited about.

In terms of what has been happening in and around the academy, last weekend our STEM on track team took their go-kart to Whilton Mill International Karting Circuit to compete in the final race day. You will hopefully have seen some of our social media posts celebrating the incredible efforts of each and every member of the team who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in their group and 6<sup>th</sup> overall out of 36 karts. This is a phenomenal achievement for their first year and Mr Chandler has assured me that he knows how the team can finish even higher next year. Congratulations to all the team who are listed below: Jake B, Junior B, Daniel B, Tomas B, Alanna B, Anthony C, John C, Peter C-D, Lewis C, Cade F, Lily F, Thomas G, Flo H, Alice J, Evelyn J, Alex J, Serena K, Kieran L, Morwenna O, Alfie R, Seb S, Corey W, Harry W and Toria W.

The final GCSE examinations took place for Year 11 bringing an end to what has been a hugely positive exam period for all students. I have said it a lot but make no apologies for reiterating that the significant majority of students have demonstrated high levels of resilience and an exemplary attitude from start to finish which leaves me feeling very proud.

Year 10 mock examinations commenced this week and it has been great to see Year 10 students approaching these important examinations with such positivity. It was also reassuring to see many students applying revision skills from the Challenge 100 task through the use of flash cards and other strategies to prepare for these examinations. It is an important opportunity for students to see how they are progressing in each of their subjects and most importantly to find out which areas they need to work on. Once the papers have all been marked, the first progress league will be published for Year 10 so that students can see where they are ranked in the year group. Year 10 have also been undertaking their English speaking and listening assessments where they each have to deliver a presentation on a topic of their choice. These presentations are recorded and Mrs Mooney (Head of English) was keen to show me

Jessica D's presentation which was an incredibly powerful and thought-provoking speech about use of the word immigrant – well done, Jessica!

On the subject of praise, it was also nice to be invited to Mr Miola's Year 9 science class to congratulate them on their performance in the end of year science assessments. It was great to see the students smiling and showing pride in their achievements.

In terms of Character Caught, I wanted to give a special mention to Harley in Year 10 who, with his father and sister, have raised over £800 for Cancer Research UK by doing 100 press ups a day. Harley's mother is an extremely courageous woman who is currently battling with cancer hence Harley's efforts to raise money for the charity. The link to their just giving page is below if you would like to contribute to the family's fund raising efforts <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/ronnies-giving-page-71>

I also wanted to share a Character Sought opportunity as our performing arts department announced that next year's school show will be a performance of 'We Will Rock You' which promises to be a fantastic showcase of school talent. Details of the auditions have been released and lots of children are brimming with excitement to be auditioning for one of the key parts. I look forward to sharing the names of those who are successful in due course.

This week's top praise point earners were:

Year	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	1 <sup>st</sup> place	Average points
7	Jessie B – 16	Shanaia D – 20	Thalia H – 21	6 points
8	Annabel H – 21	India J – 23	Romaine A – 23	6 points
9	Noah P – 17	Delin F – 18	Imogen C – 20	5 points
10	Grace B – 7	Evan S – 8	Euan L – 8	2 points

Here are the most recent attendance league updates:

Premier League	Form	% attendance	Position	Championship	Form	% attendance	Position	League 1	Form	% attendance	Position	League 2	Form	% attendance	Position
1	8DAS	95.6%	=	1	7JEL	92.6%	↑ 1	1	9SC1	90.9%	↑ 12	1	8EBL	86.1%	↑ 5
2	10JJA	95.4%	=	2	9LHM	92.6%	↑ 5	2	9SCO	90.8%	↑ 1	2	9RL	83.4%	↑ 6
3	7JOB	94.9%	↑ 2	3	10SEC	92.4%	↑ 5	3	8MCO	90.6%	↓ 1	3	11ABI	0.0%	=
4	7EJG	94.6%	↑ 3	4	7ZHD	92.2%	↑ 2	4	10LFE	90.2%	↑ 1	4	11PHM	0.0%	=
5	7TRC	94.2%	↑ 4	5	10NG	92.1%	↓ 1	5	9ELB	89.8%	↑ 5	5	11CDA	0.0%	=
6	7KL	93.6%	↑ 8	6	9LUC	91.9%	↓ 11	6	10MS	89.5%	↑ 3	6	11SLY	0.0%	=
7	8GDB	93.6%	↑ 5	7	8AWH	91.2%	↑ 3	7	10AJT	89.0%	↑ 1	7	11MAS	0.0%	=
8	7REL	93.1%	↑ 17	8	10SPU	91.0%	↑ 5	8	8JJW	88.2%	↑ 4	8	11FAL	0.0%	=
9	8ERO	93.1%	↓ 3	9	9VPA	91.0%	=								

Looking ahead to next week, year 10 mock examinations continue and year 12 start their mock examinations too. Mrs George and Miss Beaton have organised two huge events which demonstrate our values of respect, honesty and compassion. The first is our biggest community clean up to date which is taking place after school on Tuesday and it is wonderful to see the huge amount of students showing respect for both our school and local community by giving their time to contribute. The second event, The Montsaye Pride Picnic, takes place on Thursday lunchtime and will see the whole school community taking part in the event on the school field. Let's hope this wonderful weather continues for those events.



Have a great weekend and enjoy the weather.

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Baines  
Principal



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