

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

This is my first newsletter item as Co-Headteacher, and what an eventful half term it has been!

A huge well done to both our primary and secondary pupils for completing their exams over the past few weeks. We are incredibly proud of the resilience, determination and positivity they have shown throughout.

I would also like to say a sincere thank you to all our staff for their continued hard work and dedication, it is very much appreciated.

We also say a fond farewell to our Interim Headteacher, Jo, who has been supporting the Co-Headteachers as we settle into our new roles. Thank you, Jo, for your guidance and support during this important transition.

Wishing everyone a wonderful half term holiday, and with the sunny weather forecast, it looks like it's going to be a lovely one!

Laila Doobeh - Co Headteacher, Secondary

Ms Willis writes:

English and Life Skills

Life Skills



This half term, students across Key Stage 3 have been doing the following:

- **7a and 8a** - visiting the local community and using clarification skills to communicate.
- **7b and 8 b/c** - are currently planning an Enterprise project - Organising an Afternoon Tea
- **9** - are continuing to learn about independent travel, time keeping and road awareness

Students are continuing to develop a wide range of essential life skills, including:

- Navigating routes and researching the best ways to travel
- Understanding travel costs and budgeting
- Reading menus and calculating food prices
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Road safety awareness
- Planning and preparing
- Using timetables and managing time effectively
- Communication strategies – clarification skills

Keep up the great work - you are doing brilliantly!



English



Years 10 and 11a

This half term, Years 10.11a has been exploring *Dystopian Fiction* through the novel *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman. Alongside studying the text, students have been developing their **Functional Skills in English**, learning how to write **notes, forms and read for meaning**. The themes within the novel have also supported discussions linked to **Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King**, where students reflected on the lives and contributions of significant Black figures. All students will receive a **Unit Award** on completion of this unit.

Years 10B and 11B

This half term, students have been preparing for their Functional Skills exams which they will be sitting during the summer term. Students have been practising past papers and learning their presentations for speaking and listening exams. Students will continue to practice Functional Skills after half term to help build their skills for the next level they will be learning.



Mr Gathani and Ms Antoniewicz write:

Maths

Well done to all pupils for their hard work and effort in mathematics this term.

A special congratulations to everyone who studied hard and completed their exams. We are very proud of their dedication, resilience, and positive attitude.

Please continue using the Maths platforms IXL or MyMaths regularly to help support learning and build confidence in mathematics.

We also encourage parents to involve children in everyday maths activities such as shopping, learning about money, and using transport timetables to develop real-life maths skills.

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.



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Ms Wallis writes:

English.... Summer means Shakespeare....

..... and of course, Shakespeare is to be read and performed so students are reading playscripts and taking on the role of the characters in the play.

This term, some classes are reading the comedy 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and other classes are reading the great tragedy of 'Romeo and Juliet'.



In both plays, we are studying the beautiful language of William Shakespeare.

Other classes have been improving their oracy skills and have prepared and delivered wonderful speeches using persuasive language techniques.

Finally, good luck to our Year 10 and Year 11 classes who have been revising and preparing for their exams this term. We are proud to see how you were able to focus at this important time. Well done everyone.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

You would have received an attendance letter reminder this week.

Attendance is a huge priority for us but also a Government focus, the more children attend school then the more progress they can make!

If your child's attendance is below the expected standard of 90% we will be writing to you separately.

IMPORTANT DATES

May Half Term finish Friday 22nd May / Return Monday 1st June

End of School Year 17th July 12.30 finish