

SUMMER TERM

Senior Leadership Message

This edition: Mr Mashida, Assistant Headteacher

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of you who have taken the time to attend our **Parents' Evenings**. Your commitment to being present, asking questions and engaging with teachers makes a genuine and lasting difference to your child's education.

As you have found out that our meetings are far more than routine appointments in that they provide vital opportunities for meaningful dialogue between home and school. When parents and teachers work together, students benefit from a consistent, supportive approach to their learning. Your involvement helps reinforce expectations, boosts motivation and gives students the confidence that the important adults in their lives are working as a team.

We regularly see that students whose families engage in these discussions are more focused, better supported and more confident in articulating their progress. Your insights also help us understand each student more fully, allowing us to tailor our teaching and support more effectively.

Beyond individual progress strong communication and collaboration help us address issues early, celebrate successes together and maintain a positive and productive school environment for everyone.

Thank you once again for your time, your support and your partnership. It is greatly valued, and it plays a key role in helping our students thrive.

Mental Health

Our school counselling lead, Mr Wakefield has enrolled the school into 'One Goal' and is facilitating a 6-week training programme for nominated students to become Mental Health Champions. The students will be provided with the knowledge and tools to support their own and others' mental well-being.

Mr Wakefield said that '*empowering the students to be mental health champions is more than just a mental health strategy, it's a pathway to a more empathic, understanding, and supportive school community.*'

Pause for Thought

Congratulations to **Shivani**, Y7 student, whose poem 'I had a Dream' was read out to all staff and students on Friday in our weekly reflection moment.

Duke of Edinburgh

Year 10 students have now begun planning their routes for the The Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition section, which will take place from 12-14 July. This is an exciting stage of the award, where students put their navigation and teamwork skills into practice in a real outdoor setting.

It is fantastic to see that many students have already made strong progress in other sections of the award. A number have completed their Skills, Volunteering and Physical components, taking part in a wide range of activities including tutoring, sports mentoring, weightlifting and football. Their commitment and enthusiasm so far have been excellent, and we look forward to seeing them continue this momentum as they prepare for their expedition.

Spreading Positivity

Each week our Deputy Head, Ms Bertin, reviews the data for behaviour to inform support and strategies and promote a positive learning environment for all. Mr Chavda, our Director of Culture and Engagement has worked hard to ensure students are recognised and rewarded for 'doing the right thing', setting a good example and occasions where they have gone above and beyond.

So far this academic year, students have amassed **147,500** positive points against 26,190 behaviour points issued on occasions where some students have failed to meet our high expectations.

From badges to pizza parties, success is celebrated!