

SUMMER TERM

Senior Leadership Message

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Learn Like a Champion Assemblies

Last week saw the third instalment of our *Learn Like a Champion* assembly series, this time led by our fantastic Year 12 Learning Champions. The focus of the assemblies was on how students can achieve a 'flow state' in the classroom - a state of deep focus where learning becomes more effective, productive and enjoyable.

During the sessions, students explored several common misconceptions surrounding focus and revision, all underpinned by principles from cognitive science and research into how the brain learns best. Through examples and discussion, the Learning Champions explained why habits such as talking whilst working, sitting next to friends for comfort, cramming the night before exams or copying work later can often reduce the quality of learning, even when they may feel helpful in the moment.

Students learned how divided attention impacts working memory, why spaced practice is more effective than cramming, and how active participation in lessons strengthens long-term memory and understanding. The assemblies encouraged students to reflect on the routines and behaviours that allow them to focus more effectively and maximise learning time in the classroom.

A particular highlight of the assemblies was the student-led Q&A at the end, where younger students had the opportunity to ask the Year 12 Learning Champions for advice on revision, motivation, organisation and maintaining focus. The honest and thoughtful responses from our Sixth Form students provided valuable insight and reassurance, helping to strengthen the culture of aspiration and peer support across the school.

We are incredibly proud of our Learning Champions for leading such an informative and engaging set of assemblies, and for continuing to model excellent learning behaviours for the wider school community.



Cricket Game Changer

Last week we welcomed back Simon Hughes, former cricketer and now broadcaster who is working with a team to launch 'C6' a new version of cricket to get students in secondary schools playing the game. Mr Hughes recorded a short film during his visit which we hope to share on our website soon once we have received the necessary permissions from those involved. More information on the C6 format can be found [here](#).

Growing up in the Online World: A National Consultation

Technology is part of most children's lives from an early age. It can help them learn, build friendships and develop creativity. But it also brings risks, and many parents, teachers and young people have said the current situation is not working well enough. The government is consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. [Growing up in an Online World: a national conversation](#), will consider how children and young people use digital technology in school and at home.

The government want to hear your views which you can submit via the survey devised by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology. There is a separate survey available for [parents and carers](#) and for [children and young people](#), and an [online event](#) for parents and carers on **Wednesday 20 May** at 6pm to 7pm.