

Headteacher Bulletin

Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the end of our first half term draws to a close, it's a great time to reflect on what we have achieved in the last seven weeks. We have had a successful KS4 rewards event, a Year 7 'Meet the Tutor' event, an open morning and open evening. We have elected head students, KS4 prefects and a whole school student leadership team. Student digital champions have been selected and we have welcomed almost three hundred Year 6 students from our local primary schools to experience lessons. We have launched iPad's for every learner and this week has seen the students achievements celebrated through rewards assemblies with many achievement certificates and reward postcards being sent home. The KSS Facebook page has reached almost 13,000 people within our local area and year 8 students delivered food parcels to local homes. As you can see, we have been rather busy!

The next half term is already planned to push the students to new heights with a remembrance event, a Year 9 reward event to Manchester, a second, personal development day (led by Mrs Weaver) and a whole school reward trip planned in December for students that meet our high expectations. As soon as we return, Years 10 and 11 will be invited to a revision event and we will be launching our new 'revision hub' for Year 11 students, which will be supported by a programme of intervention in readiness for their mock examinations.

Finally, before I wish all of our students and their families a relaxing half term break, can I say a huge thank you to students and parents/carers for their feedback in our first 'voice' capture of this year. Mrs Weaver has presented the results of and we will be acting upon this feedback as soon as we return after half term. A reminder that I also hold a 'drop in' every Friday morning from 9am until 9.45am, if you wish to discuss any concerns or if you have any questions.

Mr S. Frost



- 1.11.21 Shaw Education Trust 'Design your own Christmas Card' competition begins.
- 9.11.21 KS4 'Elevate' revision event (6pm to 7pm)/Year 11 Progress Evening (4.30pm to 6pm).
- 11.11.21 Whole school 'Remembrance' event.

A message from Mrs Castrey.

The under 16 netball team won 9-0 v The Kings High School in their first match of the season. A huge congratulations to those that took part.



A message from Mr Old.

A big well done to the students in year 10 English Literature for their positive start to the GCSE. They have risen to the challenge of the play 'An Inspector Calls' very quickly, showing strong understanding of some of the play's big ideas. There have been some excellent contributions so far this term, but special congratulations to Leona, James, Caitlin, Kyle, Callum, Isabella, Emily and others for their enthusiastic reading of the characters.



A message from Mr Webb.

Most classes regularly complete Numeracy Ninja questions every week – this is to practice retrieval of numeric facts. The two pupils who have improved their score the are Ewan and Talula. They have both increased their scores by 9 this term. Fantastic improvements were made by many other pupils – keep it up!



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A message from Mr Till and Mrs Weaver.

The whole school took part in an assembly to explore 'Harvest' and why it is really important to look out for the most vulnerable in our society. The students used their iPad's to take part in a whole school 'Kahoot' session to show what they had learned from the assembly information. It really was fantastic to see.



A message from Mrs Hume.

Attendance!



A huge congratulations to the students that achieved 100% attendance this half term.

This is a tremendous effort and it is fantastic to have half of the whole school achieving this milestone, 7 weeks into term.

A message from Mrs Dove.

As mentioned previously, a huge congratulations to James and Emily for achieving their bronze 'Crest' award in Science.

They graduated with flying colours and are superb Science ambassadors. This award was completed in their own time, which makes the achievement even more special.



Headteacher Reward Lunch.

A huge well done to the following students who joined Mr Frost for his half termly reward lunch. The student were served by the catering staff and enjoyed a very tasty meal.

Well done to:

Leo, Leah, McKenzie, Kitty, Lexi-Jade, Dante, Aveah, Molly, William, Macy, Holly, Emily, Ryan, Trinity, Hannah, Eddie and Alfie.



A message from Mr Birchall.

As we come to the end of our first half-term, I would like to extend my thanks to every parent and carer who has supported the school and our fantastic students throughout the past 7 weeks. I am so pleased to announce that we were able to invite a staggering 98% of students to the Alton Towers trip thanks to the phenomenal efforts of our students. Mr Frost and I have also had the pleasure of appointing our Student Leadership Team and Prefects this half-term. Being part of the interviews for the Student Leadership Team was an incredible honour, and every one of our students involved showed themselves in the most amazing light. I am really looking forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the Year 11 revision event on the 9th November, as well as our careers appointments starting up from the 3rd November. I would like to wish all of our students a well-earned and restful week break, and we look forward to hitting the ground running again after half-term.

A message from Ms Mason.



I have had two visits from Thursfield Primary School to take part in an Art lesson. We had a fantastic time creating 'Pop Art Portraits' of each class member. We experimented with timed drawings, Continuous lines and created the final drawings using colour. All students received a pencil and a certificate for



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