

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you for the first time during the second half term, in what traditionally is the period that students find the hardest. The cold weather is upon us and the dark evenings have descended. It is vital that in the build up to Christmas that we continue to ensure that attendance is high and students are focused upon their learning. I am happy to share that on the 13th of December we will be holding a whole school reward trip to 'Cinebowl' in Uttoxeter. In order for students to be invited to this event we are continuing to expect students to meet our 'code of conduct' consistently and to show a growth mindset towards their achievement, attend every day and engage fully in lessons. I hope that as many students as possible will be able to take part. On Tuesday the 9th of November we held a Year 11 progress evening and a KS4 revision event that was very well attended. This will be the start of a busy period for Year 11's as intervention lessons start after school and the revision hub opens from 15.05 to 17.00 each evening.

The students took part in a whole school assembly on the 11th of November to mark 'remembrance' and the two minutes silence that was observed was impeccable, myself and Mr Hilditch led this with a look back at the reasons we remember those that have fallen protecting our freedoms. Mrs Weaver and Mrs Castrey will be joined by members of our student leadership team on Sunday (14.11.21) in Kidsgrove to lay a wreath as a mark of our collective respect.



I am also delighted to announce that we have started to link closely with Stoke City Football Club. In a partnership we will be offering a range of extra curricula activities over the coming months. Please see below information regarding a girls football club starting soon.

Finally, a note for your diary is that the school is closed to students on Friday the 26th of November, a letter will be sent home with your child as a reminder next week.

I look forward to writing to you again in a few weeks to share some more updates about what your child has been experiencing here at KSS.

Mr S. Frost



- 26.11.21 School is closed to students
- 29.11.21 Year 11 Mock Examinations Begin
- 2.12.21 Year 9 Reward Event (National Football Museum Visit)
- 9.12.21 Inter-generational community event —' Tidings and Tinsel'

### A message from Mrs Hume...

#### Attendance

As a reward for students that attend a full week of school without absence, 10 achievement points will be automatically added. Attend everyday to achieve as many points as possible and to qualify for the December reward event.



## Girl's Football Club

Coached by Stoke City

Every Tuesday (starting 16<sup>th</sup> November)

3.05-4.05pm

See Mrs Castrey for details



# Headteacher Bulletin

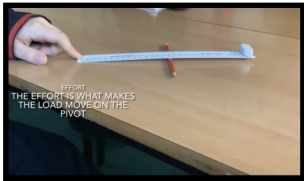
## Digital Ambassadors

Every Monday, students meet with Mr Frost and Mr Till to look at iPad skills and how these will be used in lessons. The digital ambassadors were selected from the hundreds of applicants and have demonstrated a real passion for using technology to bring learning to life. They are also involved in planning a Nintendo Switch event through the digital schoolhouse which will see students compete in a gaming competition. There is more information to follow over the coming weeks.



## A message from Mrs Castrey...

Year 10 GCSE PE students have produced informative videos using their iPads about 'Lever Systems' to demonstrate their knowledge. The videos were of excellent quality and are that good that they will be used as a future teaching resource. Well done Year 10!



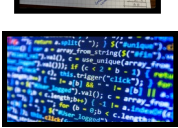
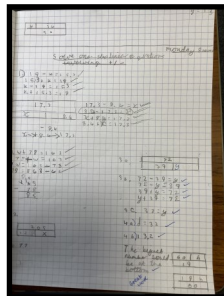
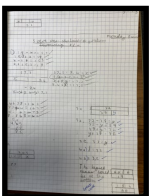
## A message from Mr Smith and Mrs Podmore...

Year 7 recently made a fruit salad in food technology. It was a pleasure to work with them. Not only did they work quietly and efficiently they also helped each other and shared fruit. A large pineapple goes a long way!! The aim of the practical was to introduce the students to using sharp knives safely. Happily the class went without incident. The students proved they could work safely so we are looking forward to making more sophisticated dishes very soon.

## A message from Mrs Morrell...

I just wanted to let you know about the fantastic work 7B have been doing in both Maths and IT. In Maths we solved one-step linear equations using +/- inverse operations - they were so focused that we got through the easier questions and onto the extension questions - they were all brilliant! I was particularly impressed with Kian, he worked so hard and did really well.

The year 8 students have really taken to developing their digital skills by coding their own computer programmes. The class 8B in particular were showing good group work and problem solving skills to practice their coding using the iPads. It was really great to see the engagement in the lesson and the buzz in the room.



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