

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the half term draws to a close, we end with our rewards week where we celebrate the brilliant achievements of our students. I was delighted to invite a select group of students to my half termly Headteachers reward lunch. The students (pictured below) were, Isla, Atalya, Amelia, Jamie, George, Lucie, Amber, Abigail, Reece, Maisie, Jasmine, Emily, Evie, Isabella, Caiden, Izzy, Liam and Bailey.

Well done for your superb attitude and growth mind-set to learning.



The assemblies this week saw a number of students receive certificates with the theme based around 'most improved'. This was broken down into awards for subjects, attendance and overall attitude to learning. Well done to all of you that were recognised. It is important to keep this momentum going as we move towards the Easter holiday and if students were not selected this half term, then lets try to maximise our efforts for the next rewards week in April.

This half term has seen the school visited by a number of educational experts from within the Shaw Education Trust. It has been very useful for external professionals to visit the school and to review the progress that we are making. I am delighted to share that the visitors saw many strengths and non-more so than the teaching and learning that students are engaging with. Where there are still improvements to make we have plans afoot to tackle these. The next big focus will be 'Reading' as we launch a new initiative led by Mr Old (Head of English).

Finally, a big thank you to parents/carers that completed the digital survey that was circulated last week. The feedback was really useful in order to plan the next steps with our iPad use at KSS.

We will be offering a parent/carer digital session online in the next half term which has come through as something that you would welcome. It is really great to know that you would like to know more in order to support your child with the digital strategy.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Frost



- 3.3.22 World Book Day
- 17.3.22 Anti-Bullying/Safeguarding Student Council Meeting
- 31.3.22 Year 10 Parents Evening



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## A message from Mrs Castrey...

The KSS House Launch happened on the 15.2.22 with students randomly drawing their house team from a sealed box in front of their peers. The students have been issued a sticker which will be proudly displayed on their iPad case.

We have many exciting events lined up based on the house system and we will also be visited by one of our house captains, Mr Mark Bright, who previously attended KSS (Maryhill High School) back in the 1980's. Mark was interviewed by Radio Stoke this morning to speak about how proud he is, to be given this honour.

We will keep you posted with updates on Facebook over the coming weeks.

In order to make the House Teams even more special, we have nominated key members of our support staff to be House staff leads. I am delighted that Mrs West, Ms Podmore, Mrs Beard and Mrs Hume accepted our invitation.



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## Digital School House Competition...

Last week we held our very own digital gaming competition in school. This was organised and led by the Digital Ambassadors and it resulted in a brilliant day for all that took part.

The winning team was 'Sonic Boom' and they will now represent the school at the regional final streamed live on 'Twitch' after half term. The competition and sportsmanship was incredible and the tournament brought out the students organisational, interpersonal and independence skills to pull off such a huge feat.

Please see some images below of the action.



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## Curriculum Feedback to Parents/Carers...

An area for development that was raised in our most recent parental survey results, was that you would like to know more about what your child is studying in each of their subjects.

As a result of this feedback, the staff at KSS have created a new way of presenting the curriculum content for each subject that is visual and eye catching. Over the next few Headteacher bulletins I will be sharing with you curriculum maps from a variety of subjects.

Below is the KS3 Science curriculum map for Years 7 and 8 produced by Dr Ma:



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A message from Mrs Mason...

Year 9 have been producing some fantastic work in Art.

The Pop Art topic has really brought out the students creative side. Please take a look at the examples below. Well done Year 9.

