

# HEADTEACHER BULLETIN

Friday 4.10.24

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn is well underway and there is certainly a nip in the air as we have entered the month of October. There are lots of events taking place over the next few weeks that we are excited for and when I next write to you I will be able to share some great updates.

Over the course of the next few weeks we have educational visits taking place, our first reward events of the year and the highlight of the half term, our celebration assemblies.

We will also hold the first Headteacher reward lunch of the year and our first ever Year 7 & 8 Halloween reward disco, fully organised by the student council.

The half term ends for students on Thursday the 24th of October as we have a staff INSET day on Friday the 25th of October.

I am delighted to share that the new student iPads will be distributed to students next week. Mr Allen (our IT technician) has worked hard on setting up the devices, ready for students to unbox. The delay has been caused by the iPad cases that have delayed our device roll out by a few weeks. Whilst the delay has been inconvenient, the school has been working hard implementing our new student digital platform 'Showbie' and our school operating system 'Arbor'.

We cannot wait for the year 7 students to join us on this digital journey when their iPads are distributed. Mrs Weaver will be leading assemblies and will be working with students in form time to develop their digital skills. We will share updates through every step via our Facebook page. This will also include the selection of our 'Digital Ambassadors' who will work with Mrs Weaver to troubleshoot digital issues and to help with our next digital steps.

If any parents/carers have any questions about the iPads please email [parentsupport@kss.set.org](mailto:parentsupport@kss.set.org). A user agreement and an acceptable use policy has been sent home this week and we must have these documents returned signed to your child's form tutor before we issue the new iPads to students. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally, we welcome Ms Tipping-Brown as our new technology technician. She will be supporting Mrs Bryan with Food technology and photography lessons.



Yours faithfully,  
Mr S Frost

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 9.10.24 - Spanish trip to Manchester

Friday 11.10.24 - History and Geography Trip to Salford Quays

Thursday 17.10.24 - Enrichment Day

Friday 18.10.24 - 'Scarefest' Trip

Wednesday 23.10.24 - Year 7 Form Tutors Evening (Online)

Thursday 24.10.24 - Year 7 & 8 Halloween Disco

Friday 25.10.24 - School Closed to Students

# KS4 Reward Trip

## Now including Year 9!

Y10 & Y11 REWARD TRIP



FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER



96% ATTENDANCE

LESS THAN 8 BEHAVIOUR POINTS

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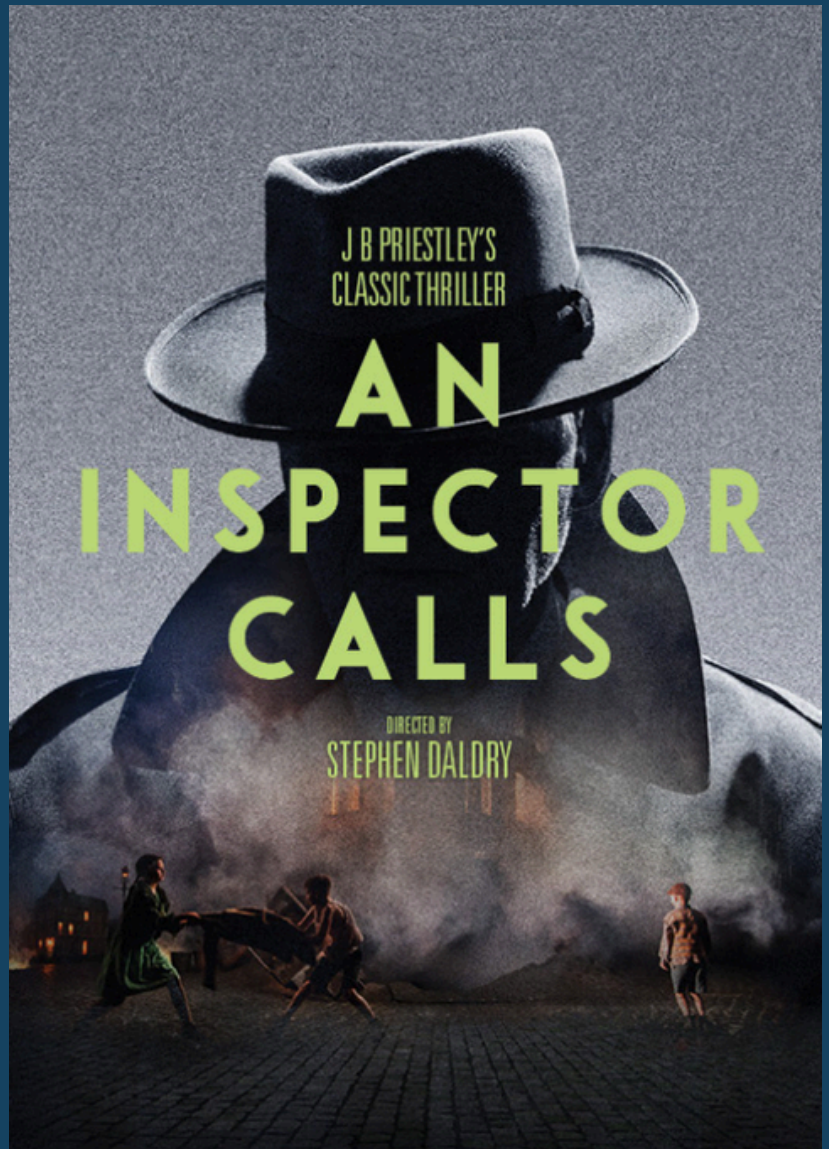
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# An Inspector Calls

Our year 11s enjoyed a recent outing to the Regent Theatre in Hanley to see the production of An Inspector Calls as a part of their GCSE in English literature. The students were blown away by the powerful performances and the cleverly designed set. The play, first performed in 1945, took on a fresh new energy in the live rendition. It was great to see it done with such passion and flair.



# Key Stage 3

# PE and Performing Arts

To support a smooth start to Key Stage 3 PE and Performing Arts lessons, we would like to offer to students the opportunity to arrive to school in their PE kit from Monday 7.10.24.

This is only for classes that have PE or Performing Arts at 9.10am on specific days. The students will then get changed back into their full uniform once the lesson has ended.

The classes impacted are period one classes on the following days:

## Week 1

Monday – 7K Performing Arts  
Tuesday – 7T Performing Arts  
Wednesday – 9S Performing Arts  
Thursday – 7K Performing Arts  
Friday – 9S Performing Arts

## Week 2

Monday – Year 8 PE  
Wednesday – 8S Performing Arts  
Thursday – 9K Performing Arts  
Friday - 7T PE

If any parent/carers has any concerns at all about this, we are more than happy for students to arrive to school in full uniform and to get changed before the lesson into their PE kit or Performing Arts kit.

If you have any queries, questions or worries about this, please contact [parentssupport@kss.set.org](mailto:parentssupport@kss.set.org).



# Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our MacMillan coffee morning last week!

If you were unable to attend, don't worry, you can still donate by either scanning the QR code attached, or using the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/CM24071485>



# Netball

On Thursday 3rd October, the Y11 Netball Team played their last official tournament for the school at NUL College; placing 4th overall.

The team played brilliantly; demonstrating all of our Core Values in their performance.

Ms Hambleton is extremely proud of the girls and everything they have achieved. "It has been a privilege coaching these girls for the past 5 years. They have been fantastic athletes and role models for the rest of the school". Well done ladies!



# PROUD



# Enrichment Activities

SEPT-OCT		EXTRA CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES		
<b>MONDAY</b>				
After School 15.05-16.05		Science club	Y7 and Y8	Science Rm – Miss Wood
<b>TUESDAY</b>				
After School 15.05-16.05	 	Dance Club	Open to all	Fitness Suite – Ms Wagstaff
		Reading club	Open to all	Reading Room – Ms Tucker
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
After School 15.05-16.05	  	Drama Club	KS3	Room 26 – Ms Wagstaff
		GCSE Art and Design	GCSE Students	Room 10 – Miss Mason
		Kitchen Garden Club	Open to all	Tech – Mrs Bryan and Ms Morrell
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
Lunchtime 13.30-14.00		Music	Open to all	Room 26 – Ms Wagstaff
After School 15.05-16.05	    	Open studio	Open to all	Room 10 – Miss Mason
		Netball	Y7, 8 and 9	Changing Rm – Ms Wagstaff
		Netball	Y10 and Y11	Changing Rm – Ms Hambleton
		KS4 Football	Y10 and Y11	Changing Rm – Mr Till
		Reading club	Open to all	Reading Room – Ms Tucker
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
Lunchtime 13.30-14.00	 	Chess club	Open to all	Room 2 – Mr Old
		Pride Club	Open to all	Room 14 – Miss Ayers
After School 15.05-16.05	 	Trampolining	Y9, 10 and 11	Hall – Ms Hambleton
		KS3 Football	Y7 and Y8	Changing Rm – Mr Till



# Maths

Lunchtime maths masterclasses have started for year 11 and we are so pleased at how many of students have taken this opportunity to further their knowledge.

We have also been working on our calculator skills in lessons with year 7 and it's been great to see so many learning to use their scientific calculators to support their learning!  
Well done everyone!





# Maths



  
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# Key Dates

## Autumn Term

- **Friday 11th October**- Year 10/11 Geography field trip
- **Friday 18th October**- KS4 Scare fest Trip
- **Friday 25th October**- **Staff INSET (School closed to students)**
- **Monday 28th October**- **Half Term Week (School closed)**
- **Wednesday 6th November**- Year 11 Progress Evening
- **Monday 11th November**- Year 7/8 Remembrance event
- **Monday 11th November**- Year 11 Mock exams (2 weeks)
- **Friday 15th November**- Children in Need (Non-Uniform)
- **Monday 25th November**- Year 7-10 Assessments (2 weeks)
- **Wednesday 11th December**- Headteacher Reward Lunch
- **Thursday 12th December**- Year 11 Mock Result Meetings
- **Tuesday 17th December**- Christmas Showcase & Christmas Dinner.  
Christmas Jumper Day
- **Wednesday 18th December**- Year 7/8 rewards trip
- **Thursday 19th December**- Year 9/10/11 reward trip
- **Friday 20th December**- Staff INSET (School closed to students)

Save the Date



# Photography

Y10 have been continuing with their mini Lego project in photography. Students have been experimenting with editing photos and creating different perspectives. What brilliant results Y10; great work!



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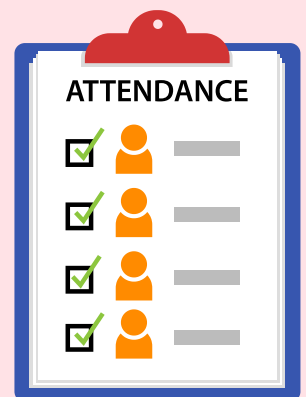
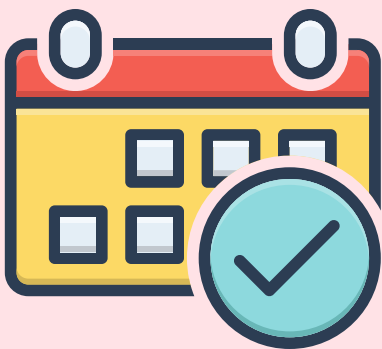
# Attendance

**Term to Date: 94.5%**

***Best Year Group: Year 7***

**Best House: Bridgewater**

**Most Improved: Year 10**



# Coffee Morning



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# SEND

Our goal as educators is to empower all learners, fostering an inclusive environment where every child can achieve their full potential.

Our staff are committed to supporting every child's right to an equitable and high-quality education.



If you feel that your child is struggling more than usual, and that there may be an underlying reason for this, you can make a parental referral. Ms Hambleton can then investigate this further and provide your child with the support that they need.



# October is **walk** **INTO** school **MONTH**

Get involved and get active by pledging to walk to school at least once a week throughout October.

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Walking to school is great for your mental and physical health & also helps the environment!



Discover more at  
[staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel](http://staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel)

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# OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH



## Reasons to take the right route and try walking during Walk to School Month



Walking to school instead of driving saves a family on average £400 a year



A 15 minute walk, cycle or scoot to and from school will provide your child with half of their recommended daily exercise



Most parents find too many cars around schools gates the most annoying part of the school run



Air pollution can be twice as high inside your car than outside of it



Research has shown that children who walk to school are more alert in the classroom



Over a third of parents say that their walk to school is where they find out most about their children



Idling Cars will increase air pollution by 30% during the school run



So why not try walking to school one day a week?

Pledge to walk to school at least one day a week in October at <http://Iwillwalktoschool.doingourbit.info>



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# Year 6 Open Evening

Thank you to all every single visitor that attended the KSS open evening last night. It was record turnout.

The feedback from our visitors about the event was fantastic, especially regarding our student leaders who stole the show in the hall as they talked about our wonderful school community.

We are always happy to host follow up tours and Headteacher drop in's if parents/carers have any more questions about our school. Please contact [parentsupport@kss.set.org](mailto:parentsupport@kss.set.org) if you would like to come and visit us before the 25.10.24.



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**OPEN EVENING**  
**THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER**

5.00pm-7.30pm

Presentation in the  
main hall at 5.30pm  
and 6.30pm

01782 948250  
[communications@kss.set.org](mailto:communications@kss.set.org)



# Year 7 and 8 Halloween Reward Disco

YOU ARE INVITED TO

## YEAR 7 & 8 HALLOWEEN DISCO

OCTOBER 24TH 2024

4PM TO 5.30PM



TO BE INVITED YOU WILL NEED:

100% ATTENDANCE  
NO MORE THAN 8 NEGATIVE POINTS

(FROM 24TH SEPTEMBER TO 18TH OCTOBER)



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# Attendance

Over the last few weeks Miss Potts has been rewarding the best attended forms with a special lunch pass to celebrate their outstanding at start to the year.

The first form group were 7CH who were 100% attenders for the first two weeks. Well done to all of the forms that have started the year so well.



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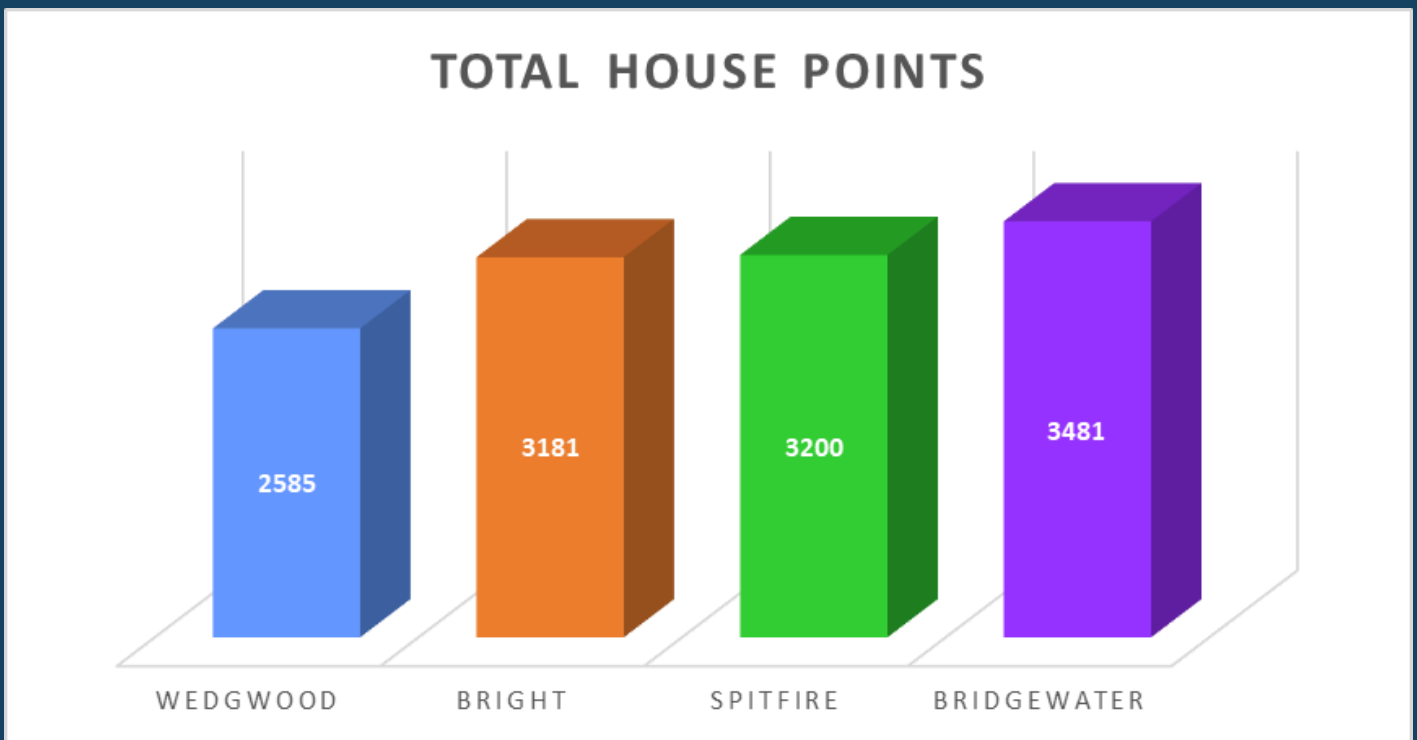
# House Update



The House competition is now in full swing, with nearly 11,000 achievement points being distributed for the year so far!

Currently in the lead is Bridgewater by 281 points.

It's still all to play for with 3 weeks to go until half term!



# Attendance



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**BARRIERS TO**  
**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE?**

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- Breakfast On Arrival
- Uniform
- Equipment
- Transport
- School Meals



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