



October Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to our October newsletter. We are delighted to share an overview of what has taken place this month and celebrate all that we have achieved as a school community.

Our pupils have continued to demonstrate the excellence, ambition and drive that they returned to school with in September, and it has been fantastic to see the progress they have already made in just eight weeks.

We have also continued investing in our staff's ongoing professional development and I am delighted to announce that after 18 months of training and assessment, Mrs Woodhall and Mrs Stephenson have completed their NPQ SENCO qualification this month. As they await the result of their final assessments, I would like to thank them for their dedication to further enhancing the specialist support and care we provide to our pupils.

Time has flown by in school and as we come to the end of the first half term, I would like to wish you all a restful and relaxing break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday, 2 November for another action-packed half term.

Miss Cutts



Key dates

- **School re-opens:** Monday 2 November
- **KS3 parents' evening:** Thursday 19 November
- **INSET day:** Friday 4 December
- **Christmas closure:** Friday 18 December

Pilot outreach programme delivers positive progress

This half term, we have begun phase one of our Outreach Support Service pilot to assist mainstream secondary schools in helping pupils who are experiencing difficulties such as persistent absence and disengagement from learning or are at risk of permanent exclusion. Our Specialist Outreach Leads have been working with identified pupils and staff have already noticed the positive outcomes being secured through the service

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Year 10 build strong study habits

Following a successful revision workshop for our Year 11 pupils earlier this year, our Year 10s recently took part in their own session led by Abigail Jones, Outreach Manager for the Academic Development Programme within the widening participation team at the University of Lancashire.

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