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**THEME OF THE MONTH**

**SPRING**  
**FESTIVALS**



# MARCH NEWSLETTER

## Assemblies this month

13/03/17 Spring Festivals - Passover/Judaism  
20/03/17 Mothering Sunday  
27/03/17 Spring Festivals - Easter/Christian

## Form Focus:

- ★ 6th March - This week the focus was on Passover and students learnt about Judaism
- ★ 13th March - Students discussed the Ten Commandments this week and their importance
- ★ 20th March - This week students learnt about the history of Mothering Sunday
- ★ 27th March - The focus this week was on Easter's part in religion.

## Tenner Challenge

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the 2018 'Tenner Challenge' this month. In Form Groups they were each given a £10 note to make as much profit as possible, coming up with an idea of a product or service they could sell and gain first-hand experience of a real life business. The ideas that students came up with included raffles, a school disco and making animal keyrings to sell.

The winning Form Group was 9E1 who held a sponsored silence for the day with students doing fantastically well.

Achievement Mentor, Greg Lodge, said: " We were approached by 'The Tenner Challenge' company to take part in this year's challenge. It's a fantastic way of encouraging students to get their business heads on and explore their entrepreneurial skills. Students and staff showed their competitive sides and came up with some brilliant ideas and ways to make money."



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### *Humanities*



Year 9 and 10 History students have been studying Civil Rights in the USA.

In Year 11 students in Geography have discussed the effects of lack of water on future generations and the importance of rainforests as an ecosystem.

Year 8 History students have been considering how valuable life was in the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and discussing was General Haig a 'butcher'?

### *Mathematics*

In Mathematics students have been drawing floor plans and designing their own bedrooms in area and perimeter tasks. They have been discussing purchasing products for this task and which of these offers better value for money.

Students have also been problem solving with algebra and discussing the connections between different areas of Mathematics and linking them to the real world.

### *Science*

In Science Year 11 students have been learning about the impacts humans have on the environment.

They have covered topics such as:

- Deforestation
- Quarrying
- Global Warming
- Sustainable Development

They have considered whether human activity will lead to another period of mass extinction in the future.

Year 9 students have been learning about cancer and risk factors associated with it.

### *Staff* 'Walk All Over Cancer'

Staff have been taking on the 'Walk All Over Cancer' challenge during March. Each day they must walk a minimum of 10,000 steps, with any money raised being donated to Cancer Research UK. So far, the team have raised a fantastic £415 and members of staff have been achieving their daily steps target.

Each week a challenge is set by the Headteacher, and a prize given to the member of staff who wins. Last week they had to take a photograph in an unusual place for their daily step challenge. The winner was Mrs Williams outside Compo's House from 'Last of the Summer Wine'. Well done to everyone taking part; remember you can donate to our fundraising by visiting the cancer research website.

**Next  
Month**

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