



December Newsletter

03/12/18 Hanukkah

Assemblies

10/12/18 Diwali

17/12/18 Winter holidays and Christmas celebrations

Form Focus:

Hanukkah - The Jewish Festival of Light

Diwali - The Hindu Festival of Light

★ Winter holidays - Christmas and Christianity

'The 100 Club'

We are very proud to be introducing a re-invigorated extra - curricular programme of exciting clubs and activities.

The clubs, including over 15 brand new ones introduced this month, give students an extra opportunity to get involved in a mix of arts, sports, media and educational clubs, so there really is something for everyone.

Among the new clubs there's Horrible Histories, Gymnastics, Singing, Cinema, Stonewall and PixL Maths. These are in addition to daily breakfast clubs and morning 'Accelerated Reader' classes in the school library. Plus there's Football, Rugby, Basketball, Netball, Bikes and more.





THEME OF THE MONTH

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The theme of the month in December during SMSC is Winter Festivals. Students have been discussing different celebrations around the world at this time of year. These include Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Light, Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light and British values at Christmas time. They also linked these different cultural celebrations to our school values, Postivity, Ambition, Resilience and Thoughtfulness.

Careers News

As part of our extensive commitment to helping our students plan for the future, we invited a wide variety of organisations such as further education colleges, universities, apprenticeship providers and the NHS into school for our annual careers fair. The event's diversity is aimed at raising our student's awareness of the many options available to them after GCSEs, connecting them to the knowledgeable staff from each institution.



School Values

Our aim as a school is to achieve "Ambition and Excellence for All" and we are committed to providing the best possible education for every student. We introduced brand new landyards at the start of this school year, with each student receiving their own in the colour of their respective house. Each house represents one of our school values, Positivity, Ambition, Resilience and Thoughtfulness.

Character

We all remember those first few weeks at secondary school: the nervous excitement of a new adventure and role reversal of going from being the oldest in school to the youngest. It's a time of finding your feet and looking towards the future, but our new Year 7 students took a moment to remember the past and send messages of gratitude to their former teachers.





Next Month: Healthy Lifestyle