



## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Nothing but the best

19th May 23



This week, our Year 11s have started their GCSE exams. We are really pleased with how they have applied themselves so far. We have spoken to other students about being extra sensible and quiet around school so they are not disturbed and urge parents to reiterate this message. We have been reflecting on the theme of the week and that families can come in all shapes and sizes and have had an exciting week in relation to our Junior Leadership and Prefect team.

### THIS WEEK'S BIG EVENT: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

Community Centred

Inclusive

Assemblies this week have been led by St Catherine's Hospice who have talked about all the great work that they do supporting individuals and families in our local area. They found out about all the amazing work that happens and the need for supporting with fundraising. Prefects have collected any change that students have had to give to support some exciting new projects. Thankyou for your generosity in raising funds for this **community**.

The International Day of Families is important for many reasons.:

- It emphasises the value of family in society, we will have stronger schools and communities if our families are stronger.
- It serves as a reminder that no two families are alike, every family is unique, family can be defined in a variety of ways, and is all of the individuals you care about, not just those who share your DNA.
- An opportunity to conduct important discussions, International Day of Families is a moment for celebration, but it's also a time for serious discussions about some of the issues that families throughout the world face. Poverty, a lack of health care, employment are all difficulties that many families be confronted with.

Students completed a task in tutor time, creating a family tree to help them reflect on their family and family values and celebrate the uniqueness of all families.

### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: PREFECTS AND JUNIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM (JLT):



Our new prefects have now taken on their role and this includes some year 7 students. Some schools will not allow younger students to be prefects, but we believe in giving responsibility opportunities to develop their leadership skills, so they can **aspire** to future Junior Leadership roles. They have proven us right once again doing a diligent job in their first week.

Students were interviewed this week for the Junior Leadership Team roles by Mr Lewis and Miss Cattanaich who leads on this within school. The students were excellent when presenting their ideas for the role and answering interview questions. They should be so proud of themselves! They are currently finding out the results and the final positions will be revealed very soon. Well done to everyone who applied!

Aspirational

### STUDENT COUNCIL RESEARCH

#### Important upcoming events

Theme w/c 22nd May:

Human Rights - Amnesty International

25th May - Year 10 Parents evening

This week we have asked tutor groups to give their opinions on activities we can do in school to support LGBTQ+ students and be **inclusive**. We are also planning a Pride March next half term and asked for ideas about this.

Ideas will be shared in Student Council meetings next week. We look forward to keeping you updated with our plans.

