

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Nothing but the best

15th September 23

This week our students have continued to settle well into the new academic year. We have been surprisingly happy to see a return of some rain to cool school down! The rain, however, has not dampened the enthusiasm of our new year 7 cohort who continue to impress us and have this week started to make their own way around school and have loved that new found freedom.



THIS WEEK'S THEME: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY



This week the theme has been International Day of Democracy. This year's theme for the International Day of Democracy, "Empowering the next generation," focuses on young people's essential role in advancing democracy and ensuring that their voices are included in the decisions that have a profound impact on their world. Being part of a democratic community is a culture built upon freedom and equality, where everyone is aware of their rights and responsibilities. It is **fundamental value** that our society is based on and so it is important that our students both understand the principle and understand the world they live in so they can exercise that power well.



FUNDAMENTAL BRITISH VALUES

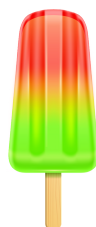
DEMOCRACY

We learn about the importance of freedom of speech and how our members of parliament and local politicians represent us and our views across the country and the world. We make decisions together and have right to an opinion and a voice.

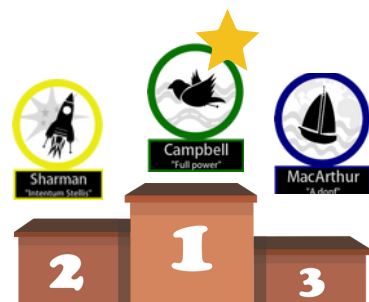
Assemblies this week led by House Progress Lead (HPL), Miss Cattanach have been about the concept of democracy. The activities within tutor time have then been about democratically nominating representatives for Student Council. Each tutor group will have two representatives who will meet on a regular basis to discuss topics that are important to them. This year improvements have been made to the school including increasing the amount of toilets, in part because of the feedback from the Student Council body. Depending on the number of students who have put themselves forward, each tutor group will have democratic process of selection, we look forward to having all votes etc complete and the group in place to start meetings very soon.



Last week our year 7 cohort had a year group treat of an ice lolly to end their excellent first week in a heatwave!. Today we were back to hot chocolate with Mr Lewis for those students nominated for good citizenship.



HOUSE COMPETITION This Week



Important upcoming events

Theme w/c 18th September:
International Week of Deaf People
Thursday 21st September:
Open Evening

