

This week: Key events in school; Year 11 mock preparation and collection of GCSE certificates; Key Messages on Kindness; Boys Football; Anti-Bullying Week

Apologies for the lack of an update last week ... it's been an incredibly busy start of term.

We have had a number of **key events for parents over the last fortnight**, including a very positive event for parents of some of our Year 8 and 9 boys who have been working on their achievement with Mr Liffen and Mr Foulkes. Mrs Massey was also really pleased with the parental revision clinics she has held to help parents of Year 11 students prepare for their mock examinations. **Mock examinations** are now only a week away, and they remain crucial steps along the way to examination success in the summer for our Year 11 students.

Don't forget to access our website as Year 11 parents, to **support in preparation and revision for mocks and the real exams**. The link is [here](#).

Next week, our **ex-Year 11 students are due into school to collect their GCSE certificates** and meet up with their teachers again. We have learnt that they don't need long speeches and presentations, so it will follow the same format as last year ... collect your certificates, some food and drink and a chance to meet up and chat. We would like to know what you are doing now, and share in your success. 5pm - 6.30pm in our school hall - letters have been sent out to our former students.

I want to thank **Mr Mujagic** who has delivered an assembly this week for every child in school, telling his personal story. It is a **powerful and moving story of his life as a child** in war-torn Yugoslavia where he suffered personal tragedy, and I know it has been a personal challenge for him to deliver the important messages. We tell it to children because this wider understanding of the world is so important and - in these challenging times - a reminder to be kind to each other. I know it has forced many of our students to consider that important message and lesson from history. We have had 9 children join our school in the past month from war-torn areas of the world: all of them are settling in well, and I know our students have been very supportive of their situation.

Mr Brierley reports that there have been "**two great wins for the Year 10 football team** in the Greater Manchester Cup and English Schools Cup. On Tuesday we progressed to round 3 of the GM cup after a penalties victory against a strong Audenshaw School. On Thursday, the lads showed great determination and team work to win 2-1 against King Egbert Sheffield at Hyde FC. They now move to play Tytherington School in the 4th Round. Well done lads!"



Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in **Anti-Bullying Week**. This is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is taking place from Monday 14th to Friday 18th November this year and it has the theme 'Reach Out'.

As a parent or carer, you are a vital piece of the puzzle in tackling bullying. You have a unique role to play in guiding and supporting your child through their school years and there are lots of positive steps you can take to help keep your child safe from

bullying and harm. One of the steps is knowing when to ask for support. At the end of this resource we have included details of organisations like Kidscape who can help. This tool was written by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and Kidscape and designed to give you information about bullying, tips about what to do if you're worried about bullying, and the tools to help you talk to your children about bullying.

Anti Bullying Week 2022

[A toolkit for parents and carers - Anti bullying Alliance](#)

[Top tips for parents and carers - Kidscape](#)

Have a good weekend!