*This week*: Ex-Year 11s back in school; Year 11 mock examinations; Remembrance Service; Visual Arts coursework; Positive and negative attitude in school; Attendance Reminder; Working with the police; Student Leadership; Plastering day at college; Romiley Lights Switch On

It was a real pleasure to see so many of our **ex-Year 11 students back in school on Thursday evening to collect their GCSE certificates**. They met with their teachers and caught up on their progress since leaving school, at college, on apprenticeships and other programmes. It was also lovely to see Miss Hunt back in school, as she made a trip back in from retirement especially to see the students. Anyone who didn't attend can collect their certificates from the school reception.

Our focus is of course on our current Year 11 students now, and they start their mock examinations next week. This is an important milestone on the path to GCSE success in the summer. As I have reminded them over recent weeks, there is now only one full term remaining between them and their examinations so hard work is key. <u>Here</u> is the link to the Year 11 section of the school website. A reminder next week for students to come prepared with pen, pencil and calculator for their exams. Also remember that no mobile phones or watches of any kind are allowed in the examination room.

Thank you to students and staff from Werneth School who took part in the **Remembrance Service** at Bredbury War Memorial on Sunday afternoon. With a band and singing group made up of Werneth musicians past and present they provided the music for the service. One of our Senior students also laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

VISUAL ARTS LAST YEAR YEAR 11 - This is the last chance to come into school and pick up any artwork you did for GCSE last year. Please just drop your teacher an email or call the school office. All students have been contacted with this information. Final deadline for collection is **FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER** 

**Positive Discipline Reminders:** Most of our students are doing really well in school. Last week **8555 award points** were issued to children across all year groups for meeting expectations and excellent effort in lessons. Students in **8N** gained the most points in the school with **402 points**. Well done to so many students who are performing across all of their lessons.

Members of the senior leadership team are also meeting with students who are demonstrating excellence around any of our core values of **AMBITION**, **RESPECT and RESILIENCE** ... any member of staff can nominate a student for an award. It's lovely to recognise so many students doing so well and teachers are always very keen to do this!

On the flip side, some key reminders to ensure students can be productive and positive in school and in their lessons....

- **Students must attend all scheduled detentions**. We always notify parents via Edulink of a scheduled detention. Failure to attend detentions leads to Seclusion.
- Bringing the right equipment to be able to learn is really important. Students who arrive at school without a pen will be issued with a behaviour log. Students who arrive at school without kit for PE lessons will receive a behaviour log. Please check your child's timetable with them on Edulink to support them with this.

<u>Attendance Matters</u> - The attendance team would like to thank all parents and carers in ensuring that their child arrives at school every day and on time. Of course, during the upcoming winter weeks we know that the dreaded coughs and colds will be with us but please send your child into school where possible so that they don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities. We have many supporting members of staff who will assess and look after your child. If they are too unwell to continue for the day we will make contact with you. Poor attendance can quickly lead to issues ... if you have any concerns or need support with your child's attendance please don't hesitate in contacting us. Please take a look at our web page <u>Attendance Matters</u>

**Working with the Police -** As you will no doubt be aware, we work very closely with the local police. PC Gotts works closely in partnership with Werneth and Harrytown Schools to ensure good channels of communication between parents, the police and the local community including the school. We have been working with police officers this week to identify anti-social behaviour around The Rocks.

**Student Leadership** - It has been a busy week for our student leaders within school this week and our senior students have started their journey towards working on their SSAT leadership accreditation.

School council: We want to start off by congratulating Sophie Fraser who has been appointed as Deputy Head Student in charge of the school council. We want to thank and say well done to everyone who applied, it was tough competition. We look forward to working with Sophie who hosted her first meeting with the school council this week. If students are interested in joining the school council and have not done alreadv then SO thev can email senior.students@wernethschool.com

**Anti bullying week:** Senior Students have been promoting anti bullying week this week with the national theme of 'Reaching Out'. They have delivered assemblies about students supporting each other in reaching out if they need help, who they can turn to and what it means to be kind. Year 7 students also did a workshop which was delivered by all of our senior students during form time. The workshop focused on 'Friends and Frenemies' and got students to look at the qualities they had and the qualities of others. Thank you so much to the year 7 team for their lovely work on this and well done to our Senior Students on delivering the sessions.

**Stockport Heads Together:** On Tuesday evening our Head students Leah and Mary visited Marple Hall School with Miss Hibbert. There were a number of Stockport Schools that were in attendance from across the borough to discuss ideas moving forwards as leaders from across our schools. Each school was represented by student leaders and our Head Students had to present about our school, their roles, student leadership within our setting and the strengths and areas for improvement they wanted to discuss. As a collective the students decided that they would focus on **the environment, litter**  **and recycling** helping to support the ecosystem as a collaborative project. Our students are looking forward to working on this project over the next few months and we are already excited for our next meeting in February at Stockport Academy. Well done to Leah and Mary who were excellent during the session.

Learning Ambassadors: Our learning ambassadors have been working behind the scenes with our teaching and learning team to discuss Oracy and Vocabulary in their learning. It has been lovely to hear how the students really value the way that our teachers are working on developing this within the curriculum. They are working on a mini project which they will present in a couple of weeks time. **Student Voice:** Our Head Student Leah Selbie has been working hard with Miss Dee to produce a

student voice around students understanding of sexual harassment, Leah has started to conduct the student voice this week with year 10 students and will continue to work with other year groups over



the next few weeks.

On Wednesday a group of Year 10 students attended The Growth Company for **a day of plastering**. This was at their Trafford Skills Centre where a multitude of trades are taught. Our Year 10s spent the day learning how to mix the plaster and then were tasked with plastering a wall in their groups. The students all did brilliantly and got stuck in. This gave the boys an opportunity to have a taster at plastering and also see a college offering many trades.

Romiley Christmas light switch on Our dance students have been working very hard during their dance club to prepare for the light switch on in Romiley. Students will be performing on **Saturday 19th November at 1.45pm**. The day is a real community event where there are lots of festive activities as well as Christmas market stalls and Santa

and his reindeers may be spotted too. We want to wish all of our fabulous performers the very best for Saturday.

## Have a good weekend!