

This week: End of half term 1 update; Rewards for students; Supporting Striving for Success rewards; Supporting students with autism; Boy Band session; Science rewards; Visual Arts Showcase; Senior Students; Dance Club; MUF Holiday Club for next week; canteen price increases; Warhammer Club; Stockport Food Bank

We reach the end of what is always a long and busy first half term, and I know we are all - students and staff - ready for a break. It's been a mostly very productive half term, and we have been very impressed with the way the majority of our students have adapted to our higher expectations around uniform, punctuality, equipment and behaviour.

Nearly 400 of our students have gone through the whole half term with no negative logs at all, which is a fantastic achievement to them all. We are seeing better learning in lessons as a result. We have also started to reward "0 logs students" with a reward breakfast for each year group - we have started these this week, and will continue them after half term.

A further 400 students have a very low number of logs, so again well done to those young people. As we always know, most of our students show positive behaviour every single day. However, for those who we need to challenge and support, we will continue to do this next half term to encourage them to be the best that they can be ... we will follow the same systems and processes. All about ensuring that school is a positive learning environment for everyone.

A reminder for all adults of course that young people like to test boundaries - that's the main challenge that schools deal with every day of course, and no doubt you do too as parents. A few students are trying to revert to trainers this week after all of our work this term. Our expectations around uniform, lateness and behaviour will remain exactly the same next half term.



Our "**Striving for Success**" prize draw winners for students who have been nominated by their teachers last week were drawn from **824** nominated students. There are **3 winners** from each year group. The first winner receives £10 voucher and the other two winners will receive a large chocolate prize each. Well done to all those students, whose names will be celebrated on the praise board, and hopefully in assemblies. All nominated students will receive a praise postcard to recognise their efforts this term. [Here](#) is an overview of our winners.

Supporting students with Autism, and their families: On Thursday 14th October we held a coffee morning in the local community for Werneth parents whose children have a diagnosis of

Autism. It was a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet, share experiences and ideas but also for parents to discuss anything they needed from our staff. Already parents have commented on how successful the morning was and we hope to organise another one later in the school year.

Mrs Wilson reports “the Targeted Support Team hosted a visit from the band “**Here At Last**”. Our year 7 and 8 pupils were treated to a live performance, followed by a talk about **Online Safety & Cyber Bullying**, then a fun Q&A. The TST team are very proud of Year 7 and 8. It was wonderful to see some of them sing along and others asking relevant questions while sharing their existing knowledge on Internet safety.



Mr Brighton, Head of Science, wants to congratulate the many **students in Science who have been rewarded this half term** - they were all recognised in assemblies this week. Here is an **overview** of the students. Well done to them all!

Congratulations also to our outstanding students in **Visual Arts**, who as ever have produced some stunning artwork this half term. Here is a **Showcase** of **outstanding work** from students across all year groups. Well done to them all!

I met with our **Head Students** this week to discuss the excellent work they have carried out this term, and thank them for their contributions. They raised £160 and counting last week from their Cake Sale for Mental Health in school. Senior Students have also presented assemblies on mental health, respect and black history month. Our year 11 student support buddies have been working with our year 7 students on writing down their worries and throwing them away. Well done and thank you to all of our senior student team on all their fabulous work this half term.

Over the last 2 weeks we have had over 36 fabulous performers attend **dance club**. Students have started to prepare for Romiley Christmas light switch on which will take place on Saturday 19th November at Romiley precinct. Students are also working hard on putting together performances for our Winter Wonderland which will take place at the end of next half term.

There are still a few places remaining for the **Manchester United Foundation Holiday Club** next week for Year 7&8 students. This is running between 10am and 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If you would like a place please email Niccola Massey. The email address is **niccola.massey@wernethschool.com**

We have tried hard to resist any **price increases to our menus in school**, as provided by our external catering company. Unfortunately, we cannot resist it any longer and I am sorry to say there is a price increase from next half term. Here are the details from our school website on the price increases. **<https://www.wernethschool.com/school-life/menu>**

Warhammer club will start at lunch on Friday the 4th November and every lunchtime thereafter. Beginners are welcome. Learn how to play, how to build, how to paint with Mr Taylor in the library. Parental guide if you have any questions is [here](#).



A message from **Stockport Foodbanks**: For some time now we have been conscious that for some, a visit to one of our centres may mean two bus journeys which can often be tricky both logistically and financially. For that reason, we have been looking for a base in the centre of Stockport to provide a central location that will be easily accessible from different parts of Stockport to assist people who are struggling to get to our other centres. We are delighted to announce that we have found a location. From **Wednesday 19 October** we will have a new centre open at Tiviot Dale Methodist Church, SK1 1TA.

The centre will open on Wednesdays from 2.30pm until 4.30pm. We have updated our red vouchers to show our 8 locations on the reverse but please continue to use the stock of vouchers you currently hold and just inform your clients about the new location. We have updated our map which you can [download](#) if you don't know where we are. Please note there will be no parking available at the Tiviot Dale centre but parking is available in the centre of Stockport from just 90p per hour.

Thank you for your support this half term and we hope you have an enjoyable and safe break. Remember that school returns on Tuesday 1st November at the normal time.

Have a good weekend and half term break!