

This week's update includes: GCSE Final Week of GCSEs and Prom; Year 10 Exams; Student Excellence; Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award; Attendance Matters

It's the final week of **GCSE examinations** next week, and the table below gives details of each examination. This means that Year 11 will not be in school after Thursday. As I have said previously, our Year 11s have worked extremely hard during this stressful period, and we hope their hard work will be rewarded when they open those envelopes with their GCSE results inside on August 25th. We will be holding a **farewell ceremony** on Thursday at 1pm and they can bring along a shirt to be signed at this event, as well as say goodbye to their teachers. The **prom** is on Wednesday 29th June, where they can enjoy a well deserved final farewell to school life before thinking about their futures.

Reminder of final week of GCSE examinations

Monday 20th	9am start 1pm start	GCSE Combined Science: Chemistry GCSE Food and Nutrition
Tuesday 21st	9am start 1pm start	GCSE History - The American West GCSE Hospitality and Catering
Wednesday 22nd	9am start 1pm start	GCSE Music GCSE Further Mathematics
Thursday 23rd	9am start	GCSE Combined Science: Physics
End of GCSE Summer Programme for 2022		

Year 10 – our attention inevitably turns towards Year 10 now, and we have held an assembly this week to formalise our expectations when they are in examination rooms over the next 12 months. Their big year begins now. I was really pleased last week to hear from Mrs Massey about the attendance at additional revision sessions, with over 80 Year 10 students attending revision. That's a really good start!

Year 10 Exams are an important step on the way to letting teachers know where students are, and what they need to do as we move into Year 11. They will take place from Fri 24th June until Tues 5th July and here is the [timetable](#).

Some details:

- > All exams will take place in the Hall.
- > Students who receive support through Access Arrangements will be informed of where their exams take place.
- > Revision homework will be set by class teachers ahead of the exams.
- > Students need to bring a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator to their exams.

> Students need to conduct themselves appropriately in the exams. Please support us by reminding your child that there is no talking or communication whilst an exam is taking place. Students who disrupt an exam will receive appropriate sanctions.

A big congratulations to **Jad Clayton in 8S**! During half term, Jad competed in the UK Championships for Kickboxing in London. Jad won the Gold medal for his age and weight category... A remarkable achievement. Well done Jad - we are proud of you!

Great news from Mrs Smith in Design and Technology too ... on Monday **Evie Coley-Stott** had a zoom meeting with comedian and bake off legend Mel Giedroyc, which was organised by

her Girls Network mentor. They discussed the comedy/TV industry and life in general.

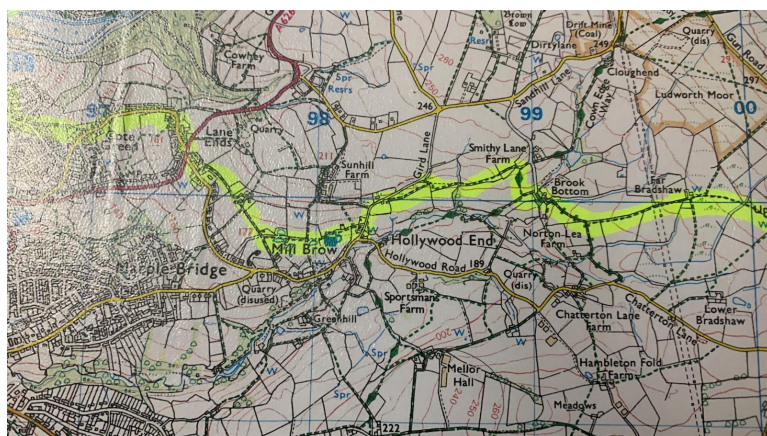
Evie was inspired and said "She is as funny in person as she is on TV and I really enjoyed the opportunity to speak with her". Congratulations Evie!



23 Year 10 students successfully completed their **Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition** last weekend. They navigated from school, over Werneth Low to

Boarfold Scout Camp near Chisworth where they camped for the night. They all cooked their own 2 course dinner on camping stoves (chilli from scratch, lots of pasta and even apple crumble with custard!), and a hot breakfast in the morning too. On Sunday they walked another 10km back to Etherow. They really developed their teamwork, map

reading and campcraft skills. Congratulations to them all!



Attendance Matters: As we start our final term, I wanted to take the opportunity to send a reminder about our attendance expectations in relation to student absence. Attendance at school is important and research shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. At Werneth School, we encourage all pupils to strive for 100% attendance; every day and every lesson counts. Our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential. Dental and medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible. If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, it is imperative that you phone school or before 8.30am to inform us. Please leave a message if the attendance lines are busy. Thank you to all parents who ensure that their child attends school and lessons punctually every day. absence@wernethschool.com

Enjoy the weekend