



The Word

THE BEST FROM EVERYONE, ALL OF THE TIME

09TH OCTOBER 2020

Headteacher's Round Up

October is now well established and autumn is definitely upon us. We are so fortunate to have such lovely grounds around school, the trees at the front of school are very beautiful; their leaves, both green and gold, reflecting our school emblem.

On the subject of "gold", I asked for nominations for our Golden book this week. I have been overwhelmed by the diversity of different challenges the students are meeting, that have warranted their entry into our Golden book. Due to COVID restrictions I am not able to ask them to my office to enter their names into the golden book personally, as I usually do. However, I will be delivering letters of commendation to the students nominated, in their form groups. We have also added their names later on in the Word. My congratulations to all concerned.

My senior team and I have analysed the results of the student survey. The results were, I am pleased to report, overwhelmingly positive. The students

report they feel safe at school, and despite the current difficulties, our strong school community spirit is prevailing. Any child who reported any worries will be spoken to by their Pastoral Manager or Progress and Development leader to try to allay their concerns.





Some issues raised by the students such as homework, have been noted. We have identified the students concerned and their Progress & Development leaders will be inviting them to join our homework club, which is being held after school. If you, as a parent/carer, are concerned about your child struggling with their homework, please contact their Progress & Development leader directly.

Our Parental survey is still open until Monday, and I would urge any Parents/Carers who have not yet completed this survey to do so. Our office can re-send the link to you, if necessary.

Wishing you a restful weekend.

House Points Totals

The running totals for number of house points so far are:

			
4242	4736	4497	4653

Word of the Week

EMPATHISE

Definition: Understand and share the feelings of another.

What subjects can this word be used in?

What is the meaning of this word in each of these subjects?

Compose a sentence with the word 'empathise' in for each of these subjects.

Golden Book Nominations



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jayden B.W Radika B Barney E Maryam E Daanyaal G Mustafa K Imogen L Jack McD Samir P Dante P Dawud S Aman S Reiss S Joshua T Charlie Y	Mischa B Amy B Ethan C Kayleigh F William H Archie H Madeeha H Liam L Daisy McG Evan M.O Simrat M Megan P Tiago S Gabriel W.R Millie Y	Tabassum A Alexandra B.B Kerry C Maxx C Jane D Tom D Lexie-Lea D Georgie F Leigh G Daisy G Tallulah H Jude M Zoe M Faith M Imogen S Jake T Ryan W Kyarna Y	Cerys B Prya C Amber E Sam H Freya H Karam K Neha K Diya K Yasmin McC Madison McC Niamh M Jessica N Ali S Shruv S Ishy S Damien S Cormac S McKenzie T Harry W	Mustafa A Ariet A Roberto A Lucy A Isabella A Jess B Antonio B Sophie B Paignton G George H Grace H Joseph K Lily K Sammy L Zainab M Ellie M Lottie P Jessica R Charlotte S Ella W Joel W

Health & Safety

Thank you for your continued support during these unpredictable times. As we move closer to half-term, can I ask that all pupils have a school jumper and a warm coat. Ventilation is an important consideration in reducing the chance of COVID infection; doors and windows will continue to be open despite the cooler days.

Year 7 Photos

Please be advised that students who were photographed this week should have brought home a barcoded form for ordering purposes. Orders need to be placed by today Friday 9th October 2020.



Detentions

Please be aware that detentions for all students will be set for one hour on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- Staff may issue a student with a detention as a sanction. Under normal circumstances students will be given 24 hours' notice of the detention outside of school hours unless alternative arrangements been made.
- Parental consent is not required for detentions.
- Students are expected to record this detention in their home school notebooks and inform their parents of the sanction.

- When issuing a detention Light Hall staff will take into consideration any safeguarding concerns.
 - Failure to attend a detention when a student is present in school will lead to further consequences and sanctions.
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Consideration

Please remind your child to be careful and considerate when walking or cycling to and from school. They must ensure they are leaving space for other pedestrians to pass them safely on the pavements, especially regarding social distancing.

Thought of the Week

What Does Individual Liberty Mean?

Anti-Slavery Day 18th October

Anti-Slavery Day, 18th October, provides an opportunity to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern slavery, and encourage government, local authorities, companies, charities and individuals to do what they can to address the problem. It was created by the Anti-Slavery Day Act, a Private Members Bill introduced Anthony Steen CBE, now Chair of the Human Trafficking Foundation.

Each year more and more charities, individuals, local authorities and police forces take action to mark Anti-Slavery Day.

The Human Trafficking Foundation hosts Anti-Slavery Day Awards to recognise journalists, filmmakers and



broadcasters who have exposed issues of modern slavery, and to celebrate organisations and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the fight against modern slavery. Find out more by visiting humantraffickingfoundation.org

To try and tackle modern slavery, we want more people to become aware of what slavery involves, how we can identify it, and what we can do to stop it happening.

Here are some of the signs to look out

for – individuals may be:

- Scared, withdrawn and non-engaging, limited English skills
 - Unkempt, ill, malnourished with few possessions
 - Reluctant to speak to authorities
 - Working with unusual arrangements – being regularly dropped off or collected for work either very early or late at night and little or no pay.
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House Quiz



The House Sporting Events that would normally be taking place week commencing 19th October will not be going ahead as we still aren't running extra curricular PE at this time.

However, there will be a house quiz set on Show My Homework for pupils to complete
And still be in with a chance of winning points for their house.

