



Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

I am very grateful for your support with Open Evening on Wednesday both with collecting your children early and for bringing them back to help with the night. It was a really successful event with something like 1,200 visitors! I want to thank all students who came and helped and a special thank you to Joni Cantrell (Year 7), Oliver Vuceljic (Year 7), Jonathan Dodd (Year 13) and Kai Mallett (Year 13) who each gave a speech in the hall; I'm sure you'll agree that speaking to hundreds of people is not easy and they each spoke brilliantly.

Black History Month

Throughout October we will be celebrating BHM with a massive range of activities, including special lessons and assemblies, displays and even cultural foods in the canteen. We hope that this will give students a broad perspective and it is an important aspect of our ongoing work to promote diversity and build inclusiveness.

Library Festival Week

Next week is Library Festival Week and to celebrate there are a number of activities taking place all week including origami, scratch bookmarks and author videos. Students who donate a book to the library will be entered into a raffle for a brand new book. We also have two new library clubs starting:

- Chess Club – Tuesdays, at lunchtime and after school
- Comic Book Club – Fridays, at lunchtime

Macmillan Coffee Morning

The students did a fantastic job baking, purchasing and eating cakes today to support [Macmillan Cancer Support](#). I am particularly grateful to the Sixth Form student leaders for organising the event which raised exactly £300.00! Well done!

School Photographs Catch-up Session

I have received incredibly positive feedback about the conduct of students during school photograph day on Tuesday. The photographer will be back in school on Thursday 20th October for any students who were absent and were due to have their photos taken.

Best wishes,

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