

Head of School

Friday 6th January 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable festive period.

It was excellent to welcome our students back to school this week and I have been very pleased with how settled our students have returned. They continue to look incredibly smart in their uniforms and all look like they are refreshed and prepared for Term 3.

We have been celebrating students' success this week in our Year group assemblies where we have held our Strike Card prize draw. Students are entered into the draw when they have an unblemished Strike Card. We also held a 100% attendance draw in each Year group for exceptional attendance this academic year. This week we have held Year 7, 9 and 11 assemblies, Well done to all students who qualified to be entered into the prize draws!

The winners are as follows:

Year 7

- Luize Evaldsone, Samantha Razvadauskaite and Karina Wolak
- Rachel Moore (100% attendance)

Year 8

- Evelyn Higgins, Nasko Borisov and Archie Burns
- Sona Sojan (100% attendance)

Year 11

- Grace Kenning and Hubert Bukowy
- Emily Gedney (100% attendance)

A letter from Mr Tom Martin, SLAT Executive Deputy Headteacher, regarding the scheduled flu vaccinations has been sent to Year 7, 8 and 9 parents this week. These are taking place at Giles Academy on Friday 13th January 2023 for those parents that have given consent. We have re-sent the vaccination consent letter in a separate letter via email for those parents as an opportunity to respond for those parents who may have missed the first letter.

A reminder that Year 11 parents evening is on Thursday 26th January 2023. Information regarding how to book appointments will be sent to parents next week. Please note that this is an online event. This is a



very important opportunity to reflect and set targets in preparation for their final GCSE examinations. We continue to encourage students to attend interventions and revision sessions that are taking place at lunchtimes and after school which will support maximising their final grade. The Year 11 will be starting the National Tutoring Programme next week which we know will provide an opportunity for a focused approach of intervention and revision.

Next week on Monday all Year 10 students will be having an informative assembly regarding Vaping from an external speaker. This will highlight the importance of the effects of Vaping and making sure all students have clear and accurate information to be able to make informed decisions about their future choices.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend and look forward to updating you next week following a first full week back to school.

Kindest regards,



Miss Katie Belcher

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