

# Head of School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

A shorter week this week on return to school but a fantastic start back.

Firstly, we are celebrating the high attendance for all year groups this week, it is absolutely brilliant to be celebrating all year groups with over 90% attendance every day this week. Thank you for your support with this.

This week you will have also received a re-issue of the Children In Need letter where there has been an amendment to the dress restrictions. Following student feedback we have amended the dress code to include leggings or jeggings which can now be worn.

We have been very busy rewarding student success from Term One this week, in particular a special mention to the following overall top point scorers for the whole of last term, which is a fantastic achievement!

- Year 7 Messi Sulitanu
- Year 8 Amber Jagger
- Year 9 Sawyer Cooper
- Year 10 Daniel Murray
- Year 11 Millie Wood

We have also been celebrating students who maintained a clean Strike Card during Term One. There winning students are selected by entering their clean card into a raffle. Well done to all students who had their card entered for their fantastic persistent effort with high standards of uniform and conduct for last term.

It was brilliant to see Year 7 students participate in this for the first time and congratulations go to the following Year 7 selected winners:

- Enid Holderness
- Jake Frost
- Logan Smith



Year 10 this week have received an external presentation on Knife Crime – unfortunately we are living in a world where we need to educate and heighten awareness of knife crime, the law and the sanctions for carrying weapons. Our Year 10 students responded maturely to very important topic which has increased awareness for all.

I would like to remind parents and carers that we have our annual Careers Fair next week on Thursday. We are passionate about giving our young people an insight into many industries and careers as possible. Throughout the day all students will be visiting the exhibitors which include post-16 establishments, apprenticeship opportunities and industries to support students in their understanding of the different career pathways and opportunities locally and beyond. We welcome parents and carers to attend this event after-school from 3.30pm to 4.30pm – it would be brilliant to see as many as possible supporting this event which saw some of our Year 11 students last year secure apprenticeships with fantastic companies that exhibited at the event!

Finally, next week we will have poppies on sale in school for Remembrance Day which we will be paying our respect to in school on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We are encouraging all students to buy a poppy to wear throughout the week and in particular on Friday. Those students who attend a cadet group out of school are also allowed to wear their cadet uniform on this day in honour of those who served in the war.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,



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