

Year 9 Newsletter

Spring Half Term 2



Spring 2 2022

Dear parents, carers, and students,

We hope this newsletter find you well.

Year 9 have completed another very important half term. GCSE preferences have been a priority for us all. Lots of difficult decisions have been made by our students. They have been bombarded with lots of information and advice but finally they have all chosen their GCSE subjects and plans are underway for the Key Stage 4 leg of their journey.

We wish you all restful and happy break.



Year 9 netball

The year 9 netball team in a tournament Everyone played really well. They played for 70 minutes the sunshine and came third overall. The girls kept their spirits up and encouraged one another. They really enjoyed the day and won quite a few games as well!



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Whole school message

Tuesday 19th April: INSET DAY – No students

Wednesday 20th April: School is back open for all students.

We are proud that we were able to support Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. The students and staff managed to raise over £1300 for the various charity's connected to red nose day. Within assemblies this term the year teams have been celebrating students' punctuality to lessons and the high level of attendance since September. Each group is well above the national average for both attendance and punctuality to lessons. These high levels across all year groups continues to highlight that our students take pride and care in their learning. The top punctual tutor groups in each year were:

7EA, 8DS, 9RD, 10AK & 10KL, 11GC & 11HW

Forest School

Yet another successful half term for our students participating in Forest School.

Students have been learning how to recognise their own qualities and strengths and how they can use these qualities to help the environment.

Most of the students had a go at making a mallet. It required focus, concentration, and perseverance as they used the different tool. Due to the nature of the tools, teamwork was required. Throughout the session the students began to be more aware of the usefulness of effective communication with their partner or group.

Some students also helped to plant saplings. Not only does this activity increase their knowledge and understanding of different plants and trees but it helps support the development of a deeper connection with nature and our Forest School site.



RED NOSE DAY

Friday 18th March was Red Nose Day. The theme for this day was 'Superheroes'. Students and staff were invited to wear red or dress as a superhero. The Red Nose Day charity helps transform the lives of poor and vulnerable people, both at home and across the world's poorest countries.

As a school, we have raised a phenomenal amount of money, a total of £1350.70!!

Congratulations to our fabulous year 9 bench ball team. They beat every other year group to come second only to the staff team. Not only was this an amazing sporting achievement but they also helped to raise even more money for The Red Nose Day Charity. We think the staff team cheated!!!



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