

# PRINCIPAL'S WEEKLY UPDATE



**WORD OF THE WEEK – WELLBEING**  
**CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – SPEAKING HONESTLY**  
**BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – GALATIANS 5V22-23**

## What a start to the new year!

I can't believe that we are already at February half term and starting to think about meeting our new Y7 in the coming months and beginning their transition with us. Time certainly flies when you're having fun! Each day I see so many happy children, focused on their learning and enjoying school – it fills me with great pride to see this. Already this term we have had our first assessments of the year; our children applied themselves superbly, and over the coming weeks we will see the results of their hard work. As the school days have been motoring along, we have held a recruitment evening for new staff who will start in September 2023. We had 90+ people attend the evening and over 120 candidates applied for the nine positions. I am delighted with our appointments to date and how they will further strengthen the educational offer our children receive.

One of the many highlights of my role as Principal is to present awards and badges to our children. It has been such a pleasure presenting all of the Bronze Achievement Awards this term, the children are so proud of their achievements and rightly so. Each week in the newsletter we will add any upcoming key dates and key information for you. I hope this helps to keep you further updated. Have a lovely half term break. Mr Allen

## Internet safety/Children's Mental Health Week

This term we had a group of girls in Y8 who took part in the Cyber First Girls Competition, and we had winners of the Cyber competition promoted by our friends at the Lightbox Library. Our internet safety drive has culminated this week in our Safer Internet Day and our Digital House Week. Internet safety is crucial and an area we will continue to focus on. We will be looking to hold a parent information session on internet safety in the near future. Please look out for this and I hope as many of you as possible will attend. This week we have been highlighting Children's Mental Health Week and altered our academy prayer to focus on this. I know our positive safe and warm culture really supports our children. Our dedicated pastoral team are on hand to support any children that may need help and guidance with their mental health. Please do get in touch if you feel your child needs some support.





## Progress Reports

Once we return after half term you will receive your child's progress report. This is a brand new report that our trust has developed giving you clear indication of the progress your child is making academically. It will highlight their attitude and effort, attendance, and their quantum leap contributions to date. It really is a great document and something that I know you will enjoy reading. This document will help form any questions you have ready for Parents' Evenings which will be held in March. These are online and all booking details and information will be sent out to you soon. We can't wait to share how impressed we are with the work children have been doing.

Y7 Parents' Evening Thursday 16th March

Y8 Parents' Evening Thursday 30th March

## Sports and INVOLVE

It has been another bumper term for extra-curricular activities with fixtures against other schools continuing in rugby, netball, football and basketball. We have had several students compete in the South Yorkshire Cross County event too. I am thrilled to see the levels of participation from our children. Alongside this, our INVOLVE clubs continue and the amazing experiences our children gain is tremendous to see. This term has seen children lead their own clubs and a new visit to Barnsley Museum, finding out about our local history was a big winner. It was great to hear that our children presented to the staff at the museum. We are developing so many confident students with a real passion for their community.



### Dates for your diary/upcoming events

**Twickenham Trip to watch England**  
Sunday 12th February

**INSET Day 20th February – School closed for children**

**Army Assembly**  
21st February

**Y8 Introduction to Apprenticeships Assembly**  
23rd February

**Barnsley College STEM and Trinity Scholars Visit**  
24th February

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YOUR FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT"  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN**