



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

12TH JANUARY 2024

**Word of the week – Discovery**

**Worship Theme of the week – Epiphany**

**Core value of the week – Respect/tolerance of  
different beliefs**

**Biblical reference of the week – Matthew 2:1-21**

I want to start this week's newsletter by wishing all of you a Happy New Year and I hope 2024 is a year full of fun and enjoyment for all of our families. It's going to be a busy and exciting year ahead, a new cohort will soon find out if they have a place here, we have the move to the new build for a September start and an Ofsted visit all to look forward to. We have already started the year on a high, celebrating the children's amazing Masters of Recall scores and students have been working hard this week to prepare for assessments next week. I know how conscientious our children are and as parents the importance you place on their studies, please do encourage them to revise and put even more effort in over the coming week. Ensure they have enough sleep each night!

Soon we will be sending out dates for Parents' Evenings and you will receive your child's data pack to discuss at these evenings. I look forward to continuing our fantastic relationships and working together with you to ensure each child gets the best education and life skills they can from us. We will be organising a parent's Open Day over the next month or so with our Parent Leadership Group to give as many parents as possible the chance to visit the school during the day and meet with myself and other senior leaders. I hope you can take us up on this invitation.

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# COMPUTING AWARD

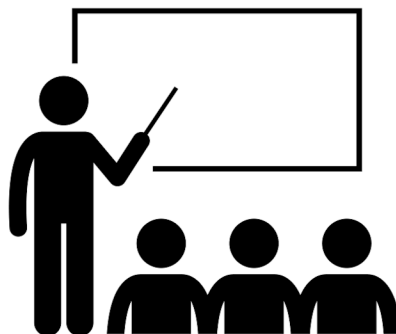
We received some fantastic news last week. The TASE computing department have been awarded the Computing Quality Mark in recognition for delivering high-quality computing education to young people, developing their digital skills and preparing them for the future.

The Computing Quality Mark is awarded by the National Centre for Computing Education and recognises excellence of computing education offered by a school as part of their curriculum development through the Computing Quality Framework.



## NEW JOBS

We are already planning for next academic year and will be delivering a high-quality Key Stage 4 curriculum for the first time. Our Y9 students and parents will shortly be entering their 'Options' process to decide what subjects to study at GCSE level. To prepare for this we currently have nine new teaching posts being advertised and we will be interviewing suitable candidates over the first two weeks in February.



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# YOUTH COUNCIL

Students in Year 8 and 9 are invited to apply for a place to stand for the Barnsley Youth Council. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to collaborate with students from other schools to make a positive change in our community. Students who express an interest will present to their peers in February and students will elect our TASE student representative.

All students interested are invited to collect an application form from Mrs Pearson. The deadline for applications is 17th January.



**JOIN US!**

**Barnsley Youth Council Elections**  
Express an interest in standing  
**2024 - 2026**

**WE WANT YOU!**

**Don't delay register now!**  
Closing date for nominations 17th January 2024

Come and chat with one of the Youth Voice & Participation workers during your school or college drop-in

- ☒ Are you secondary school yr 8 or above?
- ☒ Are you Passionate about influencing change?
- ☒ Are you able to advocate for yourself and others?
- ☒ Do you have good communication and leadership skills?
- ☒ Are you Able to attend regular meetings, campaign sessions and drop-ins

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# MASTERS OF RECALL

We celebrated with every year group this week their awesome Masters of Recall scores. Each year group scored an average in the 80% range and Year 8 students achieved the highest score and knocked our founding cohort off the top for the first time! We presented lots of postcards for our Top 20 and we presented bronze, silver and gold badges for the number of 100% subject stickers our children have accrued.





# MASTERS OF RECALL

A special mention has to go to Tilly Batty and Freya Kelly in Y9 who have been awarded our first ever Masters of Recall Platinum Award and red badge. This was awarded because they have achieved more than 85 100% subject stickers since Y7. What an achievement. Well done girls, we are so proud of you.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

W/b Monday 15th January – Assessment week

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