PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE 23RD FEBRUARY 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK – TEMPTATION WORSHIP THEME OF THE WEEK – LENT (14/02-28/03) CORE VALUE OF THE WEEK – RESPECT AND TOLERANCE OF DIFFERENT BELIEFS BIBLICAL REFERENCE OF THE WEEK – MATTHEW 4:1-11

I hope everyone enjoyed some welcome family time over half term. We were excited to welcome all our fabulous children back after the break and we have gone straight into rewarding their brilliance with our Masters of Recall celebration assemblies. We have an action packed half term ahead with a trip to Rome, Year 9 Options Evening, Parents' Evening for Year 7 and 8, Careers week, World Book Day, our second STEM drop down day and our Easter services, to a name a few. I am always so thankful of the opportunities our staff create and organise for your children, there are so many amazing experiences for them to enjoy. We have more recruitment interviews next week for a teacher of computing, a subject co-ordinator of history and a leader of maths, the candidates that have applied are not only excited about the chance to work here but are exactly the type of professionals we are looking for to maintain and drive our academic excellence in lessons. I look forward to another term of sharing successes and to being part of our community events.

MASTERS OF RECALL

Term after term the standard of success that all students show is testament to their desire to succeed and the work they put in at home with their Knowledge Organisers. Each year group has averaged a score in the mid-eighty percentage range, a fantastic feat. Below are some photos of our Top 20s and badge award winners. The pride children show is just incredible and as a community it is great to see how all students celebrate one another's achievements. Huge congratulations to Elnaz in Y9 for achieving her platinum badge.

YEAR 7

A huge well done to Oliva and Noah for getting every single question correct on their big quiz – what an achievement!







YEAR 8







YEAR 9













BUILDING UPDATE AND BUS DROP OFF

Other senior leaders and I had the pleasure of another site visit during half term. The work that has been completed to date is just superb and I am even more excited than normal. The children now and in the future are going to get an even more exceptional education. I have put some photos below for you to look at. When we open the school in September there will be an open evening for current parents and the community to come and take a tour and I cannot wait to welcome you and the children.

I emailed out to everyone this week to ask for your support with picking up children who get dropped off at Keresforth Close via our bus. Bowmer and Kirkland are moving their work to make Keresforth Close more accessible and need to have quite large machinery in and around the area of the next few months. They have asked if parents can avoid waiting for children around the area and in the bus stop as this will hinder their work and could also be dangerous. Thank you in advance for helping to support the work that is ongoing.





YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING AND CAREERS ADVICE

Parents of Year 9 children will have received a letter this week to invite you to our Options Evening on the 6th March. All children's parents/carers need to attend the evening to listen to the process and to meet curriculum leaders to discuss the content and requirements for the subjects on offer. At the evening you will be given the Options booklet and the process will be explained for you. There will be no other time or appointments where this can be done. Over the next few weeks Y9 students will be getting some more details from Mrs Gilmore and they will be taking part in either 1:1 or small group independent careers advice meetings. These I have no doubt will whet their appetite for the options and the careers they are seeking in their futures.

LENT

While I am sure you all enjoyed pancakes last week (there were some great entries in our House competition!) it preceded an important time in the Christian calendar: lent. If you are deciding to give something up for lent, good luck with your resilience, it is also a time to reflect and support those in need too. Our chaplain, Vanessa, has created a lent bingo challenge for all our community to have a go at and we will be looking at these challenges in form time. Please do try them at home. We will be supporting Barnsley Foodbank again during this time, if you would like to make any donations, please can you bring them in during the last week of the half term.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY/UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 27th February- Thursday 29th February

PREVENT assemblies for all year groups

Tuesday 27th February

Y9 vaccinations

Wednesday 28th February

Y9 Careers interviews

Y9 Boys' 1:1 Parents session (invite only)

