



Weekly bulletin: Secondary

Star of the week: w.b. 30.10.2023		
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
D Luana S	A Amber B	A Fawaaz A
R Megan D	C Ayodele O	S Lola G
I Olivia K	T Benjamin K	P Nino K
V Olivia-Rose E	I Archie C-B	I Tolga C
E James M	O Ayo F	R Nikas J
	N Rihanna M	E Keziah B



Weekly Attendance: w.b. 30.10.2023

Year 7:	D 1st	R 4th	I 2nd	V 5th	E 3rd	
Year 8:	A 3rd	C 6th	T 4th	I 2nd	O 1st	N 4th
Year 9:	A 1st	S 5th	P 4th	I 6th	R 3rd	E 1st

Achievement Points:

This week	597	517	519	519
Total this year	2707	2693	2730	2673
Top contributors this week	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tolga C 2. Gabriel T 3. Jack Wi 4. Renwil M 5. Michael O 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jack B-N 2. Ayo F 3. Iustina H 4. Lena P 5. Ali B 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ksenija K 2. Fabricio M 3. Liam N 4. Confidence A 5. Poppy O-T 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liwia C 2. Megan D 3. Olivier K 4. Yasmeen L 5. Rafferty H
Top contributors this year	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jack W 2. Michael O 3. Nicole G-C 4. Isaque A-J 5. Xavier M-O 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jack B-N 2. Nathan G 3. Iustina H 4. Lucas D 5. Imogen F 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidence A 2. Luana S 3. Zuzanna D 4. Ksenija K 5. Poppy O-T 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Olumide O 2. Yasmeen L 3. Malwina O 4. Esther A 5. Liwia C



Upcoming dates:

Friday 24.11.2023	INSET Day - Academy closed
Friday 01.12.2023	Parents receive Autumn term short report (see separate letter)
Thursday 07.12.2023	Secondary Parent Consultations (see separate letter)
Friday 15.12.2023	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 02.01.2024	INSET Day - Academy closed to pupils
Wednesday 03.01.2024	Welcome back after Christmas

Key messages:

Odd Sock Day - Monday 13 November

National Anti-Bullying week starts on Monday 13 November. Across the school we will be doing several activities to celebrate what we call 'Kindness Week'. This year's theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. We invite all of the children to wear odd socks on Monday 13 November to symbolise that we should be ourselves and also accepting of, and celebrate, our differences. We encourage families to make a £1 donation via our online system or by handing £1 to their advisory, if possible during this time. Full school uniform is expected on this day minus the odd socks. If families would like to undertake their own act of kindness either at home or within the community, then we would love to hear about it via the office email address.

Free School Meals (FSM)

Parents who think they may be eligible should apply directly via the link below. If you are eligible your child will be entitled to a free daily hot meal throughout their time at the school, £50 each year to spend on trips, music lessons or uniform and will be given a number of free reading books to keep during the year.

<https://online.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/services/freeschoolmeals/>



Lateness

A reminder that the children need to be in school by 8.30am for registration. The table below outlines how much learning is lost through being regularly late to school.

Minutes late per day	= days of learning lost per year
5	3.2
10	6.5
15	9.5
20	12.5
30	19

Holidays during Term Time

A reminder to all families that holidays during term time will be deemed as an unauthorised unless there is an exceptional reason. If a holiday is taken, the Local Authority have returned to their pre-covid culture of ensuring appropriate fines are administered. This is part of a nationwide government approach to improve school attendance rates.

Attendance - coughs and colds

As we approach winter we are seeing an increase in families keeping their child off school due to a cough or cold. There is excellent guidance on the NHS website to support families with making the decision "[Is my child too ill for school?](#)". Lessons build on what children already know and missing one lesson may make tomorrow's lesson more difficult, we are therefore really keen to work with families and their child to maximise their attendance at school and support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day.