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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support, over what has been a very busy and productive first Half Term.

This week our Year 7 students have all undertaken a Mindsets Activity Day, off-site at Fanwood Activity Centre. The main theme of the day has been to take students out of their comfort zone and experience a variety of challenges, which help to develop their resilience. Failure is not seen as a negative. It is seen as a critical tool in fostering the ability to 'bounce back' when things don't quite go as well as expected at the first, or even second time of asking. Working with their peers, the vast majority of whom they hadn't met before the start of Year 7, has been a great vehicle for strengthening relationships and working collectively as a team.

My thanks to all the staff who supported what has been a great opportunity for our students.

I hope you all enjoy the Half Term holiday amongst family and friends.

Martin Blacoe

Mr Martin Blacoe, Principal.



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Friday 26th October

School Closes for Half-term

Monday 5th November

School Opens – 8am

Thursday 8th November

Y11 Parents' Evening

Friday 23rd November

Training Day – School Closed

Tuesday 27th November

Y10 Parents' Evening

Thursday 6th December

Y12 Parents' Evening

Monday 10th December

Y11 Trial Exams Begin



Everybody Reading in Class

Can you guess which staff member is enjoying reading their book?



This weeks recommended read – Miss Birtwistle

I loved 'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett. This novel is set in 1960s America when the Civil Rights Movement was in its early stages. It explores the lives and ill-treatment of the African-American maids who had to raise the children of White families. It is interesting, heart-breaking and utterly addictive!



Last week's reader was ...

Ms Martin – from our Art Department!



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Attendance Matters

Better 3 hours too soon than a minute too late

William Shakespeare

Y7 – 96%

Y8 – 95.1%

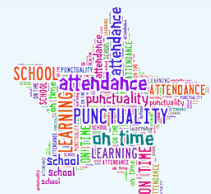
Y9 – 94.3 %

Y10 -95.2%

Y11 – 93.1%

Overall School Attendance

94.8%



Career Help and Guidance for Parents/Carers

You can access lots of interesting and useful advice/guidance about Careers by visiting our website.

There are many useful links including an Apprenticeship Parent Information Pack, A Higher Education Parent Guide and information about a Higher Education Event for SEND students.



<http://www.gohigherwestyorks.ac.uk/events/springboard-event/>

Maths Competition Winner!

A huge Congratulations to Olly Bigger who won the Maths competition at our open evening. Miss Bell went to deliver his prize at his primary school this week and he is now all set for secondary math and has some Maltesers to enjoy over half term!



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What's on at school?



**Any queries please
speak to our
Attendance Team.**

Overdue Library Books!

Our OLC is a very popular and well-used space. Students not only borrow and access a variety of books; they also use our computer facilities for research and completing work.

However, we need your help!

We currently have 242 books that have not yet been returned to the library.



Our books are easily identifiable. They have the school name stamped into the inside cover and have a returns slip on the inside. They have classification labels on the outside.

Please can you ask your child/children to return any outstanding library books. Most books currently borrowed from the OLC will be due back on **Monday 5th of November.**

Thank you for supporting this initiative.

If you have a query please speak to Mrs Mckenzie in the OLC.

Y11 Maths Revision Sessions

Our Maths Department are offering lots of additional support to our Y11 students as they approach their Mock Exams.

We have a Maths Hub in F10 every Tuesday 2.30pm-3.30pm

In addition to this, students can also attend *revise with your teacher* sessions.

Tuesday 13th November
Tuesday 20th November
Tuesday 27th November
Tuesday 4th December

Please see your Maths teacher for further details. We hope our Y11 make the most of all of the extra support on offer to them.

House Competiton Results

Well done to all students who participated in our House Competitions!

Scores are very close at the moment and are as follows,

**Joint 1st Place =
3075**

**Jones – Buchanan
Hockney**

2nd Place = 3050

Tomlinson

3rd Place = 3000

Ennis-Hill