

# #PINDARPositives



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well and hope your children have enjoyed their long weekend after the teacher training day on Friday! We look forward to seeing all students in school on Monday morning!

Attendance continues to be a huge priority for us in school and I encourage every child to aim for 100% attendance every single week! We are looking forward to our Christmas attendance rewards draw with a chance to win one of three prizes, each worth £100! There are three full weeks left in school plus one four-day week so students should aim for 100% each week to be in it to win it! Every child who achieves 100% every week is given a ticket to enter the draw. Congratulations again to Year 8 whose attendance is the best in the school - we are particularly impressed by 8THO who achieved 99.1% attendance last week - keep going Year 8! Can any other year groups catch them?

Although we only had four days in school last week, there was a lot to celebrate! Miss Petts would like to congratulate her Year 10 Engineers on their soldering skills and for their creativity when designing a portable speaker. Her Year 7 Design Technology and Food Technology classes have been brilliant this week and are really embracing all the new skills they are learning. Miss Shipley also emailed me this week to let me know that it has been a busy week in technology with Year 8 and 9 students finishing off their practical projects. She would like to give a #PindarPositive shout out to all of her Year 8 Design Technology students who worked really hard to successfully complete their aluminium and pine tealight holders this week and on Friday last week. She would also like to give a #PindarPositive shout out to all of her Year 9 Design Technology students who worked really hard to successfully complete their aluminium and pine coat hook this week and on Friday last week. We are lucky that we have a number of support staff who work with our students and this week, Mr Phillips who is our Senior Learning Mentor asked me to send out a whole class #PindarPositive on behalf of a wonderful and productive Year 9 Design Technology lesson he witnessed on Wednesday with Miss Petts. The class behaved with great maturity and responsibility as they set about constructing a circuit board - using soldering irons! How encouraging it was to see the class progressing so well with such a complex and challenging technical task. Well done!

As well as technology staff, I have had some lovely emails from other teachers this week. Miss Pickles wanted to shout out to her Year 9 English group who have had an excellent week. They have been so focused and a real credit to our school and Mr Traves. Mrs Hamilton sent me some wonderful pictures from her Year 7 art classes who have produced some lovely work on tints and shades and shown outstanding effort and behaviour. Miss Mills would like to congratulate the students in 7B3 French who continue to make fantastic

progress. This week's lessons were extremely focussed and students learned to talk about things they liked and disliked. Continuez comme ça!

We are so pleased to offer a breakfast club to all students from 8am every day and the take-up from students is wonderful. This week, Miss Petts has joined Mr Traves on a morning during Breakfast Club alongside Ms Matson who runs the club every day. Miss Petts said it has been fantastic to have the opportunity to have a 'cuppa' and a natter with students and she will be attending every morning from now on! In other food news, and with Christmas firmly in our sights, I wanted to let all families know that Christmas lunch will be served this year on Monday and Tuesday of the final week and for many children it is a highlight of the school dinner year! The cost will be the standard £2.40 which includes roast turkey and trimmings and a pudding of either chocolate arctic roll, a shortbread biscuit or christmas pudding. Students will need to buy a drink or there is water available. There will also be a vegetarian option which will be tomato pasta. For those students who prefer a normal lunch, sandwiches will be available as usual in the main hall. This is definitely a school dinner to look forward to!

I hope you have enjoyed this week's edition of the #PINDARPositives email and look forward to reporting on another good week soon!

With every good wish

Lesley Welsh

**Principal**