

#PINDARPositives



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well at the end of another busy week in school.

Attendance at school remains a huge priority and we hope all students will make every effort to attend every day next week to be in with a final chance of winning a 100 Club prize draw ticket - the prizes will be drawn during the last week and students need to be in to win!

We are currently looking forward to our Christmas activities in school - our Carols by Candlelight performance on Monday will be very special and tickets are still available from reception. Staff are currently working hard nominating students for the end of year Christmas Rewards Assemblies when we celebrate our brilliant young people! Please keep following us on social media to see the pictures for each year group.

Even with Christmas in sight, we have still been focusing on hard work in lessons and I have once again had great messages from staff regarding some of their stand out groups! Mrs Barraclough wanted to shout out to her Year 7 history class who once again have been perfect this week and a pleasure to teach! Miss Mills wrote to say that Year 11 French have shown *excellent effort* in tackling their new topic of social issues. She has been extremely impressed with the way they have remembered key vocabulary. Miss Mills also shared that 7B1 French did a fantastic job of writing from memory this week. She was particularly impressed with the range of opinions students were able to give. *Continuez comme ça!* In my Year 9 German classes today we have completed Real Exam Time paragraphs and the behaviour for learning was impeccable - *ich bin sehr stolz* Year 9, keep it up! I was delighted to see Miss Pickles 7a1 English class this week and she told me that she was so proud of them, especially when they were reading about Nancy's death in *Oliver Twist* and Mr Brown was teaching them.

Once again, students have shone in practical lessons. Ms Allen asked me to share that it was a pleasure to visit the Key Stage Four chefs in the ARC who produced some mouthwatering treats today! Miss Shipley noted that both of her Year 7 technology groups in food did exceptionally well this week during their practical lessons making a layered pasta salad. Students worked independently, following the recipe they had been given. They were also very neighbourly, working together to help each other tidy up to leave the food room spotlessly clean! Well done Year 7! Miss Petts shared a similar email, telling me that her Year 7 Food Technology group on Wednesday were exceptional. They showed an amazing work ethic and well controlled cooking environment. Mrs Raisin told me that she is very proud of the way the Year 10 Hair & Beauty class are focused on their internal synoptic assessment, showing a very mature attitude to learning. She was also very proud to hear that her Year 10 Hospitality and Catering behaved impeccably when covered by a supply teacher this week whilst she was on a course and she got fantastic feedback from the supply

teacher. Miss Petts' Year 10 Engineers continue to work hard problem solving and creating interesting Speaker designs and we cannot wait to see what they produce!

If your child is in Year 7, they may have told you about some timetable tweaks which took place on Monday. Miss Petts has been really pleased this week with the majority of Year 7s who have embraced their new timetable and have been working hard. Let's keep this up as we approach the Christmas break!

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