

#PINDARPositives



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well after another busy week in school and trust that you are looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

Our series of rewards assemblies began on Friday with Year 11 being the first to receive their certificates and treats and we are very proud of all our award winners! Over the next week, students in Years 7 - 10 will enjoy their rewards assemblies and we will definitely embrace the Christmas spirit in school, beginning tomorrow and on Tuesday when students can enjoy their Christmas dinner for £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! On Tuesday evening our Christmas Fair takes place from 3pm - all are welcome to purchase a host of handmade gifts and treats prepared by our Year 7 students as well as students from our Duke of Edinburgh group and the Young Enterprise group who will be selling upcycled Christmas jumpers and tops! Mrs Swift asked me to publicly congratulate 7KSW who have demonstrated all the Pindar Values in preparing for the Christmas Fair and I know our Year 7s have been working incredibly hard on this; I do hope you are able to attend. Miss Petts asked me to let you all know that she is really PROUD of all Year 7 Tutor groups this week as they prepare for the Christmas Fair on Tuesday and she also hopes you will be able to attend and support their hard work! The Young Enterprise group's stall is particularly well-timed and Miss Ward-Gow is very proud of them because, on Thursday, our annual Christmas Jumper day takes place and students who wish to participate should wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas t-shirt and bring a donation for Save The Children. Students who wear a Christmas-themed top are entitled to wear non-uniform underneath but students who are not participating in Christmas Jumper day should wear their full uniform. We cannot wait to see our students in their Christmas finery!

Over the last week there has been lots to celebrate in school, not least the wonderful Carols by Candlelight concert we held on Monday evening at the Holy Nativity Church on Westway. We are so proud of every student who participated and it was a truly magical evening - well done everyone and thank you to all members of our community who were able to join us on the evening.

Staff have continued to share their #PINDARPositives this week and I love to hear from families who enjoy seeing the personal messages. Thank you for sharing your feedback. Miss Pickles has again contacted me to highlight how immensely proud she is of her Year 7s for how they conducted themselves during the Oliver Twist end of unit Assessment. They really were so focused, have demonstrated their knowledge and their behaviour was impeccable. Miss Farnill emailed me this week to shout out to her Year 9 class who have

been fantastic at preparing for their assessments next week. She told me that every student has been so creative in developing their fictional dystopian worlds. Great work Year 9! More Year 9s have been celebrated by Miss Ward-Gow who told me that her 9M/Ma1 class demonstrated that they are true #ProblemSolvers and #Aspirational after their efforts with the GCHQ Christmas Challenge! Mrs Swift also wanted to highlight her class 9E/En5 as the majority are now making lovely progress and taking pride in their blossoming analytical skills. Miss Petts also shared that her Year 9 groups have been designing their casing for their portable speakers this week and developed a range of interesting designs based on their interests. Keep up the hard work Year 9!

Miss Ward-Gow has been sharing the GCHQ Christmas Challenge with her maths classes this week and she asked me to give a shoutout to her Year 11 class (11M/Ma1) for their efforts with this, showing the Pindar value of #Determined. In science, Mr Raisin asked me to say a huge well done to 8a/Sc1 who did some awesome practical work looking at different chemical reactions this week. He also asked me to highlight the work of 10s/Sc5 who have continued to blow Mr Raisin's socks off with how well they've picked up some really tricky Chemistry this last fortnight. They continue to behave really well in lessons and continue to make Mr Raisin really proud of not only their effort, but also their behaviour and bookwork. I received more lovely feedback from Mrs Swift who shared that 10E/En1 are a constant pleasure to teach as they are so enthusiastic, lively and respectful. What wonderful feedback for Year 10!

On Friday afternoon we gave out the PPE results to our Year 11 students and there will be lots of opportunities for students to talk about their results and think about their progress in the weeks ahead. Mr Virr asked me to shout out to his Year 11 iMedia students for their hard work in both their PPEs and when beginning the new unit of coursework. Keep going Year 11 and remember, never lose sight of the envelope!

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