

# #PINDARPositives



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well as we approach another busy week in school! We have had another great week in school and are extremely proud of our Year 7s who were the final year group to complete their Endpoints assessments. Parents and carers of all Key Stage Three students will receive their reports in the coming weeks and there will be opportunities to discuss progress at Parents' Evenings in the near future! Not surprisingly, there are assessment themes to this week's email!

Ms Pickles let me know that her Year 7 class completed their English Endpoints assessments in complete silence with many of them writing until the end of their time. There was a really lovely atmosphere in the classroom. Ms Pickles is so proud of the way these students have conducted themselves during this Assessment and this has embodied the Pindar Values. Mrs Raisin was delighted to see how well her Year 7B3 Design and Technology group conducted themselves during their assessment. They all demonstrated the PINDAR values throughout. Mrs Prentice was very proud of her Year 7 geography classes this week, trying so hard with their endpoints assessments whilst Miss Ward-Gow also wanted to highlight her class 7B/Ma2 for their excellent effort and behaviour during their maths assessment. Miss Petts also shared that she is beyond proud of the attitude and effort shown by her 7A/Dt3 as they are an absolute joy to teach and showed great resilience when completing their assessment. Away from exam papers, I also received a message from Miss Shipley regarding her Year 7 food class on Thursday morning who were fantastically well behaved and worked really independently when making their pizza toast. Miss Emmerson said she felt a bit fed up on Thursday morning when she got to work and the class had cheered her right up - this is very high praise from Miss! I was so proud to receive such a great range of messages - well done Year 7; keep up the great work!

At the other end of the age range, our Year 11s are truly approaching the final countdown to their GCSE exams so it was lovely to receive an email from Miss Mills who is very proud of her Year 11s who are staying back after school to do extra speaking practice for French. She said it is great to see them growing in confidence as we approach the speaking exam and I cannot disagree! We have a huge programme of revision activities taking place within and out of lessons and this week three Year 11 classes experienced the first science masterclass in the main hall which was led by Mr Raisin. Mr Vickers wanted to shout out to all of Year 11 in the masterclass who were impeccably behaved; this made him very proud! Mr Raisin also wanted to say well done to these pupils for brilliant behaviour and effort throughout and some real progress made. Long may it continue! Away from science, Mrs Prentice has been very proud of her Year 11 construction classes this week as they started their practical

models. Well done everyone! It was great to see so many students and families at the Steps to Success event this week; we hope you will try some of the strategies we suggested!

As part of our behaviour plan in school, we have made some changes to the activities we complete in tutor time and this week our Year 10s experienced the first in a series of tutor group quizzes. Designed by 10HFA, there was a fantastic atmosphere and Miss Simpson has a prize ready for the winning group when all groups have led their sessions! Well done Year 10!

I have had some more lovely feedback from a range of staff this week. Mrs Prentice has been very proud of her Year 10 construction class working hard learning about the demolition process in relation to structures whilst Miss Mills told me that her Year 9 French class 9BMf1 did a brilliant job of the assessment DIRT in class this week; she is looking forward to seeing how they put their exam strategy into practice moving forward. Miss Ward-Gow let me know that her Year 9 Maths class constructed beautiful triangles in their maths lessons this week whilst Miss Shipley highlighted her Year 9 D&T group from Friday Period 3 as the whole class did really well with soldering their portable speaker components into their printed circuit boards. As you can see, there has been a lot to celebrate this week!

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**