

# #PINDARPositives



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well at the end of a miserable wet Sunday! I am writing to share some positives from last week in school and hope that these go some way to cheering us up!

As you are aware, we continue to place huge importance on attendance and students are already amassing their vouchers for this half term's attendance prize draw - students need to be in, to win and every week of 100% attendance gives a chance for a prize. Please continue to encourage your child to attend! Attendance is important for every year group but never more so for our Year 11s who are now less than two weeks away from the first full GCSE written exam! Good luck Year 11!

Over the last week I have received some lovely emails from staff highlighting individual and group success and I hope families who have received individual messages have appreciated them. Although teachers are concentrating on Year 11, we are aware that Year 10 will soon enter their final year at school and exam preparation has begun in earnest for them. Ms Pickles and Mrs Wright emailed me to congratulate the entire Year 10 cohort who have seriously impressed them this week with their hard work and positive attitude towards the Walking Talking Mocks which took place on Monday and Friday. On Friday particularly, the students were called 'exemplary', not wavering once and being totally focused. The students came up with some thoughtful and insightful analysis and all showed how dedicated they are to their English GCSE - what a great start to GCSE practice Year 10! Year 10 were also praised by Mr Vickers who shouted out to his class who have performed particularly well on the electric circuit topic (they were not looking forward to it!). We are always looking for opportunities to share careers and future aspirations with our students and this week, Mrs Raisin wanted to shout out to her Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students who produced a 'back of house (catering kitchen)' floor plan for a competition run by Mrs Raisin and Sara Exley from Hutchison Catering. Both were very proud of all entries which were of a very high standard! Impressive work Year 10! Mrs Beveridge wanted to highlight her Year 10 STEM Club who have been working brilliantly every Tuesday after school carrying out some A-level science practicals - most recently they have extracted DNA from onions and used a nicely complicated equation to verify a pendulum experiment. You make us very proud Year 10!

In Year 9, Mr Vickers asked me to highlight the work of 9Sc5 who worked well looking at specialised animal cells using their microscope skills - a week after they first learned how to! Mr Gadd also asked me to send a whole class #PINDARPositive to 9En1 who demonstrated excellent work and a mature attitude when working on 'Frankenstein' this week. Mrs Beveridge also wanted to pay tribute to 9Sc3 who have been working phenomenally well recently - they are taking their work seriously and have been a real pleasure to teach. Wonderful feedback for Year 9!

It was wonderful this week to meet so many families at the Year 7 Parents' Evening and to hear your feedback about school - thank you so much for taking the time to complete our survey. We really appreciate it.

At the end of this week's #PINDARPositives, I must give a huge shout out to our Year 10 and Year 8 footballers who had the honour this week of reaching the District Football Cup Finals, played at Scarborough's Football Ground. It was an amazing achievement for our students to reach the finals and Year 10 fought hard and made us proud but were just pipped at the post and ended as runners up. I am delighted to report that Year 8 brought the cup home to George Pindar and we genuinely could not be more proud! Well done to all the players; we cannot wait to see what you do next!

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**