

#PINDARPositives



Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well and hope you are somewhere warm and dry! It's been a very damp day in school and we are looking forward to crisp autumn days when half term arrives! One week to go!

Overall attendance has slightly dropped over the last week so please do support your child in attending school every day. Our rewards assemblies take place next week where we reward children who have demonstrated the PINDAR values across a variety of subjects and your child needs to be in to win!

School life is always extremely busy but teachers have reached out to share some more #PINDARPositives with me this week. Please keep an eye on your emails over the coming days as there are a large number of specific emails winging their way home soon!

In science Mr Vickers wanted to share another big shout out to Y10 Triple Science for their excellent practical work and resilience with a very challenging RET. Keep up the great work Year 10! Also in science Mr Raisin wanted to say an absolutely massive well done to 8a/Sc1 who are ALL doing brilliantly in Science lessons this last week!. He has also this week taken over teaching a Year 11 class and wanted to say well done to all students in 11s/Sc2 for showing excellent behaviour and attitudes in this week's Science lessons, and for showing resilience in putting up with Mr Raisin's Chemistry jokes!

In maths Mr Smith wanted to shout out to his Year 7s who have settled really well into school and are showing a great deal of confidence in their maths lessons. Keep it up Year 7!

Our technology subjects are very popular with students and this week Miss Petts would like to congratulate her Year 9 classes who have been working really hard on their practical work. She has also shared that Year 11 Engineering students have demonstrated real resilience this week during their controlled assessment practical piece - even though 'filing is boring' they are all striving for accuracy! Year 7 have again shown a real love of practical work but special mention needs to go to 7A/Dt3 who have been using the tools and equipment safely and supporting each other throughout the lesson. Mrs Raisin was proud to see the year 11 hospitality and catering class cooking a range of meals from homemade pasta to fresh tomato and basil soup, chicken goujons to fondant potatoes, demonstrating the PINDAR values of independence and aspirational so vividly.

We have made some tweaks to staff and student timetables this week and I was delighted to be given the opportunity to teach another Year 9 class after some changes in the MFL department. I already had high praise for my 9a1 and 9b1 German classes but was really impressed by 9a2's French recall on Tuesday - continuez comme ça!

On occasions staff have to attend meetings and events out of school and this week Mrs Barraclough has been delighted to look after Mr Gadd's Y11 English class. She has been

really impressed as they have been brilliant these past two days and they have been an absolute credit to the work Mr Gadd has put in. With PPEs in sight this is great news Year 11!

There has been more sporting success for our students this week with a huge number taking part in extra-curricular activities and fixtures this week - we are so impressed with their additional efforts and the way they represent our school! Mr Traves asked me to pass on that the Y9s narrowly lost a thrilling 3-2 District Cup Fixture away at Eskdale. All students gave 100% until the final whistle and their conduct throughout was absolutely brilliant. Mr Traves has stated he could not be any prouder of his Y9 team.

I hope to see many Year 11 parents and carers at Thursday evening's Steps 2 Success event - follow the link in last week's email to sign up!

I hope you have enjoyed this week's edition of the #PINDARPositives email and look forward to reporting on another good week when we break up next Friday!

With every good wish

Lesley Welsh

Principal