

## Dear Parent / Carer

I hope this finds you well during a three-day weekend! I am writing to share some positives from our last week in school and hope they give some extra reasons to be cheerful!

As we approach the halfway point of this term's attendance prize draw, it's a good time to remind students that they need to be in, to win! Every week students who achieve 100% attendance receive an entry ticket and with a four-day week in sight, I hope we can get record numbers of entries!

I have received more lovely emails from staff highlighting individual and group success over the last week and I hope families who have received individual messages have appreciated them. Miss Shipley asked me to give a massive well done to Mrs Hamilton's Y9 Food lesson who hosted a visitor from The British Nutrition Foundation in their lesson on Wednesday this week. Our visitor said how impressed she was by the way students were working so confidently and independently to make aromatic beef and potato curry as part of a trial project that gives free ingredients to schools to encourage students to cook healthy meals with British produce. I hope that families enjoyed the results of our students' hard work! Mrs Gibson asked for a whole year group #PINDARPositive because she is particularly impressed with ALL year 9 classes in Art at the moment. They are really settled, trying really hard and producing some really lovely work! Keep up the great work Year 9! Mr Vickers also asked me to congratulate Year 9 as his 9Sc5 have shown some strong attitudes to learning this week when grappling with the concepts of diffusion and osmosis.

Ms Pickles has had a positive week in school and asked me to share messages about two classes - she wanted to 'shout out' to her Year 10 class who have been really focused in English lessons this week when students have contributed really thoughtful ideas towards their analysis. She also shared that her Year 7 drama group worked so hard planning and creating their Didactic plays this week leaving her so impressed.

Finally, with only a few days to go until the first written GCSE exam for all our Year 11 students, it was great to hear from Mr Vickers that there was some real excellence shown by Year 11 in their biology paper 1 walking-talking mock during this Thursday's masterclass. This bodes very well for exam success and we cannot wait to see our students succeed!

I hope you have enjoyed this week's edition of the #PINDARPositives email and look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday at 8.35am.

With every good wish Lesley Welsh

**Principal**