



WISDOM OPTIMISM RESILIENCE KINDNESS SERVICE

## Welcome Back

### PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Heavenly Father, we come to you at the beginning of this academic year with our many feelings, expectations, fears and hopes. Help us to walk in your wisdom as we navigate school this year. Help us to have the optimism to always see the good and positives in everybody and every situation. Help us to have the resilience to not give up when times are tough. And help us to live our lives with kindness by serving each other and putting the needs of others first as we succeed together. Amen

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome back all students and once again hear our corridors reverberating with the sound of learning. We are proud of our students as they have adhered to the new rules and adjusted to working in their year bubbles in designated zones on the school site. Visiting classrooms our students are thoroughly engaged in learning and are happy to be back with us, as we are with them. Teachers have expressed how focused our students have been in their learning, responding to questions and have said how they have enjoyed being back in the classroom with their students.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new parents and carers to our school community, as well as say a huge thank you to you all for your support in ensuring we have been able to reopen safely.

## Key Updates

### YEAR 7 HOMEWORK

As you may be aware we use Show My Homework to set homework for all our students. Year 7 students have been shown how to log in to their accounts by their ICT teacher this week. The software also allows parents / carers to have a log in and this information will be sent out next week. In addition to this we always start with a staggered homework plan for year 7 which builds up throughout the first term as we appreciate that transitioning to secondary school can be tiring and difficult. Here is a copy of the timetabled plan.

Week	Subjects setting homework				
1	No homework set for first 3 days				
2	Student shown how to use SMH in lessons				
3	Maths	Science	D&T		
4	English	MFL	ICT		
5	Maths	Science	TAD		
6	English	MFL	History	Geography	
7	Maths	Science	D&T	RE	
Half Term					
8	English	MFL	Music	Art	
9	Maths	Science	ICT	History	
10	English	MFL	RE	Geography	
11	Maths	Science	D&T	Music	Art
Usual homework set in line with policy.					

## PUPIL PREMIUM

Please find attached to this newsletter all the information needed to identify whether your child is eligible for pupil premium support or for free school meals by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

# News

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

As we went into lockdown, the Tenner competition was taking place. As school closed, five of our teams were entered into the national competition through the Young Enterprise portal.

We have received the exciting news this week that one of our teams, 'Holly's Helpers', had won 'Best Team' which is the main prize in the national competition, from over the 400 schools which took part in Tenner challenge this year.

Huge congratulations Khushvir, Freya, Sophie and Ellie.

## PICK OUR SCHOOL AND HELP THE MSPTA ACHIEVE £10K



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Don't forget to share with family and friends please, before the October deadline.

# Learning Gallery

WE HAVE LOTS TO CELEBRATE AS ALL YEAR GROUPS ENGAGE IN LESSONS



