

Dear Parents and Carers,

Each year our students vote to support one local charity for the year. It was clear when interviewing for the Year 11 student leadership roles last summer, that mental health is an issue that our students feel strongly about, and therefore it is no surprise that the students voted this week to support **U & I Counselling**.

U & I Counselling is a local counselling service that supports our students as well as the local community, and friends and relatives of the Marches family if they are struggling with their mental health.

The spotlight is on Year 11 for the first half-term to bring to life their most creative fundraising ideas before they focus in on their exam studies.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support this busy and productive half-term. The students have been amazing – Year 10 sat their Literature mock exam this week and invigilators reported back that “they were totally excellent”.

Covid cases this week have dropped back and we hope they continue to do so over the break. We will be returning to year group assemblies and using the changing rooms again in November, but will continue to monitor the local data carefully.

I know that staff will be building up their energy over the next two weeks ready for the run into Christmas and I hope the students will be able to do the same.

Mrs Alison Pearson
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Fantastic Achievement – Arkwright Engineering Scholarship

We learnt this week that Emillie Parsons-Hann has been successful in becoming an Arkwright Engineering Scholar.

“Arkwright Engineering Scholarships are for the ‘brightest and best’ students that have the passion and determination to succeed in their future studies and career.”

Emillie’s Scholarship is sponsored by Team Tempest, a sixth-generation Combat Aircraft developer, operating at the cutting edge of technological innovation with a £2 billion investment from the Ministry of Defence.

Well done Emillie, what an achievement!

Eco Club – making plans to revive our eco zone after lockdown



Year 10 – Student Leadership Team

Following an incredibly high-quality group of written applications and a series of hotly contested interviews, our newest layer of student leaders are now in place.

With the main priority being to support the Senior Student Leadership team, they will also focus on key areas of the school - such as House, Rewards, Charity, Wellbeing and Student Voice.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of three Deputy Head Students - Chloe Beddows, Harrison Gillham and Chloe Downes.



Club Participation Competition



Our Club Participation Competition results are in, with students gathering tickets for each session they attended over the last two weeks.

It is never too late to join a club – with a fantastic choice of sporting and other interests covered here - [link to clubs](#).

The Results:

- 1st- Whittaker
- 2nd- Mallory
- 3rd- Bonington
- 4th- Hargreaves and Stephens tied

An Apology – our lesson grading record breaker in last week’s bulletin is Sofia Craig, not Sophia Craig.

FOCUS



The Secretaries of State for Education and for Health and Social Care have written a joint letter to parents and carers in England on Covid-19 testing and vaccines. This can be read [here](#).

Forms for both the Flu and Covid 19 vaccinations can still be returned to Student Services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:



- Friday 15th October - PD Day
- Monday 1st November – return to school for all students – **WEEK B**
- Monday 8th November – Year 11 Mock Exams begin

Click [here](#) to view our term dates.



NEWS

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