

We need red & black materials for an upcoming project. If you have any to spare, we would love you to donate them via school's reception by Wednesday 18th October.

 #CommunitySupport  
#SchoolProject #DonateRedMaterial

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

### Dear Parents and Carers,

School does not close at 3.00pm – there are a host of **enrichment activities** for all students. Our Autumn programme has been updated on the website and it looks great – have a look [here](#) and encourage your child to get involved in the opportunities on offer.

#### Lesson Grading - A Parent Guide

Each lesson, staff award a lesson grade to each child based on the effort and focus on learning that the teacher has seen. Many teachers will do this live in the lesson with the students. Other staff will complete these later in the day.

Lesson grade 1 gives a student two reward points to spend, whilst each grade 2 gives them one reward point.

A **grade 1** shows a student was actively engaged, has outstanding effort, and completed all work beyond expectation.

A **grade 2** shows engaged students and good effort.

A **grade 3** shows that the student has not given their best to the lesson and may have negatively affected the learning of themselves or others.

A **grade 4** shows that the student has chosen to significantly affect the learning of others, this may have been managed by removing that student. These grades are very rare.

Grading is monitored every day by the Head of Academic Progress and the Leadership team.

The Parent Arbor app gives you live lesson grades to support your conversations about learning with your child.



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Author Visit

We were very lucky to spend the afternoon with award winning children's author, Liz Kessler, hearing all about her new book 'CODE NAME KINGFISHER'.



Review from Allison Donkor 7GD:  
"The author was really good, I enjoyed listening to the true meaning of the book and I also enjoyed how she split it into multiple points of views. I feel touched because of how personal it is to her and her family and she was brave enough to share this story. I loved how descriptive she was, I really hope she makes more books like this."



### Out of School Success

Harry Williams and Tyler Edwards in Year 11 both secured podium finishes at the Mini Enduro race at Caersws recently. Harry got 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Tyler had 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Both boys put a huge amount of effort into their hobby outside of school and we are very proud of them as a school. Well done!



### Rugby News

Darcey and Lowri in Year 10 have been selected to train for North Midlands Under 16 Girls' team in the England Rugby Player Development Programme.

We are super proud of them both!



### Sports Tie Presentations

Year 10 students have received their prestigious sports ties honouring the student's commitment to extra-curricular sports clubs, and representing the school in key stage 3. The PE department are very proud of our sports students, and we think they look really smart in their new ties.

Mr Dyke



## FOCUS



BookTrust's Bookbuzz aims to get children reading. All Year 7 choose their free book out of the sixteen Bookbuzz titles and have taken these home.

BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity that transforms lives by getting children and families reading. You can find lots on the BookTrust website to share and enjoy with your child - quizzes, competitions and more at: [www.booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of term.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – all students return to school.
- 7<sup>th</sup> November to 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Week of Events.

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

## NEWS

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