

Bulletin Home – 2ND November 2018



Dear Parent and Student,

Welcome back to our new half-term together.

We have made a really positive start post the holiday. Our senior students have been engaged in 'Pause' lessons (re-capping and revising) as they prepare for their PPEs next week.

We wish them well in their endeavours. These exams are really important and we also have some 'actual' public exams taking place at this time too, so a significant week ahead.

In other year groups there has also been much activity. I am delighted that, thanks to our Year 12 Business Studies Students, our Year 7 pupils had the treat of a disco/party night this week. Great fun was had in addition to the business and enterprise skills of our Business Students being developed via event planning and the financial management this required. We look forward to our next event.

This is all very exciting and 'Being Excited' was actually our theme for the week as we returned post half-term.

In assemblies on Monday and throughout the week, students were encouraged to think positively and be excited by both the wealth of opportunities which exist and the challenges that lie ahead. The opportunities are there in all lessons and also via the extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities which we strongly encourage all students to participate in – see below for an overview of what is taking place this half-term.

Challenges mustn't be seen as negative. They provide opportunities to grow and develop which is something to be excited about. Learning should be challenging and stretching and our young people, as always, are asked to be highly ambitious for themselves. They must not be setting limits and underestimating their capabilities and potential. This knowledge of capability and potential is really exciting. All our young people have very many gifts and talents.

With regards to gifts and talents, huge congratulations to our young men in the Year 7 and Year 9 football teams.

Year 9 had an impressive victory against the Khalsa School – 7-2. Year 7 fought a hard match, which Mr Goodman described as "thrilling" and narrowly lost 4-5. The potential is massive, however, and the PE teachers are clear that this is only the beginning of great things!

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BE THE FRIEND YOU
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BE A HERO
BE A LEADER
BE A WINNER
BE A DREAMER
BE A CREDIT TO THE SCHOOL
BE THE ONE WHO'S EXCEPTIONAL
BE DEMANDING
BE COURAGIOUS
BE THE IDEA
THAT'S CONTAGIOUS
BE YOURSELF
BE SET FREE

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE

To conclude, I just want to raise a couple of practical matters. Firstly, this week we had a 'Lockdown drill' and I want to commend our young people for their serious engagement in this. Like a fire drill, it is so important that we rehearse what to do if we have an emergency situation. We all know that such events happen rarely but it is important to be aware and be prepared.

Finally, I ask for parental support in ensuring that our young people are suitably dressed now that the weather is turning much colder. Our school purple sweatshirts are the only sweatshirts to be worn. Hoodies cannot be worn under or over blazers on the way to and from school. The school sweatshirt and then sensible overcoats/anoraks without logos are what is necessary and in line with our school uniform code. Thank you to all students and parents for compliance with these basic expectations.

Very best wishes for a great week ahead.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kathleen M Higgins". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Kathleen M Higgins
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