

Weekly Bulletin



This half-term's REACH value is: Achieve

4th September 2024

From the Head Teacher



Next week is a key stepping stone in our journey to be leaders in innovation and technology. We will lead the first Key Stage 4 Artificial Intelligence Hackathon led by Inversity. Our GCSE computer science and some of our GCSE Art students are participating in the day.

The Inversity challenges normally run through Key Stage 5 and give students complex, industry-based, problems to solve. It trains them how to use A. I to frame, understand and solve complex real-world problems, with some going on to secure high-level apprenticeships with industry leaders.

We are the first school in the country to work with Inversity with Key Stage 4 students, giving our students a real insight into the applications of AI.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our students giving them a real insight into complex problem solving and future skills. Good luck to all taking part.

Have a good and restful weekend.



Special Mentions



Prioritising mental health is essential for children's overall well-being and development. Just as we nurture their physical health, we must also create safe spaces for them to express their feelings, build resilience, and develop healthy coping strategies. By fostering open communication and promoting emotional awareness, we empower children to navigate challenges, cultivate positive relationships, and thrive in a supportive environment. Investing in children's mental health today lays the foundation for a brighter, healthier future.

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School News

We have a number of children in school that have medical conditions where they must not be in direct contact with a student with Chicken pox or measles. If your child has or has a close relative/friend with either of these conditions, please alert the school so that we can assess and reduce possible contact.

Engage

Always engage and be positive.








Mrs Carter runs a mindfulness club every Thursday. Any year groups are welcome.

In the club we do a variety of things, rock painting, mindfulness colouring, listen to meditation music, etc.

We are pleased to announce that the club will be based in Room 3. We look forward to welcoming any students and engaging in our planned activities.

Once again, we'd like to express our sincere gratitude for all the applications we received for the positions mentioned above. It's clear that our school house system is deeply rooted in our community, and it's wonderful to see so many students eager to participate.

				
House Head Student Jess W (11CM)	House Head Student Elizabeth B (11EM)	House Head Student Jia G (11CM)	House Head Student Daniel C (11EM)	House Head Student Jessica C (11EM)
Captains: Brooke B (10LYT) Oliver D (10LYT)	Captains: Danielle C (10CMC) Isobel K (10CMC)	Captains: Freya W (10PAM) Jude B (10PAM)	Captains: Isaac W (10MMO) Taya-Rose P (10MMO)	Captains: Eden L (10CHU) Lucy B (10CHU)
Vice Captains: Lois C (10LYT) Lacey T (9MW)	Vice Captains: Ricci T (9AQ) Francesca Z C (9AQ)	Vice Captains: Niamh C (9MDM) Halleday G (9MDM)	Vice Captains: Connor J (9EGR) Evelynn G (9EGR)	Vice Captains: Callan G (9RM) Sophie P (9RM)
House Coordinators: Edward L (8LAG) Isaac H (8LAG) Lola S (7DRA) Amelia R (7DRA)	House Coordinators: Ebony-Eliza W (8AJM) Selina B (8JFO) Charlotte M (7CB) Ronnie-Mae H (7CB)	House Coordinators: Aliya R (8KHS) Oliver T (8KHS) Declan H R (7LJC) Isabelle A (7LJC)	House Coordinators: Lyra H P (8LS) Maisie S (8LS) Joseph M (7JCA) Rosie W (7JCA)	House Coordinators: Alice G (8MH) Hattie P (8MH) Mckennelly T (7NW) Jack L (7MJ)

Achieve

Aspire to be the best and be prepared to take risks along the way.



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IS IT BULLYING?

I think I am being bullied...

What does it look like?

I have:

- Been called a mean name/something unkind.
- Been looked at/stared at in a funny way and it's upset me.
- Been nudged/pushed on the corridor.
- Been text/sent horrible things.
- Had unkind comments made about my appearance/ religion/ skin colour/ sexuality/ body.
- Fallen out with friends and now they're spreading stuff.
- Had rumours being said about me and it's upsetting me.
- An anxious feeling about school and lessons.
- Faced peer pressure.
- Been upset by someone.

THIS IS A FORM TUTOR ISSUE – PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR FORM TUTOR OR TRUSTED CLASS TEACHER ABOUT THIS.

WHY IS IT NOT BULLYING?

Bullying is when this happens over a longer period of time and happens to you frequently (more than 3 or 4 times)

This is not bullying YET – it needs to have happened over a sustained period of time. If it does, please raise this with the adults above.

I have:

- Been physically assaulted/hit/slapped/punched/smacked by another student in or outside school.
- I have had inappropriate images/ things sent to me online that make me feel uncomfortable.
- I feel unsafe in school/lessons because of another student(s)
- Had multiple unkind comments made about my appearance/ religion/ skin colour/ sexuality/ body.
- I have had the same person/people pick on me multiple times.
- I have fallen out with my friends again and it's getting out of hand.
- Someone has repeatedly said unkind things/rumours about me.
- Someone is intimidating me/ scaring me in or outside school.
- Received hateful messages/comments.

THIS IS A HEAD OF YEAR/PASTORAL ASSISTANT ISSUE – PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR HOY/AHOY OR TRUSTED ADULT ABOUT THIS WHO WILL PASS IT ON TO YOUR HOY/AHOY.

I have:

- Had the same person hatefully target me or my friendship group for a sustained/long period of time. (more than 3 or 4 times/more than a few weeks).
- I have been physically attacked by people/someone who's been intimidating me over a number of weeks/months.
- I am being made to feel anxious/ frightened by a person/ people who have targeted me over prolonged period of time.
- Constantly have unkind comments made about my appearance/ religion/ skin colour/ sexuality/ body by the same person/ group.
- Keep being threatened by the same person
- Spoken out but I feel that the issues haven't been fixed or have started again.

THIS SOUNDS LIKE ONGOING BULLYING – PLEASE SPEAK TO A TRUSTED ADULT OR EMAIL antibullying@mhs.potteries.a.c.uk