

# Weekly Bulletin



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## From the Head Teacher

### Coming Up

*This week:* Christmas Jumper Day, Y9 Manc. Christmas Market trip, Y11 Theatre visit.

*Next week:* School closed for Christmas

A huge well done to our Year 11s who are very nearly at the end of their mocks. They have worked extremely hard and shown real resilience over the exam period. Results day and parent's evening will take place on the first week back (Thursday 11th January). This is a key part of the year, and I would encourage all parents/ carers of Year 11 students to attend.

On a personal note, I would like to say a special congratulations to Dominik, the first student to ever achieve our bronze house award for achieving 500 House points. It was an absolute privilege to share Dominik's success with him this week. Well done!

As a reminder, school will be **closed to students on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** for a staff training day.

## Special Mentions

### House

This week marked the celebration of a student's remarkable achievement as Dominik S became the inaugural student to reach a reward milestone. Dominik has accomplished an impressive feat by accumulating over 500 house points, earning well-deserved recognition for his exceptional dedication. In honour of his efforts, Mr. Robinson (the Headteacher) and Miss Fower (the Head of House) presented Dominik with a Bronze Award Certificate. As recognition reward, he received a £25 gift voucher, a box of chocolates, and a bronze star badge, proudly adorned on his blazer.

We anticipate more rewards being bestowed upon other students in the upcoming months.



RANK	HOUSE	HOUSE POINTS
1 <sup>st</sup>	Churchill	67118
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Moorcroft	61704
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bridgewater	58390
4 <sup>th</sup>	Doulton	57500
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wedgwood	48727

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## School News

### **Mental Health Tip:**

Learn a new skill. Work on a DIY project, such as fixing a broken bike, garden gate or something bigger. There are lots of free video tutorials online.

## Ties

As we emphasise the importance of uniform and adherence to our established dress code, we have noticed an increase in instances where students are loaning or borrowing school ties from school and then failing to return them. Therefore, from the start of next term, we will no longer loan school ties. If your child forgets their tie, we will sign their smart card and allow them one day to find their tie or purchase a new replacement tie from school.

To ensure consistency and to uphold our school's standards, we kindly request that you remind your child to value their school tie and take care of them.

## Arbor

From January we will be making some changes to communication between school and home, based on parent feedback.



We are building on our use of the Arbor app by introducing 'Arbor Pay,' which allows you to pay by card for trips, clubs, and school items. All new trips and payable clubs will be done through the Arbor App/Parent Portal. You will be able to sign up and pay for trips in one place. The 'School Shop' on Arbor will also be selling school essentials such as revision guides, school ties, bus passes and other items.

We will also be sending out more parent messages via in app messaging, thus reducing the number of emails sent out to parents; praise messages, staff detention notifications and whole school messages. Personalised letters will continue to be sent out as emails but a notification to check your emails will be sent out via the app as a reminder.

Please ensure that you have **enabled your notifications** on the Arbor app. If you do not have the app currently you can download it from the App store and login using the email address which you usually receive school notifications to. Please contact us if you are having any issues accessing the Arbor App or Parent Portal.

**Please note that trips already paid for via ParentPay will continue to be paid via ParentPay. Also, school meals will still be paid via ParentPay**

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## Engage

### SPARX

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### Sparx Maths

Student	Class
Tawana M	7M
Charlie S	7M
Olivia P	7H
Sophia HF	7I
Faith A	7J

**Year 7**

Student	Class
Annabel H	8I
Tilly T	8H
Dylan J	8L
Amelia H	8J
Simona L	8J

**Year 8**

Student	Class
Chloe M	9L
Isobel K	9I
Chloe L	9H
Hope C	9I
Phoebe E	9J

**Year 9**

Student	Class
Thomas M	10K
Jia G	10H
Betsie R	10I
Jess C	10H
Blake M	10J

**Year 10**

Student	Class
Shania B	11K
Ella C	11H
Alex C	11I
Rhys M	11I
Oliver R	11I

**Year 11**

**Best Class: 7M Mr Hammonds**

### Baking

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering developed their bread making skills this week, making an enriched bread dough. They added cranberries, marzipan, cinnamon, and citrus flavours, rolled them into swirls and then arranged them into a Christmas Tree shape. Well done Year 10!



## Creative Careers

Lovely sketch book work from Year 10 following their Creative Careers morning at the Sixth Form College.



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## Achieve

### Interhouse Snowballs

Well done to 7KH who were crowned the snowball dodgeball champions on Thursday lunch time! Participation from the Year 7 girls was outstanding! Thanks to all who attended and thanks to Ms Harp for organising!



### County Cup

The under-15 girls played the second round of the County Cup on Thursday, against Excel Academy. We put in a great shift first half and saw ourselves deservedly go 2-0 up. After half time, Excel came out fighting and made it a much more difficult second half, scoring 2 goals making the score 2-2 at full time. A further 5-minute extra time was played, and Immy T and Lily W scored to secure our place in the next round! Moorside won 4-2, after extra time. Well done to all involved!

### Football

Year 7 Girls unfortunately bowed out of the Under-12 County Cup on Tuesday after losing 6-1 to De Ferrers Academy. Player of the match decided by the opposition went to Halia R. Well done girls for getting this far in the competition! U12 girls football team: Halia, Emily, Ebony, Selina, Millie, Lydia, Eva, Maddie, Olivia, Eden, Ruby.