

Weekly Bulletin



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From the Head Teacher

This week Year 8 and 11 students are experiencing both ends of the GCSE process. Year 8 students will start their options processes next week with a dedicated day on Challenge Day. Year 11 students received their mock exam results day this week, which included meeting colleges and FE providers to assess their next steps.

For both groups it is a time of reflection to look at where they are in their journey and make important decisions about how they will commit their time to achieve their goals. For Year 11, this involves entering the next phase of their exam preparation, identifying, and closing gaps before their final exams in June. For Year 8, it is about looking beyond school and considering which options will give them the best choices and opportunities later in life.

I am excited to share with you that we are increasing the number of options that students can choose and the breadth of subjects that we will offer. There will be more on this to come.

In assemblies, we have revisited our motto, Engage and Achieve, and asked students to reflect on how they apply themselves and use time effectively. We discussed **this clip** from Steven Bartlett and worked out the cumulative impact of committing 20-minutes a day to revision for Key Stage 4 or the learning of a new skill for Key Stage 3. I would encourage you to ask your child about this.

Special Mentions

Cross Country

Annaleigh H in Year 7 has won the Best Performance U13 award at City of Stoke AC for her excellent track and cross-country season for 2022.

Well done!



Food Tech

After Easter, parents will make a termly payment on ParentPay for their child's ingredients (which will roughly work out at £1 per practical) so that it will be more economical for parents as well as relieving the burden of doing an extra shop and hoping to save on food waste too.

Students will still need to bring their own containers.

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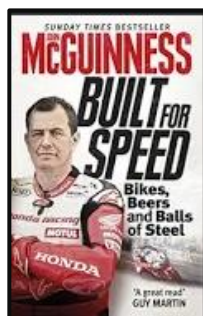


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School News

Book Corner



Mitch Stonier is reading *"Built for Speed"* by John McGuinness. He has a signed copy of the book! John McGuinness is a motorbike racer, and the book is autobiographical. Mitch is enjoying reading about his life. Mitch would

recommend this book to other people who are interested in motorbike racing and would like to learn about this inspiring man.



Lockdown Drill

On Tuesday 10th January, the school carried out an emergency lockdown drill.

At the sound of the bell all staff and pupils went into action and followed the procedures very well.

Staff were extremely impressed at the maturity and diligence students showed.

Well done!



Citizenship

As part of their Citizenship lessons over the next 6 weeks, Year 8 students will be planning and carrying out a campaign to tackle a social issue they care about and want to support.

Students first choose an issue they care about and want to help make an impact on such as homelessness, food poverty or childhood illness and then plan and carry out a social action to raise awareness of the issue and fundraise for an associated charity.

A guest speaker from each classes chosen charity will also be invited into school to talk to the students about their chosen issue, the work of the charity and to give tips and guidance on how to carry out a successful campaign.

This campaign is the perfect opportunity for students to learn about the amazing work of charities and to do some good themselves by getting involved in their class campaign. The project also offers an insight into the type of campaign GCSE Citizenship students carry out in years 9 and 10 for those year 8's who are thinking about choosing Citizenship as a GCSE option.

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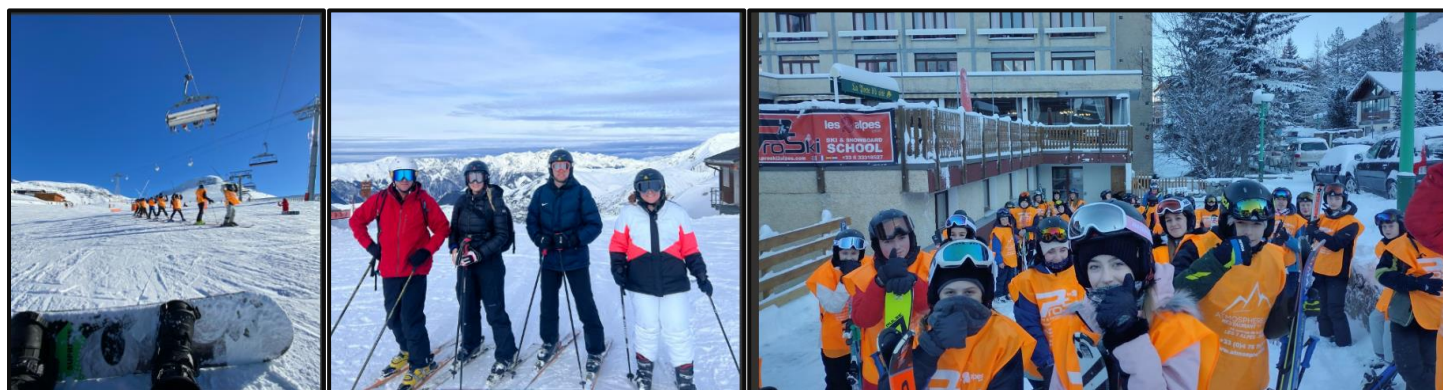


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Engage

Les Alpes



Our skiers are having a wonderful time in France! They have been bowling and had a quiz night and all students have skied down green and blue routes in the last 3 days. This is a massive achievement when some of the children had never skied before! Miss Goodfellow is extremely impressed with their resilience and perseverance. We look forward to hearing more about it upon their return. A big thank you to the PE Department for organising the trip.

Sparx Leader Board

The mathematics department have created a leader board for engagement in Sparx. This is a leader board of the top 5 students in each year based on the XP points gained when answering questions on Sparx. Miss Erskine has certificates for all the students on there too, they will be handed out in lessons this week.

Mathematics homework is set on Sparx, is set every Monday at 8am and due in on the following Monday at 8am (excluding holidays).

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Achieve

Head Teacher Awards

Well done to the following students who impressed their teachers last week and earned a Head Teacher award. Keep up the excellent work.

Harrison B	Leading the class in their retrieval starter and excellent contributions in History
Isobel K	
Logan M	Exceptional work in Geography
Siouxie L	
Olivia E	
Jessica W	Showing patience and calmness in helping a Year 8 student complete their maths assessment in RAISE
Molly M	Outstanding contribution towards music concerts and performances over the Christmas period
Summer P	
Georgia H	
Ruby P	
Isobel K	
Millie M	

