

Dates for your Diary

20th/24th Nov- Year 9 Trips to Imperial War Museum
23rd Nov- Year 10 Parents' Evening
14th Dec- Year 7 Parent's Evening
19th Dec- 1pm- End of Term
3rd Jan 2018- Staff Day
4th Jan- Students return
21st Feb- Year 9 Options Evening
22nd Mar- Year 9 Parent's Evening
26th Apr- Year 8 Parent's Evening

We are pleased to present our second newsletter this term and hope you find them informative and helpful.

As well as information updates we intend giving each newsletter a theme so that we can inform you about aspects of the school. This one is all about our rewards system as, in consultation with Year Councils and ideas from tutors, we have recently reviewed the range and frequency of the rewards we offer.

Rewards are an integral part of school life and a very important way of recognising students' effort, contribution, achievement and improvement. It is important to note that we recognise positive attitudes, particularly those who are striving to 'turn a corner', as well as academic standards and progress. Consequently we look forward to many successful students receiving these in due course. The additions and changes we have made to the Achievements Points Reward Ladder can be seen on the attached page.

You will see in **R3** the introduction of a Tutee of the Week reward; tutors will select a tutee each week who has stood out because of his/her good attitude, achieving a particular target or for making a positive change and s/he will be awarded with a Dining Hall Pass for the day which will enable them to go to the front of the queue – a greatly coveted reward!



In **R6**, following students' request, the reward for the tutor group with the highest achievement points for the term has been altered from popcorn and a film to pizza and a film, and in R4, the weekly attendance trophy will also be accompanied with sweets for the tutor group.



The biggest changes come in **R7**; the celebration assemblies will now be held monthly and will have the new addition of the Good Citizen Award. Every member of staff will be given a set number of golden tickets to be given out each day in recognition of students' manners, positive behaviour and good deeds during tutorial time, clubs and unstructured time (corridors, dining hall and playground.)



The golden tickets will be collected in a tombola box and, every month, winning tickets will be selected for prizes. Currently, the Year Councillors are consulting with their tutor groups to get ideas about the types of prizes the students would like to be given and this will inform the final decisions.



For the **R9 end of year celebration** event for the two tutor groups with the highest number of

achievement points, it has been agreed that, at the end of the summer term, they will go on a subsidised trip to Thorpe Park; we are sure that this will prove to be very popular indeed. What an exciting year of rewards we have ahead of us!

Attendance Awards for Autumn Term 1

Our school target for every student is an attendance rate of 97% or above.

Big Ben and Khan Tutor groups were awarded with tutor group breakfasts in the dining hall for their excellent attendance rate; very well done to them.

Year 7 Attendance (6th September – 10th October)

1. Big Ben – 98.56%
2. Stonehenge – 97.87%
3. Land's End – 97.41%

Year 8-10 Attendance (7th September – 10th October)

1. Khan – 97.99%
2. Newton – 97.56%
3. Warrior – 97.49%

Student Council

Many congratulations to the students who have been voted in to join the Student Year Councils for this academic year; they will play an active and important role in representing the views of their fellow students.

Through fortnightly meetings with their Head of Year or Assistant Head of Year, the Year Councils will agree charitable and social events for their Year Group and will be consulted on issues regarding pastoral, academic and whole school development.

The first two areas of business that the Year Councils are working on are:

- 1) Fundraising ideas for Children in Need (17th Nov)
- 2) Enhancing the school's rewards

Year 7 Councillors:

Ysabella Samarita, Ali-Abrar Arshidh-Ali, Lola Crossley, Aroush Khan, Anjali Dosanjh, Esther Adegbola, Mariam Laeeq, Kirandeep Jhamatt, Mohammad Hashim Abdi, Ghulam Daood, Joel Boamah, Hasan Kamran

Year 8 Councillors:

William Aiwemhenle, Mohammade Hasnain Hussain, Faris Nassor, Ali Hassan Maher, Yasir Ibrahim, Yaseen Kharrum, Clarisse Aroquianadane, Micah Marata, Rohit Kamma, Amelia Jankowska

Year 9 Councillors:

Monica Pile, Amber Banks, Moeid Dar, Safah Ayaz, Ameen Rehman, Khadijah Latif, Aqsa Ghafoor, Nicholas Ramroop, Jamie-Louise Fraser, Tadiwa Mberi

Year 10 Councillors:

Ballaj Khan, Faithmarie Lucinara, Madinah Dsane, Piravina Rajeetharan, Janzeib Khan, Haider Khawar, Tajas Hans, Jawaad Fuller

Well done to you all; we know you will work hard in your role and use your leadership skills effectively.

Achievement Points

The points for 2nd – 6th Oct (Top 3):

Year 7

1. Loch Ness – 144
2. Singing Ringing Tree – 112
3. Big Ben – 107

Year 8-10

1. Khan – 109
2. Newton & Beckham – 104
3. Elizabeth – 97

The points for 9th-13th Oct (Top 3):

Year 7

1. Big Ben – 86
2. Land's End – 61
3. Loch Ness – 55

Year 8-10

1. Elizabeth – 82
2. Khan – 81
3. Beckham – 74

New for this term...

Equipment has arrived for the Technology Suite:



The Stoke Road side of the school is very nearly finished, so access to the school will be improved.

Coming soon...

A brand new **mini-bus** for the school is on order.



We are looking into ways to fund a new **library** that would offer both fiction and non-fiction books, and provide a space where the students could foster a love of reading.



Bag2School

On behalf of the PSA, Mrs. Coffey was delighted to receive a cheque for £158, for your generous donations of clothes; that weighed 395KG!

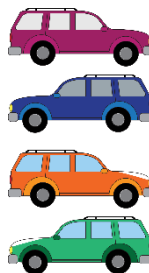


Thank you to everyone who contributed. Please keep collecting- bags are available from the office.

PSA- Parent Staff Association

The PSA are pleased to announce that the current total of funds raised is £1257.87. This includes £325.87 so far, from Mufti Day at the end of term. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 14th November between 5pm-6.30pm** where a discussion will be held on the Christmas Fayre and a tombola for the Year 7's Parents evening on the 14th December. Please come if you are able- everyone is welcome, but please confirm by phone or email, so numbers can be planned for.

In preparation for upcoming events: the PSA collects prizes for the Tombola that is run on the parents' evenings, so if you have any unwanted gifts or know companies that will donate a prize, please let Lorraine know. Also, if you are able to help out on the night, volunteers are needed to set up and sell.



Parking at Arbour Park

Thank you to everyone who is parking considerately. 😊 It is greatly appreciated by other users. However, there are still some people who are not thinking of others when they enter. 😞 Please drive into a space; don't just pull over and let your child out.

sQuid Cashless Payment Cards

A huge thank you to everyone for your patience and tolerance while we have been fixing the glitches, and improving the system in the canteen- it is not perfect yet, but we are well on our way!

Year 9 STEM Trip

The new half term began with a visit to CA technologies for some of our students. Pictures below and overleaf will tell you more...

