

Welcome Message

Welcome to the second week of our half term. We have had some fantastic events taking place in school this week, including our celebration of Ash Wednesday, Year 11 mock exams, National Careers Week and World Book Day!

Form time prayer

Our Year 7 pupils took part in prayer and quiet reflection in the chapel this week with Miss Hazlewood the school chaplain. The pupils wrote down their prayer intentions and placed them into our prayer box. Their reverence was outstanding.



Our Chaplain will be in Rome on pilgrimage early next week, if you have a prayer intention that you would like taking to Rome please put it in the Google form and you will be prayed for.

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Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, a period of preparation for Easter in the Catholic Church. It is a solemn day that sets the tone for repentance and spiritual reflection. We use this time to reflect on our lives, seek forgiveness, and renew our commitment to our faith.

Our pupils received ashes on Wednesday and were led in thoughtful prayer by our Chaplain. Our canteen provided a range of vegetarian options to facilitate abstinence from eating meat on Ash Wednesday.

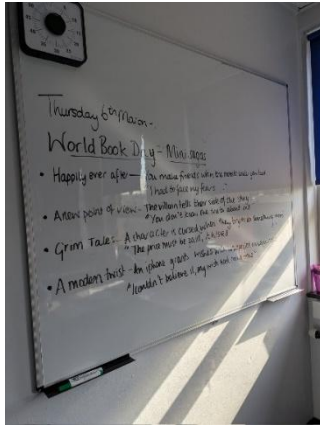


World Book Day

As part of our celebrations, we had had a book swap taking place in the library. Pupils brought some of their old books into school in exchange for something they haven't read before. This event allowed pupils to discuss the books they had contributed and those they wanted to take away providing opportunity to discuss the books they had read and the impact they have had on them.



Throughout the day there were several events to celebrate World Book Day to provide opportunities for reading and writing. Classes in the English department also wrote 'mini sagas' with a range of themes. Well done in particular to Mrs McGuire's class for their creative ideas!



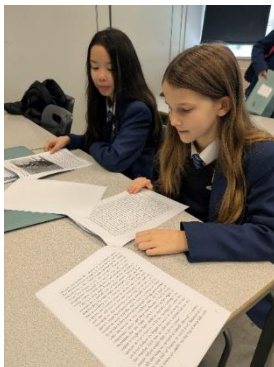
International Women's Day

Some wonderful guided reading was taking place across our Year 9 and 10 forms this week as we celebrate International Women's Day taking place this weekend. The pupils were reading about inequality and the ways we can empower women.



Some of our amazing pupils have been working hard on their International Women's Day display in the library. We have a range of books available in the library to help pupils celebrate influential women this week! International Women's Day is taking place on Saturday 8th March.

Silent Reading

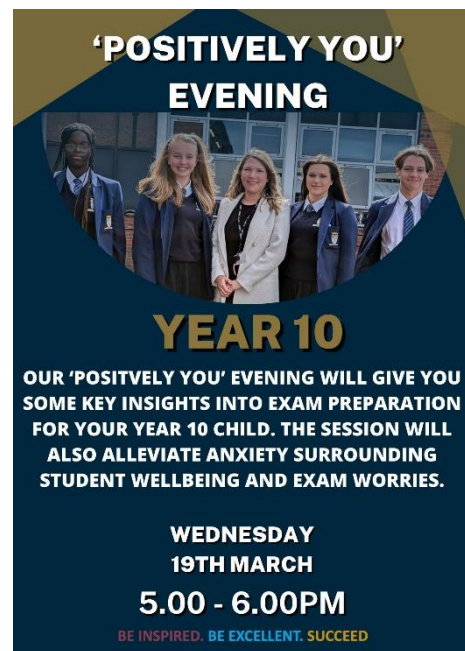


Our pupils have been engaging in some silent reading during form time this week. Practising silent reading helps pupils to read faster and allows them to connect with the text. It's also a great skill to improve cognition and understanding.

Curriculum Evenings

This half term, we will again welcome visitors from 'Positively You' - an organisation who have work with pupils to focus on revision techniques, productivity tips and stress management advice. Our pupils have benefited significantly from the 'Exam Busters' workshop which helped them to have: a clear plan on how they can best revise for exam, multiple tools to aid the learning and retention of information and increased confidence that they can perform well in exams and achieve their full potential.

The next event will be taking place for our Year 10 pupils and parents on Wednesday 19th March. Please come along and support your child through their exam preparation!



**'POSITIVELY YOU'
EVENING**

YEAR 10

OUR 'POSITIVELY YOU' EVENING WILL GIVE YOU SOME KEY INSIGHTS INTO EXAM PREPARATION FOR YOUR YEAR 10 CHILD. THE SESSION WILL ALSO ALLEVIATE ANXIETY SURROUNDING STUDENT WELLBEING AND EXAM WORRIES.

**WEDNESDAY
19TH MARCH
5.00 - 6.00PM**

BE INSPIRED. BE EXCELLENT. SUCCEED

Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done to our amazing Year 11 pupils for completing their mock exams this week. We recognise that this is a tiring time for our Year 11's but is so important to their overall preparation for the GCSE exams.

To reward our Year 11 pupils, we will be hosting an extended breaktime for them on Monday and will be proving toast and hot chocolate as a well done for their exemplary conduct and effort in these exams.

Rewards:

Attendance

Best form attendance this week:

- 7 Assisi
- 8 Romero
- 9 Ward
- 10 Romero
- 11 Romero

Our highest form for attendance this week was 11 Romero at 99.5%. Well done!

All Saints Achievement Points

Here are the top 5 performing pupils this week:

1. Freddie F - 7 John Paul
2. Julia O - 8 Assisi
3. Charlotte A - 9 Romero
4. Emily E - 10 John Paul
5. Aleisha W - 11 Teresa

Here are the top 5 performing form groups per year group this week:

1. 7 Teresa
2. 8 Assisi
3. 9 Romero
4. 10 John Paul
5. 11 Teresa



Final message

Thank you to all parents in our community for your continued support. I hope you have a happy and restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gilligan