

## Parental Communication & Engagement



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### Message from Headteacher

On Wednesday our Year 10 Religious Studies students went on a trip to Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and Cradley Jangchub Ling Kadampa. The students were great and dive-bombed into philosophy and psychology and also asked some very complicated philosophical questions to the Mahayana Buddhist monk!

Mrs Elliott also presented our Learner of the Month Award to Ruby Barker in 11DY for her hard work and dedication in Citizenship. Well done Ruby!



Mrs Downie, Ruby Barker and Mrs Elliott

After school on Wednesday FoDC's Talent Show took place. As you can imagine, it takes a huge amount of courage to get up on stage in front of your peers and everyone who took part was fantastic! The atmosphere in the Theatre and the support from the crowd was amazing! Well done to everyone involved but a special congratulations goes to Kellisha Flash in 9DX who came 1<sup>st</sup> with her rendition of Stay with Me by Sam Smith, Louis Boyle in 9DY who came 2<sup>nd</sup> with her rendition of Stay by Rhianna and Liam Ball in 10SX who came 3<sup>rd</sup> with his very impressive Black Belt Karate Demonstration set to the Mortal Combat theme song! A BIG thank you also goes to FoDC for arranging this event for our students.

Thursday was our Year 7 Consultation Evening so thanks to all our Year 7 parents/carers who came along. The turn out was fantastic!

Don't forget that we are closed on Monday 6 May 2024 due to the Bank Holiday so students should return to school on Tuesday 7 May 2024 which is a Week 2 timetable.

Best wishes.

**Mrs Sutton**

Headteacher

## Key Letters/Information Sent Out Recently

The vast majority of all letters are now emailed home and we use electronic reply slips as much as possible. The criterion for 'selected student only' opportunities are based on various factors depending on the trip and its focus. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow every student the opportunity to be involved with every activity which we understand sometimes causes disappointment. If you require more details about the selection process for any opportunity please contact the event organiser.

- Year 9 Expiring the Black Country Careers Event Letter *\*Selected Year 9 Students Only.*

## Events/Reminders

- Bank Holiday - Monday 6 May 2024 **\*SCHOOL CLOSED;**
- Year 8 Exam Week - WC Monday 6 May 2024.

## Updates

### PLC during exam period

From next week until the end of June, the PLC will be used for GCSE exams and will not be open for students to use before school starts, break, lunchtime or after school. The Pop-Up PLC will operate at break and lunchtime in E2, where students can come to request books/renew books/return books/or to sit and read, do school work, or revise. After School Book Clubs will take place in E2.

### IMPORTANT - Energy Drinks!

Can we please ask that you don't send your child into school with energy drinks and that also discourage them from drinking them before they come into school on a morning. Energy drinks can be linked to headaches, sleeping problems, irritability, tiredness and difficulty concentrating, none of which are great for a productive day at school. If any child is caught with an energy drink this will be confiscated. If parents/carers could support us with this it would be really appreciated.

### PE Extra-Curricular

We have lots of great PE Extra-Curricular activities on offer both at lunchtimes and after school. Please see below for further information.

PE Extra-Curricular Summer Term 1				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time	Lunch-time
<b>Badminton</b> All Years Sports hall ILS & CDN	<b>Just Dance (Dance Studio) &amp; Dodgeball (Sports hall)</b> All years ILS & CDN	<b>Badminton</b> All years Sports hall ILS & CDN  <b>Basketball</b> All years GYM SBL	<b>After school</b>  <b>Cricket</b> Year 7, 8, 9 Astro/Sports hall ILS/NAS  <b>Year 7 Netball</b> Year 7 Astro/Sports CDN  <b>Year 9 Boys Football</b> Year 9 Astro/Field CDN	<b>Trampolineing</b> All years Sports hall ILS & CDN  <b>After school</b>  <b>Girls Rugby</b> All years Field CDN  <b>Year 7 Boys Football</b> Year 7 Astro SBL
<b>After school</b>  <b>Futsal</b> Year 7 & 8 Astro  <b>Dance Club</b> All Years JET	<b>After school</b>  <b>Basketball</b> All years GYM  <b>Rounders</b> All years Field SBL/CDN/ILS  <b>Girls Football</b> All years Astro	<b>After school</b>  <b>Badminton</b> All years Sports hall  <b>Year 8 Boys Football</b> Year 8 Astro PAS		

## Congratulations/Well Done

### Karate Success - Hattie Jenkins - 8TY

Well done to Hattie Jenkins in 8TY who got a silver medal at the British Championships in Durham on Sunday, missing out only to the Scottish Champion in the final on a 0 - 0 draw, referee decision awarded against her but it was still an incredible day of performances for Hattie again.



### Sponsored Walk Success - Curtis Stokes - 10AY

Well done to Curtis Stokes in 10AY who has completed his sponsored walk for the National Autistic Society. He was challenged to walk 25K during a week. Curtis however doesn't do things by halves and totally smashed the 25K, clocking up an amazing 33K in a week instead.

### Headteacher Commendations

Congratulations go to the following students who received Headteacher Commendations this week.

Jasmin Holmes	Imogen Rose	Amelia Szeto-Clarke	Millie Baker
Oliver Hanney			