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Attendance Rewards – Spring Term



We recently celebrated the form groups across the school with the highest number of students achieving 100% attendance for the second half of the spring term. The top form group in each year group was treated to a reward breakfast in our Clouds refectory to acknowledge their accomplishment and how they are 'Opting-in' to their learning by ensuring that they attend school punctually. Well done to 10y4 (Mr Townsend) and to 11x1 (Miss Souto), for repeating their achievements from the start of the spring term and congratulations to 7x5 (Mrs Harmer and Miss Ortiz), 8x1 (Mr Bartlett), and 9x3 (Mrs Fitzgerald and Mrs Gately), who managed to move to the top of the 100% attendance leader board for last half-term. The 100% attendance incentive aims for all our form groups to work collectively on whole form attendance, those with fantastic attendance actively encourage other form members to follow their example.

An Outstanding Speech



Back in February, we acknowledged the ninety plus Year 10 students who took part in our annual Jack Petchey 'Speak Out' public speaking workshops. Just before the Easter break, the CCHS finalists battled it out for a place in the regional finals. Congratulations to the eventual winner, Faith, who was chosen as the CCHS representative in the regional final of the competition, held recently at the Gilbert School in Colchester. Her speech was entitled "Who is to Blame?" where she spoke very passionately and authentically



about the abuse that happens to animals (specifically dogs - XL Bully) and how we should be held accountable. The delivery of her speech was incredible and she was unfortunate not to progress to the national final in London. Well done Faith! (Faith, pictured above, mid-speech and later with English teachers Miss Ballard and Mrs Bailey.)

English National Karate Champion

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Harry, who was recently crowned the English National Karate Champion 2024 in the Junior Kumite under 18yrs - 68kg category. Harry was competing in the English Karate National Championships in Sheffield and after winning the preliminary rounds, Harry won the final 8-3. Harry trains with Links Karate and is part of their competition squad.



Sparx Learning – Top of the Class



Congratulations to 7y/Ma1 (Mr Blanes and Mr Raza's Maths class) for the highest average working time on Sparx Maths for the Spring Term. Praise also must go to 7x/En1 (Miss Harvey's English class) for the highest average reading time on Sparx Reader, for the same period. Well done to every student in these groups for 'Opting-in' to their learning. Keep up your focus and watch out for the other Year 7 Maths and English groups who are all competing for the top spot this term.

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'Learning on Location' - Human Geography at the Olympic Park

Recently, our Year 10 Geography students attended one of their field work excursions; a compulsory element of their GCSE exam course. The focus of the day was to investigate the regeneration of London's Olympic Park situated in the Borough of Newham, identified as one of the most deprived local authorities in the country. In the latter part of the last century, the area was one of the busiest industrial hubs in the world, but as global competition, increased it fell into decline. The regeneration of the area began in the years leading up to the London 2012 Olympics and eleven years later, the legacy continues, by still bringing growth to the area. Throughout the day, students undertook a number of surveys at a variety



of sites around the park, including; a housing estate outside the main area of regeneration, the former Olympic Village where the athletes lived during the games (and since converted to housing); and, an area next to the West Ham Stadium and Westfield Shopping centre, now a hub for entertainment and night-time culture. Students noticed the density of business people and how busy it was everywhere. They investigated the up-keep required to maintain the appearance of each area and looked at the visible security measures in place to ensure the safety of visitors to all areas of the park.

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Putting their Map Reading Skills to the Test

As part of our Year 9 Broader Curriculum offer, a number of students are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. Having already completed two practice hikes, the sixty students recently undertook their final practice around Great Oakley, Ramsey and Harwich. Having spent a number of weeks planning their route, and practicing their navigation techniques, they embarked on a five-hour hike, ahead of their final assessment at the



end of June. Divided into fourteen groups, the students set-off from points in Great Oakley and Stour Woods in Wrabness. Hiking through woods and across fields, following designated footpaths, they made their way along their pre-planned routes towards the finish on Dovercourt seafront. Their outing also included an hour-long stop with a challenge to cook a



hot lunch, working as a team within their groups. Prior to starting out, each team had decided on their menu and packed the necessary ingredients, along with camping stoves and cooking pans, to enable them to cook

their dishes. The menus were varied, although pasta seemed to be the dish of choice, some opting for spaghetti, fusilli or similar with a sauce, whilst others opted for 'just-add-water' instant noodle meals or hot dog sausages in rolls. Many of the groups spent their day almost entirely on sections of the Essex Way, whilst others, who should have been on the Essex Way, discovered that navigational errors had led to them walking around in circles! After correcting their errors, they all eventually made it to the finish rendezvous, all be it a little later than originally planned, highlighting that they need to actually hike rather than just wander! All of the groups had a fantastic day in the spring sunshine and were glad that the rain stayed away.

Essex Year of Numbers - Helping Families Embrace the 'Everyday Magic of Maths'

With fresh research revealing that almost half of Essex parents surveyed do not feel confident when helping children with maths homework (44%), Essex County Council (ECC) has teamed up with celebrity maths expert, Bobby Seagull, to provide a series of fun and accessible tips that will encourage families to embrace the 'Everyday Magic of Maths'. The research uncovered that 9 in 10 Essex children think it's important to be good at maths when they grow up, with over half of Essex parents (52%) believing that good maths skills will help their children in a wide variety of future careers in later life.

With evidence showing that parents' and carers' positive attitude towards numbers has the biggest impact on a child's success, Bobby is offering a number of [top tips to help families](#) regularly embrace the 'Everyday Magic of Maths'. With only 19% of Essex parents regularly talking about maths at home, Bobby's top tips have been specifically designed to provide easy talking points and activities for families to introduce into their everyday routine. To find out more about upcoming Essex Year of Numbers events and activities, visit www.essexyearofnumbers.co.uk.



Celebrating Student Success

Attendance Weekly Golden Ticket Awards

100% Attendance prize draw - one student from each form group wins their form's 'Golden Attendance Ticket', allowing them to skip to the front of the Clouds food servery queue on a day of their choice.

Congratulations to.....



Year 7

Sophie Chapman, Zachary Elkin, Oliver Fraser, Poppy Hawtin, Rhys Howe, Musawenkosi Mabhena, Shay Percival, Poppy Prior-Davies, Mason Rose, Ruby Russell, Ruby Stephens and Phoebe White



Year 8

Wren Chan, Taylor Clarke, Bluebell Cunningham Mason, Joseph Eames, Christopher Harris, Ashley Joseph, Conner Mountfield, Maggie Parish, Caleb Round, Zack Salmon, Freddie Wigfall and Mia Wright



Year 9

Adam Berner, Cryrodge Chitiza, Austin Cox, Kayla Darnell, Alys Davies, Charlie Dudfield, Dolce-May Gorton, Finley Higgins, Ivy Keeble, Phoebe Randell and Joseph Read



Year 10

Harrison Bolt, Matilda Boughey, Sonny Cook, Maya Drelich, David Fergin, George Fletcher, Chloe Hill, Kornelia Kushnir, Beth Maclean, Lucie Rudd and Oscar Wright



Year 11

Miles Austen, Mollie Fielder-Jones, Josh Hawkins, William Higgins, Tyler Hutchinson, Alfie Morris, Jessica Pearce, Milo Russell, Katie Wigley and Isabelle Young

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Ronnie Brodley, Harry Cox, Noah Dempster, Darcy Jerram, Tilly Luton, Tommy Lynch, Leyland Marlborough, Henry Miller, Mya Moore and Finley Ward

Winner – Mya

Year 8

Codie Forman, Freddie Gallagher, Finley Gooding, Reece Goodwin, Lucas Jiang and Charlie Wilson-Turner

Winner – Lucas

Year 9

Aiden Denwood, Millie Field, Aaron Hobbs, Ellis Hough, Frankie Howard, Alexis Hunt, Jake McCarthy, Isabelle Partridge, Sara Paul Saravanan, Ty-James Robey and Precious Smith

Winner – Frankie

Year 10

Faith Bunce, Charlotte Finch, Addison Hannon, Dominic Jarrett, Ethan Salter, Kevin Senel, Thomas Stacey, Jacob Staines, Rory Taylor and Archie Wall

Winner – Jacob

Year 11

Emmy Davidson, Dan Faint, Zoe Faint, Jessie Searles, Bobby Smith and Harry Wigfall

Winner – Harry

