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Dear Parent/Guardian

I hope everyone is well and has coped with a very warm week. We certainly felt it here on Wednesday and Thursday and our students were confined to the shade at breaks and lunchtime. You could definitely tell it was hot as some of our boys who attend the Pop-up school that are usually busy and running around at lunch were content to sit in the wooded shade and chat quietly to each other!

It was announced this week that the intention is for all schools to open fully in September. We await clarification of this in terms of any protocols and procedures that need to be followed but overall, we are delighted with this news that we can get back to a more normal way of working. We have definitely noticed that many students coming in to our key worker and vulnerable provision have benefitted from the socialisation aspect of school as well as the work they do. It will be wonderful to welcome everyone back on site in 9 weeks time.

One annual event in the school year that we have not been able to hold is our Year 6 into Year 7 school transition day. This is especially frustrating given the great things that are occurring at school and as a new Headteacher I really want them to see what we have to offer. It is also such an important time in the school year where we can really communicate our aims and expectations to the new students. We will write to you with our solution to this problem next week.

Some great news this week was that one of our Year 11s, Priyanka, was successful in gaining a funded place on an introduction to Medicine course at University College, London at the end of August. This is great news and will hopefully be the springboard for a successful future application to study Medicine at university. This supports the news that the school is now acknowledged for achieving all eight Gatsby benchmarks for careers education for the next two years. These benchmarks are the nationally accredited standards that all schools must gain by January next year so we are delighted to be well ahead of the deadline.

We intend to do one final set of calls home before the end of term which will act as way of feeding back on the students' progress during lockdown. The call is intended as a summary of recent academic progress but we will of course be only too happy to discuss welfare issues within the same conversation. These calls will take place in the final two weeks before school closes for summer.

Thank you for your input into our fab and drab feedback and this week I'd like to nominate Mrs Benham, our Assistant Headteacher, who as well as doing a great job in supporting our students, leading staff with great clarity and assurance, also began her SEND surgeries last week, prompting one parent to write:

I would like to nominate Mrs Benham for providing a SENCO surgery. During our appointment we had a very constructive, positive discussion about supporting my daughter in lessons and as a family felt very reassured and happy with the action plan she created.

And Mr Harte who received the following nomination

I would like to nominate Mr Harte for staff member of the week (or a medal!) for helping my son to engage in homeworking at such a difficult time. The videos he has been posting for the students have really helped *my son* to focus and actually learn something...

If you would like to nominate any members of staff this week please click here.

Staff have made their student of the week nominations based upon effort and application. It is a pleasure to read the long list of names below. Keep up the great work everyone!

### **Humanities**

- Declan B
- Kitty C
- Aaliyah S
- Amelia B
- Charlotte P-F
- Martina L-R
- Amy B
- Tayon P
- Ella B
- Frank L
- Naomi S

### Dance

- Tejaun H: For always completing the work set on time, throughout the whole of lockdown!
- Millie M: For always completing high quality work
- Aish K-H: For great enthusiasm for her new option, and completing all work set
- Kiera ML: For learning a GCSE Set Phrase in 31-degree heat!
- Emily E: for consistent, high quality work.

# Tutor

• Dylan H: for fantastic effort in Tutor time activities and really engaging in the refugee topic.

# Food & Nutrition

- Connor F-R: for his excellent starter dish for the mock NEA2, experimenting with complimentary flavours.
- Chloe G: for her practical work supporting BNF Healthy Eating Week @Home
- Luciana H: for her food styling project

### Maths

• Jack L: for always completing his work to an excellent standard.

### MFL

- Dillon B
- George B
- Meggan B
- Eva S
- Dylan B
- Sophie F

### Music

• Martina L-R: for making an awesome instrument which was well thought out and able to play three different ways.

### Science

- Amelia B for her Bright Ideas Challenge entry
- Charlotte F P for her Bright Ideas Challenge entry

# **Design and Technology**

- Lili T Well produced Olympic design project.
- Milly M Well planned that thought through Hoverboard design project.
- Callum F Making a very good start to the Introduction to GCSE D&T.
- Oliver M Good focus on the early thoughts to the Non-Examined Assessment while at school.

# English

• Charlotte S: for her lovely attitude and fabulous work ethic in the year 10 provision classes for English. She is focused and her work is to an excellent standard.

#### Drama

• Harriot B

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- Charlotte F-P: For a great start to the PE Summer Term Project
- Theo R: For a great start to the PE Summer Term Project
- Dylan B: For a great start to the PE Summer Term Project
- Joseph G: For a great start to the PE Summer Term Project
- Nathan D: For a positive start to the BTEC Sport course and engagement with the PE Summer Project
- Kimi B: for positive start to the GCSE PE coursework
- Tom I: for positive start to the GCSE PE coursework

Art

- Eva S: for a great Che Kumar study.
- Abinaya S: for a brilliant David Hockney work.
- Cassie U: for fantastic Banksy work.
- Jemma G: for sustained high standard of work in her Identity project.

Please click on the links for <u>FAB</u> and <u>DRAB</u> to leave us any positive or developmental feedback from what has been going on this week.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Best wishes

A. Hartler

Andrew Hartley Headteacher