



Dates for your Diary

- Thurs 17th Oct – Years 9 to 11 Careers Fair
- W/c 28th Oct – Half Term
- Friday 29th Nov – Inset day. School closed to students.

Friday: 11th October 2019

Attendance:
94.8% - while this is slightly improved it is way below where we should be for our students to reach their potential. Please ensure your child is in school every day.



HAL tip of the week:
Use it or lose it
 Did you know that your brain receives 20% of your blood flow? There is scientific evidence to show that if you don't use it, you lose it, so never stop learning. Try something new and activate the different areas of the brain. Languages, musical instruments and even writing with your weak hand have positive outcomes on brain activity.

Jack-o'-Lantern Competition
 Does your child love autumn and Halloween traditions? Encourage them to enter Mrs Morris' pumpkin carving competition. Photos of their creations should be submitted by Monday 4th November. Posters with information are all over school!



Book of the Week
 Shine by Candy Gourlay
 Monsters are in the eye of the beholder
 Thirteen-year-old Rosa suffers from a rare condition that renders her mute. She lives on the strange island of Mirasol where the rain never seems to stop. Forced to hide herself away from the superstitious community, Rosa seeks solace online. When she meets ANSEL95, she discovers that she's not the only one with something to hide...



Athletics Scouting
 Mr Heekin took five students to a GB athletics scouting event at the University of Birmingham last week. Unfortunately, nobody was selected for the GB Academy but it was a great experience for them, and as always, they represented the school impeccably. Well done to Evan Merchant, Alasan Njie-Morgan, Ajani Williams, Sophia Bamgboye and Divine Munhuashati for doing their very best.

Mathematical Olympiad for Girls
 Congratulations to Muntaha Ali, Hinaa Ladha, Eliza Nisar, and Vaishali Shingadia for being selected to participate in this year's Mathematical Olympiad for Girls! They completed the exceptionally difficult 2.5 hour exam paper on Tuesday 8th, and enjoyed the challenge and the experience of taking part. The results will be in school next month.

Academic Words

Year 7: approach, benefit, create, environment, financial

Literacy Focus

Words in the English language can function in different ways. Most words will only have one function, but others may have two or three. The word *walk* can be a verb and a noun, for example:

The boy usually **walks** to school. (Verb)
 She decided to go for a **walk**. (Noun)

Can you think of words which can be nouns, verbs and adjectives?

Thought of the Week

Forget the mistake but remember the lesson.



Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Ahmed Fazal
Year 7	★	Blake Henry-Bradley
Year 8	★	Jayden Bird
Year 8	★	Malakai Bogle
Year 9	★	Mohammed Harris
Year 9	★	Esther Slater
Year 10	★	Isis Morson-Gaye
Year 10	★	Elliott Clifton
Year 11	★	Arooj Shoaib
Year 11	★	Aswin Kumar