

Dates for your Diary

- Tues 21st January – Year 8 Parents' Evening
- Tues 4th February – Year 9 Options Evening
- Tues 11th & Wed 12th February – Mary Poppins
- Fri 14th February – Break for half term

Friday: 17th January 2020

Attendance:

95% - 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.



ATTENDING SCHOOL
PREPARING FOR LIFE

HAL tip of the week:

Keep a gratitude journal

Every evening, write a list of things that have gone well for you today and the things for which you are grateful. This allows us to focus on the positives in our life and improve our mental health.

Fundraising Efforts

We like to take part in fundraising events whenever possible and last term we raised £174.34 for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day in December, and £249.62 for Macmillan cancer support from the coffee morning in September.

Thank you for any contributions you have made to these great causes.

Public Speaking Success

Six students from our Debate Club took part in a regional heat of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition on Tuesday evening, and won four of the six available awards!

Congratulations to:

- Edward Butler – outstanding personality of the evening
- Louis Hall – best chairperson
- Aswin Kumar – best speaker

Book of the Week

Theoretical Physicist
by Stephen Hawking



Without imperfection, neither you nor I would exist. Ask the big questions with Stephen Hawking, the incredible stargazing scientist! Discover the life story of an amazing man who made world-changing discoveries about space and the Universe.

- Overall winners – Ninestiles, An Academy.

They are now through to the regional final at Solihull School in February.

Mr Talib, Debate Club leaders and the whole staff are so proud of their achievements. We will keep you posted with their progress and provide more information in our February newsletter.

ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION 

Academic Words

Year 9: simulate, denote, uniform, inevitable, bias

Literacy Focus

Subject verb agreement

A singular subject needs a singular verb and a plural subject needs a plural verb, E.g. *John works in London. John and Mary work in London. Most people eat three meals a day.*

When two singular subjects are connected by *or*, use a singular verb. The same is true for *either/or* and *neither/nor*. E.g. *Either coffee or tea is fine. Neither John nor Mary was late.*

Thought of the Week

The man who does not read books has no advantage over the one who cannot read them.

Mark Twain



Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Atiyah Bahaar
Year 7	★	Lucy Ely
Year 8	★	Aaminah Kouser
Year 8	★	Summer Flint
Year 9	★	Fatima-Zahra Abbas
Year 9	★	Innayah Nisar
Year 10	★	Zak Ali
Year 10	★	Hemali Daji
Year 11	★	Maariyah Khan
Year 11	★	Zain Akram