

**Friday:** 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dates for your Diary

- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 9 Options Evening
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> & Wed 12<sup>th</sup> February – Mary Poppins
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break for half term

**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.



**HAL tip of the week:**

**The six best doctors:**  
 Sunshine, water, rest, air, exercise, and diet.  
 Wayne Fields



**Academic Words**

Year 10 & 11: speculate, abbreviate, neutral, sequence, radical

**Literacy Focus**

**Comma Splicing – misconceptions**

A common mistake students make is the misuse of a comma. They erroneously use it as boundary punctuation, E.g. The boy went to the shops, he bought a new hat. When you use a comma instead of a full stop between two sentences, it is called comma splicing and it is incorrect. The correct choice would be a full stop. E.g. The boy went to the shops. He bought a new hat.

**Thought of the Week**

**There's no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.** 

**Bon Voyage!**

We'd like to wish a happy and safe trip to our skiers, who set off for Crans Montana in Switzerland this Sunday. We hope you all have a fabulous time!

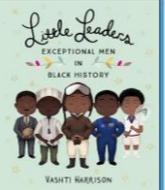


**Year 11 Update**

The Year 11 PPEs are finished, except for a few mop up exams next week, and they have gone really well. The college application process is underway and all students need to research their course and apply for their chosen college or apprenticeship programme. We are thrilled that 36 of our students have applied to grammar schools. A letter regarding hoodies and a prom reminder has been sent out today. Please direct any Year 11 queries to Miss Kaur.

**Book of the Week**

Little Leaders by Vashti Harrison



In this book, you'll meet 35 black men who broke barriers to fulfil their dreams and change peoples lives. Brave black men who went places, broke barriers, shook up the world and made wrong things right. A truly inspiring look at 35 trailblazing men. Tales of beating the odds to make the world a better place.

**Year 9 Options**

A reminder that it's our Year 9 Options Evening for parents and students on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This is a really important and useful session, so please attend if you can.

Students will attend an Options Pathways assembly next week to show them the various options.

The deadline for submitting forms is 13<sup>th</sup> March, but you'll hear more about that at the Options Evening.

**Students of the Week**

Year 7	★	Nermin Rabati
Year 7	★	Eesa Khan
Year 8	★	Alisha Ahmed
Year 8	★	Poppy Taylor/Sachpreet Kaur
Year 9	★	Taj Singh
Year 9	★	Loeza Rasool
Year 10	★	Ridhwaan Ahmed
Year 10	★	Zulaikha Kauser
Year 11	★	N/A due to exams
Year 11	★	N/A due to exams