

**Friday:** 27th September 2019

## Dates for your Diary

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

## Attendance:

**93.7%** - this 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:

Your body likes rhythm. Try and eat at the same time each day, even at weekends. This will improve your metabolism as your body gets used to the routine.

### Parking around school

Please be considerate of local residents and other road users when parking near school. **It is illegal to park on the yellow zig zags in front of school**, or on double yellow lines on neighbouring streets. We will advise residents to call the Police if parents are parked illegally or inconsiderately.

### Standards and Expectations

Would parents please remind their children that we expect students to **turn up to school already properly dressed in school uniform**, including wearing their tie and blazer and with their shirt tucked in. Some students turn up to school, already late, then have to start putting on their tie and taking off hoodies and coats. In addition, please remind children that they **must not use their mobile phones at any time during the school day**, and must wait until they are off site before making any end of day calls. Thank you for your support.

### Book of the Week

**A Good Day for Climbing Trees**  
by Jaco Jacobs



Marnus is tired of feeling invisible, living in the shadow of his two brothers. His older brother is good at breaking swimming records and girls' hearts. His younger brother is already a crafty entrepreneur who has tricked him into doing the dishes all summer. But when a girl called Leila turns up on their doorstep one morning with a petition, it's the start of an unexpected adventure. Finally, Marnus gets the chance to be noticed....

### Birmingham Youth Parliament

Members of our Student Union will be going to Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 24th October to discuss some issues about which our students feel very passionate. A member of Birmingham Youth Parliament visited school and asked us to hand out ballot papers to our students, to complete during tutor time. The most popular issues they raise will then be discussed within the House of Commons. We are excited to see how Ninestiles students can make a contribution and, hopefully, a difference.

## Academic Words

Year 9: intervene, arbitrary, predominant, detect, vehicle

## Literacy Focus

When to use *less* or *fewer*:

When the subject can be counted then it is more appropriate to use fewer, e.g. Fewer students are attending afterschool sessions.

Less is used for singular mass nouns, e.g. less salt, less money, less honesty, less pollution.

If you can count it, go for fewer; if you can't, opt for less.

## Thought of the Week

Books don't just go with you, they take you where you've never been.



Anonymous

## Students of the Week

|         |   |                        |
|---------|---|------------------------|
| Year 7  | ★ | Inayah Hussain         |
| Year 7  | ★ | Isaac Mohammed         |
| Year 8  | ★ | Eloise Shepherd        |
| Year 8  | ★ | Rachel Wood            |
| Year 9  | ★ | Arjun Purewal          |
| Year 9  | ★ | Qasim Amin             |
| Year 10 | ★ | Courtney Davis-Paintin |
| Year 10 | ★ | Reinis Beihmenis       |
| Year 11 | ★ | Sanjida Uddin          |
| Year 11 | ★ | Alex Brogan            |