

Friday: 31st January 2020

Dates for your Diary

- Tues 4th February – Year 9 Options Evening
- Tues 11th & Wed 12th February – Mary Poppins
- Fri 14th 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.



ATTENDING SCHOOL
PREPARING FOR LIFE

HAL tip of the week:

Strength training at least once a week reduces the effects of aging and improves brain health.



Brave the Shave

Congratulations and really well done to Miss Hughes-Ravoof, who 'Braved the Shave' last term to raise £780 for MacMillan Cancer Support. That's a fantastic amount for a fantastic cause.



Planned Absences

If your child will not be coming into school for any reason, such as a medical or dental appointment, please ensure you give the school as much notice as possible; please do not just phone school on the day of the appointment.

Where possible, please try to make appointments for after school or the school holidays. Thank you.

Book of the Week

Turtles All the Way Down
by John Green



It all begins with a fugitive billionaire and the promise of a cash reward. Turtles All the Way Down is about lifelong friendship, the intimacy of an unexpected reunion, Star Wars fan fiction, and tuatara. But at its heart is Aza Holmes, a young woman navigating daily existence within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts. In his long-awaited return, John Green shares Aza's story with shattering, unflinching clarity.

Year 9 Options Evening

For our Year 9 Options Evening on Tuesday, X band students need to arrive for 4pm, and Y band students for 5pm, for presentations in the Hall.

We have been holding assemblies for students all week, telling them what's involved for the majority of subjects.

Forms should be handed in by 13th March but it is not first come, first served. Students need to think very carefully about what options they choose.

Academic Words

Year 7: assessment, consistent, definition, estimate, function

Literacy Focus

Homonyms

Homonyms are two (or more) words that look or sound the same, but have distinct and unrelated meanings. These fall into three groups. The first group is words which are written and pronounced the same way, e.g. *pen, seal, last, book*. The word **pen** can mean both a holding area for animals and a writing instrument.

Thought of the Week

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.



James Baldwin

Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Cayo Bennett
Year 7	★	Zara Mahmood
Year 8	★	Mohammed Lodhi/ Alyas Qasim
Year 8	★	Qasim Sarwar/ Dawud Ahmed
Year 9	★	Wahhaj Bhatti
Year 9	★	Sara Ifraz
Year 10	★	Alisha Todd
Year 10	★	Courtney Davis-Paintin
Year 11	★	Javed Shajahan
Year 11	★	Harshajeny Supaaschandaboos