



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 18th Nov – Parent Forum
- Friday 29th Nov – Inset day. School closed to students.
- Tuesday 12th Nov – SEN event

Friday: 8th November 2019

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:

Commit to a morning mile

You may have heard of this for Primary students, but the benefits are applicable to all ages. Not only is the exercise obviously good for us, but a recent study found that exposure to morning light correlates with lower body weight as it helps to kick start our internal rhythms and metabolism to make sure they work effectively throughout the day.

Book of the Week

Sam Wu is NOT Afraid of Ghosts
by Katie & Kevin Tsang



I'm Sam Wu and I'm absolutely, positively, definitely NOT afraid of ghosts. But when Ralph Zinkerman the Third started calling me Scaredy-Cat Sam after *the event that must never be spoken of again* I knew I needed a plan of action: 1) Obtain terrifying and deadly pet as sidekick and 2) Defeat the Ghost King once and for all. Easy! Right?....

Debate Mate

On Wednesday, the English Department took 37 students from across Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 to the University of Birmingham for the Debate Mate launch event. The students were a real credit to the school with their enthusiasm and participation, and commitment.

Debate Mate will be running every Thursday after school from 3 to 4pm in rooms 37 and 36 for those who would like to join.

Parent Forum

We've rescheduled our second Parent Forum for Monday 18th November. We will be discussing behaviour policy and practice. If you'd like to attend, please email: principal@ninstiles.org.uk, by 3.00pm on Thursday 14th November.

Mary Poppins

We'll be putting on a performance of Mary Poppins in February 2020. Auditions took place yesterday and students find out today whether they have been successful. Congratulations to all those students who have been selected! We'll advertise the date of the public performance in the new year.



Academic Words

Year 9: priority, complement, revise, exploit, accumulate

Literacy Focus

Articles

There are two kinds of article: definite and indefinite. The definite article is 'the'. It is used to identify a specific thing. The indefinite article is 'a' and 'an'. It is used to refer to something in general. For example:

- The cat sat on the mat. (We know which cat and which mat.)
- I need a ruler. (We do not need a specific ruler, any will do.)
- The car would struggle to get up a hill. (We can identify which car, but are referring to any hill.)

Thought of the Week

It doesn't matter what others are doing; it matters what you are doing.



Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Thomas Alleley
Year 7	★	William Shepherd
Year 8	★	Lily-Rose Trumper-Wilkes
Year 8	★	Haroon Tanweer
Year 9	★	Humza Junaid
Year 9	★	Maleeha Imran
Year 10	★	Finley Jones
Year 10	★	Kinnari Thakoor
Year 11	★	Shazard Rayhan Butt
Year 11	★	Holly Coggins