

Dates for your Diary

- Mon 2nd March, 5.30pm – Parent Forum
- Thurs 5th March – World Book Day
- Friday 3rd April – Inset Day

Friday: 28th February 2020

Attendance:

95% - this is still 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:

Rest and recalibrate. Get enough sleep. Go to bed at a regular time each day. Sleep replenishes your body and mind's energy resources. Allow yourself some unfocused time every day to just 'be'.

Maths Success

Congratulations to all Year 9-11 pupils who were selected to take part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. 39 pupils achieved bronze, silver, or gold certificates – an increase of nine on the previous school record! Harry Cremins in Year 9 set a new individual record of 129/135 points, and has qualified for the Olympiad. Alex Brogan and Subhan Ali (Y11) and Umaara Saleem (Y10) were also awarded gold certificates - an exceptional achievement!

Young Reporters

On Wednesday, Alisha Ahmed and Isaac Azim from the BBC Young Reporters club were invited to Ackers Adventure by The Lady Mayoress of Birmingham. They interviewed Nick Dee, a journalist for Sky News, who gave our reporters some fantastic hints and tips on how to be a reporter, which they then used to interview Birmingham gymnast, Dominick Cunningham, who won gold in the 2018 Commonwealth Games. It was a fantastic day and the reporters asked some very insightful questions and really did the school proud.

Taxi Students

Would the parents/carers of students that receive taxi provision from the Local Authority, please inform school when their child is attending a club or an intervention session. The safety of our students is paramount. We need your permission and to know that you will be collecting them from school when attending after school events. This can be done via letter if it is going to be a regular and consistent arrangement. If it is a one-off intervention, please email NinestilesTaxiTeam@ninestiles.org.uk or contact school on 0121 628 1311 and ask for a message to be sent to the Taxi Team.

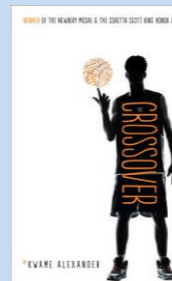
Book of the Week

Crossover by – Kwame Alexander

Kwame came into school on Thursday to speak to our Year 8 students. They were all given a copy of his book.

Basketball rule #3

Never let anyone lower your goals. Others' expectations of you are determined by their limitations of life. The sky is your limit, sons. Always shoot for the sun and you *will* shine.



Academic Words

Year 9: thesis, exhibit, accompany, nuclear, contemporary

Literacy Focus

Spellings of Plurals

Some singular words just need an extra 's', e.g. boys, cars, pens.

Words which can be difficult to pronounce because they end with ch, sh, ss, s, z or x need 'es', e.g. buses, quizzes, lashes, churches, foxes.

Thought of the Week

**Live as if you were to die tomorrow.
Learn as if you were to live forever.**



Mahatma Gandhi

Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Awaab Abdelkadir
Year 7	★	Onima Sultana
Year 8	★	Alisha Rossaye
Year 8	★	Olivia Kelly
Year 9	★	Mohammed Ebad Ansar
Year 9	★	Sophie Pauley
Year 10	★	Spencer Whelan
Year 10	★	Krish Chhaya
Year 11	★	Hassan Rehman/Katie Wilcox
Year 11	★	Minahil Farhan