



Dates for your Diary

Remember, school will finish a day earlier for Christmas; students will break for Christmas at **3pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**



**Friday:** 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Attendance:**

**93.6% this week**

**HAL tip of the week:**

**Social well-being and the importance of staying connected**

Take a trip to the museum – from your sofa! Even in lockdown, you can take a cultural trip to the museum or theatre. With hundreds of theatre, comedy, and ballet performances being released online, you and your friends and family can watch the same shows and review them later. The English National Ballet, the National Theatre and Shakespeare’s Globe are just a few examples of companies sharing free performances with the public. You might want to video call while you watch them, so you can talk about them in real time.

**Academic Words**

KS3: involved, fundamental, procedure, section, structure  
 KS4: perspective, succinct, compatible, passive, ethos

**Literacy Focus**

**Adverbs** are words which can describe verbs (manner) or place, time and degree. See below:

- Manner: slowly, carefully, quickly
- Time: later, soon, never tomorrow
- Place: here, there near, close
- Degree: very, slightly, rather

Look out for these when you are reading.

**Thought of the Week**

**The world is full of kind people. If you can't find one, be one.**

**Book of the Week**  
**Norse Mythology**  
 by Neil Gaiman

Neil Gaiman, author of *Good Omens* and *Coraline*, reaches back through time in a thrilling retelling of the great Norse tales. Gaiman's gods are thoroughly alive on the page - vivid, playful, passionate - and the tales carry us from the beginning of everything to Ragnarok and the twilight of the gods.

**Design a Christmas Card Winner**

Congratulations to Karima Sultana in Year 10, for designing this traditional scene. Karima's design is being printed as our Ninestiles Christmas card 2020, to send to our friends and colleagues. Well done, Karima!

**Ninestiles Bake Off!**

The winners of the Great Ninestiles Bake Off are:

**KS3 – Alex Mills**  
**KS4 – Holly Shaw**

It was a close call, as all the entries were very good. Miss Davies has decided to award Praise points to the following students for their great effort: Kinga Listowska, Amrit Rehal, Connie Fieldhouse, Isaac Azim and Kacey-May Dennis.

**Geography 'field trip'**

Last week our Year 7 Geography students conducted local fieldwork on Fox Hollies Road and Shirley Road. Our students were amazing in terms of their methods, pace and conducting their first primary data collection. Our students focussed on how the urban area was being used at both sites. Within our lesson time, the students managed to gather data through:

1. A car count allowed students to observe con at both sites
2. An environmental quality survey allowed students to write their opinions and score each site
3. A field sketch allowed students to pick out main features and test their artistic skills.

**Students of the Week**

Year 7	★	Ahmad Al Shouli
Year 7	★	Kinza Ibrahmi
Year 8	★	Haaris Ahmed
Year 8	★	Faybia Mahmood
Year 9	★	Ted Biggs
Year 9	★	Cassie Yorke
Year 10	★	Hawwa Saleem
Year 10	★	Hanna Mahammud
Year 11	★	Shumaila Ahmed
Year 11	★	Surjeevan Singh

