



Friday: 5th January 2021

Attendance:

N/A



Dates for your Diary

- Tues 9th Feb – Year 9 Virtual Parents' Day
- **Tues 9th Feb – Options form deadline**
- W/c 15th Feb – Half Term

HAL tip of the week:

Listening carefully can help children feel more comfortable and confident when expressing themselves. Try to minimise distractions and give your child your full attention when you're spending time together, being aware of your own body language and eye contact. Children are expressing themselves all the time but not necessarily with words. 'Listen' to everything they are trying to tell you with their behaviour, or with their play and creativity or with their silence. It's all self-expression.

Scholastic Revision Guides

Scholastic have kindly gifted us some revision guides that would be very useful for students in Years 9 to 11. Students in school can get hold of a copy from the OLA. If you're learning from home at the moment, they are all available via a brilliant free app – go to Apple Store or Google Play. If you'd like to order your own discounted copy, go to:

<http://scholastic.co.uk/gcse>.



Book of the Week

How Not to Lose it
by Anna Williamson



"The go-to guide for achieving a balanced mind and strong emotional well-being."

Anna Williamson, a trained therapist and Childline counsellor, guides you through all sorts of issues that you may be stressing about - anxiety, depression, friendship, family, confidence, bullying, self-esteem and more. Children's letters and checklists of what to do, interspersed with sound advice, makes this book an indispensable handbook for children, young people, and even adults.

Ronald McDonald House

One of our Teaching Assistants, Nikki Green, often fundraises for Ronald McDonald House, a charity that supports families with children in hospital by providing accommodation, allowing them to stay close to their child during their treatment and recovery. Staff have donated toiletries for the charity to sell in their shop, as well as donating cash directly. Before Christmas, staff raised £126, and we've had a lovely thank you card from the charity. Well done to Nikki for her ongoing efforts for a brilliant cause.



Academic Words

KS3: interpretation role major scheme justify
KS4: deduce abandon verify unprecedented fragment

Literacy Focus

Literacy Tip: Me or I?

Use I if it is the subject.

E.g., My mum and I went shopping at the Bullring yesterday.

Use me when it is the object.

E.g., John met mum and me in town.

Don't write me and X; it is considered impolite to put yourself first.

Thought of the Week

"Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light."



Albus Dumbledore

Students of the Week

Year 7	★ Mohammed Usmaan Azhar
Year 7	★ Damion Dutton
Year 8	★ Noman Naseer
Year 8	★ Khadeejah Ruhulamin
Year 9	★ Sumayyah Bibi
Year 9	★ Jake Tomlinson
Year 10	★ Thomas Murphy
Year 10	★ Mahak Malik
Year 11	★ Fiza Hussain
Year 11	★ Hassan Razaq