



Dates for your Diary

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

Friday: 11th December 2020

Attendance:

92.1% this week

HAL tip of the week:

Over the festive period, social media will be buzzing. Pictures of the perfect Christmas, with happy, smiling families, perfect roast potatoes and piles of presents will most likely fill your newsfeed. Enjoy your time, appreciate the little moments with your won family, and don't dwell on what other people appear to be doing.

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

Sam Wu is NOT a scaredy-cat (except he is). When a trip to the Space Museum goes terrifyingly wrong, Sam begins a mission to prove to the school bully, and all of his friends, that he is a fearless space adventurer. A laugh-out-loud, madcap story of ghost hunting, snakes and mischievous pet cats called Butterbutt, perfect for fans of Tom Gates. Highly Recommended by the Year 9 Reading Group!

Maths Merit

Congratulations to Harry Cremins for achieving a merit award in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad. This is an exceptional achievement, and Harry is the first Ninestiles pupil to gain this award!

Face Masks

A reminder that students should arrive at school with **their own face masks**, please. A significant number are still relying on school to provide these, and we cannot always guarantee availability. Thank you.

A polite request regarding students making their way home.

We ask that students please make their way straight home from school (which they should be doing anyway as we are in Covid Tier 3), and not to congregate on the streets around school. We've received a number of complaints from residents regarding students loitering on their driveways in large numbers, which can be very distressing for some. Please remind your child to show respect to local residents as they travel to and from school.

Academic Words

Key stage 3: cease, process, sector, theory
 Key stage 4: verify, regulate, credible, synthesize

Literacy Focus

Articles: definite and indefinite

In English, we only have one definite article: the.
 Example:
 The boy put his coat on.

We only have two indefinite articles: a & an.
 Example:
 He lived in a house.
 She needed an umbrella.

Thought of the Week

"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't."

Rikki Rogers

Students of the Week

Year 7	★	Larayba Murtaza
Year 7	★	Gabriel Lloyd
Year 8	★	Mohammed-Talhah Abid
Year 8	★	Lois Spencer
Year 9	★	Melody Rain-Coetzer
Year 9	★	Kaitlin Mooney
Year 10	★	Ameer Qasim
Year 10	★	Kinga Listowska
Year 11	★	Tasfia Razzaq Alam
Year 11	★	Mustafa Ebobaker Mohammed

