



## The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, I had a conversation with one of our wonderful year 8 students. Kaytlyn Parkhill told me about a disease which affects her life. Cystic Fibrosis, or CF, is a life-shortening inherited disease, affecting over 10,000 people in the UK. You can't catch or develop cystic fibrosis, it's something you're born with and most cases in the UK are now diagnosed soon after birth.

This week, Kaytlyn spoke to some year groups during their assembly about the disease, how people get it and how it affects their lives and the lives of their families. She also spoke about how it affects her own life.

It must take a lot of courage for a young person to cope and deal with living with CF and to be able to stand up in front of a year group in assembly and talk about something so personal is astonishing.

We will be holding a Mufti Day (non-uniform day) on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Students are asked to donate £1 which will go towards the CF Trust. For more information please visit the following website: <https://www.cysticfibrosis.org.uk/>

### Year 11 Prayer Vigil – Student Report by Roksana Tabin

Last Friday, twenty five Yr11 students took part in a prayer vigil, after which they had a sleepover in school.



To take part in the sleepover, we had to raise £30 each for the *Jimmy Mizen Foundation*. Raising the money included cake sales, sponsored silences, busking in the long gallery and sponsoring Ben to get his legs waxed in our assembly!

The Prayer Vigil was a great success; all of the students were very respectful and willingly took part in the different activities linked to prayer. The sleepover was also a great success, even though it didn't involve much sleeping. We ate pizza, watched movies and played story games. Thank you to all of the staff who gave up their time in order for the sleepover to take place (both preparing for it and to the staff who took part in the sleepover). We hope that this becomes an annual event at our school. This year was the second time that this event took place, and we hope that the next Yr11 will also have as much fun as we had next year.

### **Debate Mate**

#### **Student Report by Faruz Toure and Mary Swoffer (year 9)**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, we went to Shireland Collegiate Academy to take part in a debating competition. We had two teams, one for the planned debate and one for the surprise debate. We were labelled as team A and team B. We had a very successful as team A as we won both debates. We had a great time and it was a great experience. Many thanks to Miss Crown, Hannah Clayton and Sara who is our debating mentor from BCU.

#### **Student Report by Kwame Oteng (9C)**

At the Debate Mate competition, it was exciting to argue my points and see how other students from other schools responded. In a way, it was what teenagers would call 'cussing' but in a much more civilised manner. The matches were organised in such a way that you had to work well with your team to come up with ideas whether you believed in the side you were on, personally or not.

One example of this is when I was on the proposition team concerning the motion that the death penalty should be re-introduced to the UK. This forced me to look at it from a different angle as I am strongly against it, but I was still able, along with my team to put forward a good case.

I would recommend it for anybody who likes to have an argument!



7S- Jordan McKenzie

9C - Dorcas Sarpong, Noris Okeke, Mary Dosumu & Kwame Oteng-Adusei

9W - Adeola Shorinmade, Mary Ann Swoffer, Panashe Goremusandu & Faruz Coubadja Toure

These pupils were excellent representatives of Cardinal Wiseman school at the Debate Mate challenge. All pupils were supportive to other teams and debated exceptionally well - including those in the floor debate. Well done to you all!

### **TACKLING ROBBERY OFFENCES ACROSS BIRMINGHAM**



### **Be Aware**

There have recently been a small number of robberies in this area. Don't make yourself an easy target.

### **Be Advised**

- ✓ Electronic items such as mobile phones and mp3 players are regular targets for street robbers. Keep valuable items out of sight whenever possible.
- ✓ Try and stick to well-lit areas when walking alone and always remain aware of your surroundings. If you don't feel safe, stride purposely to deter robbers and quickly move away from the area.
- ✓ If your mobile phone is stolen, call your network immediately or ring 08701 123 123 to get it blocked.
- ✓ Make a note of the IMEI number of your phone. You can find this printed under the battery of most modern devices. Consider using tracker software/apps.
- ✓ Never wear gold chains or necklaces over the top of clothing. Thieves can snatch this from around your neck and make a quick getaway.
- ✓ If you are out with friends, always walk home in groups. The last person should call a taxi to ensure they also get home safely.
- ✓ Carry any bags securely. Put the strap across your body and make sure any fasteners or zips are closed and facing in towards your body.
- ✓ If you use a cash point, try to do so during daylight hours. Wherever possible, use cash machines inside banks or building societies. If you have to use a cash point at night, go with a friend and stay alert at all times.
- ✓ If you are listening to music through headphones, please ensure that any wires run discreetly under your clothing.
- ✓ Register your electronic items for free online at [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). This can help officers return stolen property to its rightful owner.

### **Be Reassured**

We have increased patrols around this area and will be actively targeting thieves using a number of police tactics. Birmingham is one of the safest cities in the UK. By following this advice, you can further decrease the chances of becoming a victim of robbery.

Regards

Birmingham West & Central Local Policing Unit

West Midlands Police

### **Accelerated Reader**

Pupils have been very enthusiastic about the Accelerated Reader Programme so far. Students are enjoying collecting reading points and we are starting to see a huge increase in the number of pupils reading for pleasure.

Pupils who have made an outstanding achievement in their reading this week include:


- Year 11: Krystian Dolinski (11Y) who was initially not keen on the reading programme, but has massively changed his attitude to reading this week, and has now read over 10 books and has passed quizzes with high marks on all of these books.
- Year 10: Kristal Ramdeen (10C) who has read two long novels this week and passed both quizzes with scores of over 90% as well as taking part in paired reading.
- Year 9: Daisy Aigbe (9C) who has read nearly all of Jean Ure's books and achieved Ready Reader 5 certification.
- Year 8: Priscilla Owusu (8W) who has reached Rising Reader 5 and has read over 40 books since the Christmas holidays.
- Year 7: Lois Owusu (7W) who has reached Rising Reader and has read over 30 books since the start of term.



This is not an extensive list and all pupils who have achieved highly (there are over 80 students this week) will be receiving certificates in their reading lessons.

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
<b>7.00pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> – Showtime! Dance and Music Performances	
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> – Non-uniform day to raise money for the CF Trust.	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b> – Half term	
<b>Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Year 8 Exam Week	

	<b>STAR OF THE WEEK!</b> <b>Kaytlyn Parkhill (year 8)</b> for be so brave and personal in sharing her experience and understanding about the disease CF during assembly. Nominated by Mrs. Stewardson	
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	<b>STARS OF THE WEEK!</b>	
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Student	Class	Staff	Reason
Paris Murphy Charlie Shepperd Jack Whitehurst Casey Prosser Brad Malone Jamie Jarvis Emily Banner Christian Haven Mudaser Latifi Adam Hafeez	8b2	Mrs Smith	All worked hard on their design ideas and really focused
Hani Mario	11	Miss Edwards	Sustained effort in class and at home for his History studies.
Jordan Powell	10S	Mr Dance	Improved behaviour!
Parmis Hashmezadeh	10	Mrs Gatton-Magaz	For achieving a wonderful A in her writing assessment.
April Barlow	10		For achieving a B+ in her writing assessment.
Megan Pearsall Charlotte Pearsall	10		For achieving a B in their writing assessment.
The whole class	8Y		For great lessons and superb effort.
Jack Steele	9	Mr Cullen	Fantastic attitude to work in ICT.
Jordan Hall Dylan Bowen Chelsea Reeves Bethany Mallett	10W	Mr Toms	For an incredible performance in their mock writing exam. I am extremely proud of all of them; their effort and focus in lessons is paying off as they are beginning to reap the rewards.
Corey Marston Mia Sunderland Dannii Wilkinson	11	Miss Edwards	For being lovely, dedicated and positive in our mentor sessions.



<b>Kyle Cameron</b>			
<b>Jack Steele</b>	9	Dr Beavan	Superb effort with his Geography homework.
<b>Year 11 BTEC group</b>	11	Miss Nuttall	They have worked extremely hard in completing their Level 2 BTEC sport in a short time frame! Well Done!
<b>Callum Heath Liam Adams</b>		Mr Poole	Outstanding portrait work in their Art lessons!
<b>Jake Tonks Luke Tonks Jamie Jarvis Nial Culley Jayden Brim Daniel Richards</b>	8B PE	Mr Matthews	Students lead their groups within several tasks successfully, creating excellent independent learning tasks for everyone to enjoy and learn from. Keep up the good work!
<b>Joseph Barton Omari Hoo</b>	11	Mr Allen	For increasing the amount of time they are spending revising in the last week.
<b>Berket Mario</b>	9F	Mr Dhingra	Berket has improved his attitude to reading greatly and this has led to an amazing improvement in his reading age. He has been perfect in reading every day and is a role model for his fellow readers.
<b>All of 9Y</b>	9Y		Working hard and doing their best this week!
<b>Chelsea Stroud</b>	10S		Chelsea has worked well this week and not given up when the work has been a challenge.
<b>Molly Gallagher</b>	10S		Molly has shown good manners and been working hard in Maths. She has done her best and contributed well to class discussions.
<b>Brandon Ward Roksana Tabin Mary Delaney</b>	11W 11C 11S	Lucy Hurley	For being so helpful the next morning after the prayer vigil/sleepover. Thank you.
<b>Brandon Ward</b>	11W	Mrs Jenks	For being helpful at the prayer vigil and for having a great sense of humour. Thank you!
<b>Catherine Lillie Joshua Clougher Francene Brennan</b>	7Y	Miss Easthope	For producing some very emotive writing in English.
<b>Stanley Frasier Priscilla Owusu</b>	8W	Mrs Ager	Excellent work in English.
<b>Nika Ntunga Hani Mario Luke Hodson</b>	11F		All working really well in English.
<b>Ryan Best Matthew Jeffries</b>	10W		Excellent work in English
<b>Esosa Ilevba</b>	7Y		Excellent poem for the poetry competition
<b>Declan Hale</b>	11S	Mr Crawford	Improved motivation and work in his Animal Farm English work
<b>Brad Malone</b>			Superb reading of his part in the play 'Twisted' in English.
<b>Josue Lukoki</b>		Mr Allison	For his all-round contribution to Science lessons and his wonderful combination of intelligence and good humour.
<b>Year 10 textiles group</b>	10	Mrs Saveker	For their hard work and effort they put into their exam during year 10 exam week.
<b>Dean Beech</b>	11S	Mrs Poxon	Improved effort and attainment in Maths.

<b>Kamell Mellis</b>	11	Mrs Smith	Great commitment and achievement so far for his Exam project
<b>Kevin Dyksinski Catherine Lillie Oliwia Bednarek Suraj Kandel</b>	7		For producing great work in Graphics.
<b>Kyle Shepherd</b>	11S	Miss Crown and Mr Vince	For achieving an excellent A grade in their recent RE assessment
<b>Hani Mario Lainey James-Bruce</b>	11F		For achieving an outstanding A* grade in his recent RE assessment.
<b>Brandon Beeching</b>	11F		For achieving an excellent B grade in their recent RE assessment.
<b>Nika Ntungu Kwasi Beckford Damien Clarke</b>	11F		For improved attitude in RE
<b>Miguel Cunningham</b>	11S		
<b>Lucy Nixon Keiran Sayers Jade Poole</b>	11F		
<b>Owens Rehbaum Haroldas Varanauskas Matthew Jeffries Bethany Mallett Katie McDonald Kajal Patel</b>	10	Miss Garside	80%+ on their Science homework.
<b>Radarnae De Costa Tanaka Kutsonga Prince N'Guessan Tania Conde-Mfuamba Wiktorja Dziabowska Lauren Westcarr-Stephenson</b>	8W	Mr Beckett	For performing a rhythmical complex samba piece in front of their class with energy, enthusiasm, accuracy and style!