



## The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday we gave a letter to pupils to take home about our recent Ofsted inspection. If you did not receive a copy of the letter it can be found in the parents section on the school website. The letter included many great quotes from the report about the effectiveness of the leadership and management of our school. I would now like to share with you some wonderful quotes regarding behaviour.

***‘Students behave well. They are polite, courteous and willing to take on responsibilities’.***

***‘The behaviour of students is good. They have good attitudes to learning in lessons and show respect for each other and their teachers. Students are well engaged in lessons, they share their learning and listen to each other’s views’.***

***‘Students behave in a mature and responsible manner around school. They take responsibility for their actions so that breaks and lunchtimes are calm and orderly. Students from different backgrounds get on well with each other’.***

***‘The students are polite, courteous and helpful. They are proud of their school. Students arrive promptly and are well prepared for lessons. They show good respect for their environment. The site is litter free’.***

***‘Students have positive attitudes to learning and treat each other with respect. They work well with each other in lessons’.***

To be honest, these quotes do not tell us anything that we didn’t know already. However I am sure you’ll agree that these are wonderful words from the report that we all should be truly proud of. As I have said on many occasions, it is a privilege to serve your children. As stated in the last edition of the Friday Letter we rewarded our pupils today with pupil led celebration assemblies which focused on the Ofsted report.

### **Year 11 – the countdown begins!**

Our Year 11 students began the week with an assembly, focusing on their journey towards final exams in summer. Every student now has a copy of a calendar containing all the key dates for revision sessions and of course the dates of the actual exams themselves. Parents will also receive their own copy in the post shortly.

Each week during DEAR, Year 11 will be able to work on developing revision technique and study skills as well as actually revising work already done. A series of visiting speakers is also being arranged, starting with the National Citizen Service in February. They will be inviting students to sign up to 'The Challenge'- a three week intensive residential skills building course in summer. Sixteen of our Year 11 from last year took up the challenge and enjoyed it immensely.

Schools and FE colleges will also be coming in to show our students what they have to offer. We also plan to invite apprenticeship providers to speak to Year 11 about 'earn while you learn' opportunities.

Each week we will remind parents via the 'parent call' texting service about the various Saturday sessions and other items of interest as we journey through the spring term together.

## Year 7 Trip to Symphony Hall and Library of Birmingham



On Tuesday next week, year 7 students are going to have a great day attending a concert at Symphony Hall in the International Convention Centre, Birmingham and then visiting the Library of Birmingham. The concert has been put together for students in Key Stage 3 so that they have a greater understanding of the orchestra and have the opportunity to listen to familiar classical works, computer games themes and chart toppers all performed by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO). This will be followed by a guided tour of the magnificent Library of Birmingham. This trip is free of charge, all students need is their uniform and a packed lunch. If you haven't done so already get your consent form to Mr. Gardner by the close of school on Monday.

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

### STAR OF THE WEEK!

**Abby Conlon (7E2)**

for an excellent attitude in Drama and RE. Well done!

Nominated by Mrs Meersand

Consistently outstanding in English – nominated by Miss Hennessy



### STARS OF THE WEEK!



Pupil	Class	Teacher	Reason
All of 7w1 art class	7w1	Miss Gamble	Excellent written annotation in art.

8w1	8w1	Mrs Biddle	Good attitude to learning this year.
Cara Bellingham	9	Miss E Edwards	Improved attitude towards her GCSE History studies.
All of Yr 9 History Option 3	9	Miss E Edwards	They have been an absolute pleasure to teach since I started teaching them in January.
Eghosa Ogua Decklan Prosser Neve Bessant Judith Atu Suraj Kandel David Aigbe Reece Seager Joshua MacMillan Tyler Prosser Jessica Hindmarsh	Year 8 & 9	Miss E Penn	For excellent work on static electricity at science club.
James O'Brien	10	Mr Beckett	High quality independent work in Maths.
Charlie Morgan-Beet Kathryn Deakin Tia Barrett Courtney Harper	11	Miss Kelly	Fantastic Teacher Assessment results showing real improvement
Chantelle Taylor	10	Miss Kelly	For having an incredible attitude to learning in English this week
Conor White	9	Mr Bates	Excellent explanation to show his understanding of moving averages.
April Barlow Kristal Ramdeen	11C	Miss Kharod	For displaying a faultless work ethic in every lesson and producing an excellent homework on X-rays, CT scans and ultrasound.
Priya Mclean	9S	Miss Kharod	Well done for your excellent attitude to learning in Science, this week.
Dontay Maragh Paris Palmer Chloe Darby Perry Lindo Jordan Mckenzie Bethany Bird	8W2	Miss Kharod	For work incredibly hard to master the word equation. Well done, folks!
Lukasz Kansik Ellese Malone	10F	Miss Kharod	Well done for massively improving your homework, this week.
Owens Rehbaum Haroldas Varanauskas Chloe White Hakim McKenzie Tommy Crockett	11 Btec	Mr Matthews and	For continued motivation and high standards when completing coursework. Keep this momentum going for the exam unit!

Paulina Zielinska Remi Grace Jarvis George Battenbough Ben Campbell Callum Brooks		Mr Powers	
Addiya Bernard	7e2	Mr Mulcrow	For excellent reading aloud of poetry.
Millie Grigg Dorcas Sarpong Mary Swoffer Daisy Aigbe Petra Cinyere	10op3 GR	Miss E Smith	For sustained and continuous effort in Graphics and attacking the new controlled assessment with enthusiasm
Kelsey Kennedy	7e2	Emma Barnes	Excellent effort in maths
Rodrigo Lopes	9F	Emma Barnes	Excellent effort in maths
All of 7w2	7W2	Mr Darby	For brilliant behaviour and attitude to the handwriting intervention
Coran Allen Lauren Chancellor Kerryann Brannigan Rhys Gallagher	10 Media	Mr Crawford	An outstanding magazine cover and excellent annotations that justify design choices.
Dominic Clark	7W1	Mr Beckett	Excellent homework in Spanish. Muy bien!
Owens Renbaum Chelsea Ward Christina Swoffer Aidan Thompson Molly Gallagher Hakim Mckenzie Sam Yowhannes Shanelle Smith Haroldas Varanauskas	11S	Miss C Edwards & Mr Allen	Demonstrating a determination to succeed in English.
Matthew Fleming Osarodion Rehbaum	8e1	Miss Gamble	Excellent attitude in art
Matthew Goldsmith Abby Conlon Hasaya Maye Taesha Ogendo Krystian Zych	7E2	Mrs Meersand	For an excellent attitude in Drama and RE. Well done!
11S1	11	Mrs Meersand	For successfully completing unit 3.3 marriage and family and improving your current grades in the assessment! Well done.
Ben Green	11	Miss Gamble	Outstanding Artwork achieved over the Christmas

Jordan Powell Jordan Hall Kajal Patel Chelsea Stroud Beth Mallett Molly Gallagher			holiday
Olivia Mooney Savannah Nesbitt Ed Gillon Christina Swoffer Courtney Harper Chelsea Ward Natalia Brown Samuel Yowhannes Beth Parkes Paulina Zielinska Erin Cole Kieron Cullen Rhett Crotty	11	Miss Gamble	Positive attitudes to artwork and homework
Hasaya Maye Grizzle	7E2	Miss Hennessy	Consistently outstanding in English
Ilana Taylor George Wilkinson Morgan Mulholland Jordan Booker David Marshall Jayden Brim Dominic-Jordan McPherson Yves Zahouo Yonatan Tiruneh Jonathan Carless	9W	Miss Hennessy	An outstanding attitude to learning since joining the class this week - well done!
Grace O'Hanlon Luke Whitmore	Yr10	Mr Gardner	For an excellent attitude to learning and good quality work in their BTEC Music lessons.