

12 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Celebrate Success Assemblies

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our usual termly celebrate success assemblies prior to Christmas. We always enjoy welcoming parents and carers into our end of term assemblies to recognise the success of our students. Fortunately, the Heads of Year have been working hard with the teachers to ensure that we have a virtual celebrate success assembly for every year group and they will be uploaded today on Satchel:One (show my homework) under LORIC. Please take a look as these will only be available to view for one week.

Many of you will be receiving certificates in the post in the next few days celebrating the progress and attainment of our students in their lessons. Every teaching group in every subject nominates a class winner. These students will all receive a certificate for either progress or attainment acknowledging their achievement. Staff then select an overall winner for each subject for both progress and attainment and all these prize winners also gain house points that go towards their personal total and the overall house scores. Well done to all of our nominees and winners. They can be very proud of their achievements.

As well as recognizing student achievements in lessons we also recognise students for demonstrating the LORIC principles of **L**eadership, **O**rganisation, **R**esilience, **I**nitiative and **C**ommunication. The form tutors select one student from their form to receive the much sought after Form Tutor Award. Well done to all this terms winners.

Finally, the Head of Year and Headteacher certificates are awarded, and the winners of these certificates also receive a voucher that can be spent in lots of high street shops once they reopen. It has been wonderful to see so many students receiving nominations, awards and praise for their contribution to school life, congratulations for all that you have achieved.

Assemblies

The first of our live year group assemblies took place this week with Mrs Lockley and Year 7 students and their form tutors. This was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. Please keep an eye out for the notifications of the year group assemblies after half term. These will be happening weekly and will be led by your Heads of Year and Leadership Team links as well as your form tutors being present. This is a fabulous opportunity to catch up and focus on some key areas such as students' wellbeing.

In addition, weekly assemblies are being uploaded onto our YouTube channel by Heads of Year, and the Heads of House have been sending weekly challenges around student wellbeing. These can be found on Satchel:One as well as guidance on our YouTube channel.

Assessment week

Assessment week has now finished. Students need to ensure that they have completed the assessments that have been set by their subject teachers. These can then be uploaded onto Satchel:One, sent by email to the subject email addresses or posted back into school for marking. Year 11 need to ensure that they have completed their assessments and, if they have completed them on paper return them in the prepaid envelope provided as soon as possible.

Wellbeing calls

We will continue with our weekly wellbeing calls to families after the half term break. If you need information regarding specific support during the week, please refer to our website where there is a list of agencies who provide a wide range of support and should be able to help. Families in receipt of FSM vouchers will continue to receive these during the half term break as they are being provided by Birmingham City Council.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all that you are doing at home to support our students in accessing and completing home learning. We do not underestimate the challenges that this can present but we are encouraged by the high level of engagement that we can see on both Satchel:One and with the work packs that are being sent home. We will continue to develop our remote learning provision next half term. There is parents' guide to remote learning on our website <https://johnwillmottschool.co.uk/home-default/students/remote-learning/> alongside our remote learning policy if you would like further information.

With very best wishes.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs T Peters
Headteacher**