

RANGE REPORT February 25th 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Range Report, our electronic newsletter, for this academic year.

### **OFSTED Update**

We will use the Range Report to give you updates on our progress in addressing the issues raised in our OFSTED Report.

Parents Evenings in the first half term have used some of our weekly staff development time, but we have continued to work on our Behaviour expectations, communication regarding behaviour and rewards. We are training staff in the use of the ClassCharts digital platform this week and have started assemblies to communicate changes to the pupils. This online platform allows us to alert you more effectively to the positive (and sometimes negative) aspects of your child's behaviour in school. The final version of the plan of activities for the remainder of this year has been completed and the Governing Body will consider it for final approval next week. We have commissioned the external reviews of our Pupil Premium spending and of governance and these have begun. The Governing Body have decided there will be no change to the composition of the Governing Body until the governance review has been completed.

### **Berlin Trip**

History and German GCSE and A level students travelled to Berlin recently on a cross-curricular trip to the German capital. During their stay the students visited Checkpoint Charlie, Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag Building and DDR museum. Everyone found their visit very interesting and informative.

### **Y7 Girls' Football**

Our talented Y7 girls' football team have progressed to the next round of the National Cup after two great wins. The first match was against St Hilda's, which they won 5-2 and their second match, against Weatherhead High was an even more impressive 10-2 win. A special mention must go to twins Bo and Chloe Price (both 7KHU), who scored 9 goals between them in the second match.

### **E-Safety Assemblies**

Before half term a group of Sixth Formers delivered assemblies to lower school pupils on e-safety. The feedback from pupils and staff was very positive. Well done and thank you to Emma King, Matthew Strong, Lucy Williamson, Katie Thomas Lee, Lilly Cowen and Abigail Towle for making the importance of being safe online relevant and meaningful.

### **Y10 Stock Market Investor Team**

Well done to our Y10 Stock Market Investor team TSM\_Sugma, who have qualified for the semi-finals of the national Student Investor Challenge. They will now progress to the next stage of the competition.

### **Cross Country**

Last term 32 of our cross country runners travelled to Merchant Taylors playing fields to compete in the Sefton Fixture. Special mention to the Y7 Boys' team, who won their race.

### **Y11 Exam Preparation**

Following the Y11 Parents Evening we are now interviewing all Y11 pupils individually to structure their final weeks for exam preparation. Staff support is available to all pupils on Mondays and Wednesdays after school focussing on Maths and Science. English revision sessions are on at different times for each set. There are lots of digital resources which pupils have access to via our VLE and which they can access at home. These include Seneca for English and for Science and

HegartyMaths for Maths. We would expect that all Y11 pupils have started a revision programme at home at this point.

### **Spelling Bee**

Before half term the Y7 MFL Spelling Bee took place in the Arts Theatre. The winner of the French Spelling Bee competition was Ethan Keeble (7DL). He won a very competitive, exciting contest in which he was pushed very hard to win the title. The German competition is still ongoing. We couldn't get a winner on the day as the students were getting everything correct!. The rearranged German final involving Max Kinnish (7HDB), Lola Thomas (7JP) and Mikey Wainford (7JP) will be taking place this week and the French and German winners will go forward to the regional finals on 28th March in Manchester.

### **Girls' Netball**

Both our U16 and U18 netball teams have progressed through the first rounds of the County Netball Tournament held recently at St Marys. They now travel to Wirral Grammar for the final round of the Tournament next Saturday and we wish them well.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y10 Parents Evening
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y8 Parents Evening
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School Production
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter Holiday (closes at 3.35pm)

Have a great fortnight.  
Mr Aldridge