

Year 8 Newsletter

Issue 5 - June 2024

Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of the Year 8 newsletter!

As we enter into the final half term of the year, the students have been working hard to prepare for their assessments and once again they have engaged incredibly well with the Revision Revolution! As usual the year group battle it out to see if they can win this challenge where every student who produces revision resources receives achievement points from Mrs Grace in a bid to become academy champions. Let's make it 3 in a row year 8!!

Well done for a great half term and thank you to parents/carers for supporting your children as always!

Miss Lithgow

Mrs Ryder



Achievement Leader

Head of Year



Mrs Critchley
KS3
Head of Year

Achievement

Well done to the following students who received the most achievement points for displaying our academy values in HT5:

Our Values

- Kind** - Katie B
- Reflective** - Grace B
- Resilient** - Alfie S
- Part of a Community** - Davie B

Zero Lates - Well done to 178 students in year 8 who received ice pops as a treat for having excellent punctuality in half term 5!

- Just Eat Family Reward** - Linards M
- Student of the Month May** - Comfort S
- English Hero Award** - Hannah P

Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts - Jacob O



Curriculum Spotlight

The curriculum spotlight this half term will focus on Spanish, Food and Geography.

PE
Students focus on two activities during the final half term, Athletics and Striking & Fielding.

Athletics - includes events from all three main disciplines of running, jumping and throwing. Students aim to beat personal bests and achieve certificates when they reach targets set by British Athletics for schools. All are encouraged to attend Athletics Club after school where students can choose what events they want to improve in.

Striking and Fielding - girls take part in rounders and boys take part in cricket.

For further information and a more detailed overview of curriculum coverage please follow the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#)



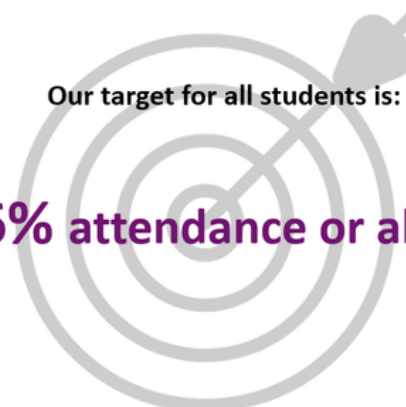
Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities is student attendance to school. Our academy target for all students is 96% in a school year. Good attendance is directly linked to better performance at school. Please ensure your child attends every day so they don't miss important information in lessons and can also build their resilience as well as other academy values.

Well done to the 99 students who had 100% attendance during half term 5 and all our weekly prize winners who receive chocolates every week!

Our target for all students is:

96% attendance or above



Home Learning Focus

Students should check Class Charts everyday to keep up to date with their homework and make sure they complete tasks on time.

Homework Room - EG02

8:05am - 8:30am

Lunch

2:40 - 3:40pm



If you feel your child would benefit from attending this club whether it's to help them with their homework routine, receive support to complete tasks or just have a quiet place to work, please contact Miss Lithgow.



Parent Tip:

English has now introduced Sparx Reader to the students which aims to improve their reading, comprehension and vocab skills which is invaluable to all. Parents are encouraged to ask their child what books they are reading as part of this homework and to check their progress. Sparx Reader uses the same login as Sparx Maths.

Aspirations

100

Race to 100 High Achievers Challenge – a small number of students have been taking part in a challenge to improve their grade 1 A2L in lessons. Each student is on an achievement report to monitor how well they go above and beyond in their journey to becoming successful, conscientious learners. Students have also been involved in bespoke PSHE sessions with Mrs Sidhu looking at their aspirations for the future and how to set goals to succeed.



Trips and Events

Sports News

She Inspires Programme – A group of year 8 girls have been taking part in the She Inspires programme ran by the LFC Foundation which looks to promote motivation and confidence amongst young girls through football and a range of interactive sessions. The girls are hopefully going to be involved in planning an event later in the year for the rest of the schools involved.



TSA Darts Championships

Well done to representatives from Year 8, Lucas P, Oliver A and Zack M for reaching the finals of the inaugural darts championships! They were very unlucky against some tough competition from the older year groups. Excellent effort boys!



Term 3 Rewards Event

Watch this space for our annual summer rewards event that will take place in the last week of term for all students who achieve excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour during the term.

Assessment Focus



Year 8 have just completed their Assessment Week

Tracking 3 Reports will be sent out to parents/carers on the week commencing Monday 24th June.

Students will also go through their reports with their tutor and reflect on their areas of strength and what they can be doing to improve in time for the next assessments in Year 9.

It is highly recommended that parents/carers spend some time with their child to discuss how they are doing in each subject for them to achieve the most success going forward.



Introducing Sparx Reader!

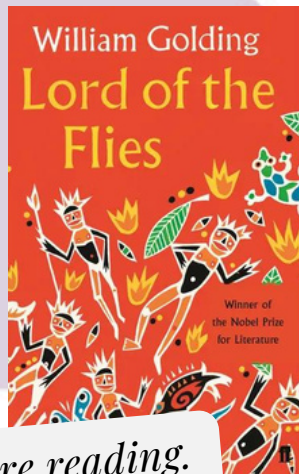
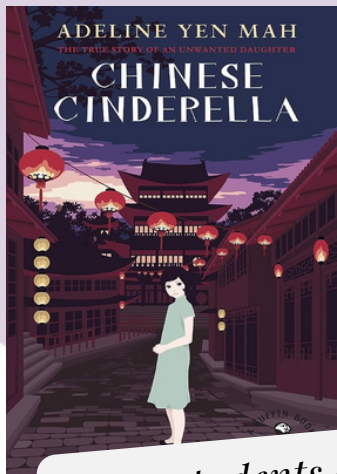
As part of English homework, students are set the task of reading a book of their choice on the platform each week. They need to collect 200 SRP, or Sparx Reader Points per week to complete their homework. This equates to around 20 minutes of slow, concise and accurate reading per week with questions answered correctly afterwards about their book.

What are students reading in R2L? Chinese Cinderella and The Lord of the Flies.

Suggested Reading: If you'd like to start reading or need some new ideas for what to read next, here's some suggestions from Mr Lovelady:

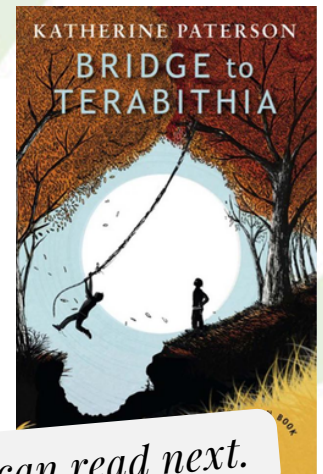
- The Tulip Touch by Anne Fine
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson

READY TO LEARN



What students are reading.

SUGGESTED READING



What students can read next.