

## Head's Blog Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

### Highlights of the week

It has been great to see Year 11 back in lessons after their mocks – they've been really engaged in their learning and are working really hard. We are looking forward to seeing them with you at the parents evening next month (15<sup>th</sup> December).

I've seen great learning taking place in lots of lessons this week: Y11 English, Y10 Maths, Y7 science, Y9 Art and Year 8 Spanish to name a few. Year 13 students are currently completing their mock examinations which is an intense time for them, and they are demonstrating their resilience. Students have been fund raising this week for Children in Need. We've also had a group of our student leaders returning to Staveley Court Nursing Home – I'm really proud of our students' desire to support others.

### Attendance for the week

|         | Mon  | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Year 7  | 88.7 | 88.2 | 86.1 | 84.7 | 85.4 |
| Year 8  | 90.9 | 89.4 | 91.4 | 90.6 | 89.2 |
| Year 9  | 87   | 87.7 | 86   | 85.7 | 83   |
| Year 10 | 82.4 | 81.9 | 83.1 | 82.8 | 83.3 |
| Year 11 | 82.9 | 80.7 | 80.2 | 80   | 81.8 |
| Year 12 | 95.2 | 95.9 | 93.9 | 95.9 | 95.9 |
| Year 13 | 97.1 | 92.6 | 93.8 | 95.1 | 85.5 |

#### Key

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 94+% (National Average 2019) |  |
| 92-93.9%                     |  |
| <92%                         |  |

1015 of our students had 100% attendance this week.

339 of our students had 100% attendance and 100% punctuality this week – WELL DONE!

379 students have had 100% attendance for all 8 weeks.

245 students have had 100% attendance and been on time every day this year.

We continue to have too many students off school each day, although there are many who come every day, on time, regardless. Please support us to increase the amount of learning students can access by helping prepare them for school with enough sleep, a balanced diet, and some paracetamol if they're feeling a bit under the weather, because **Every day, every lesson, every minute, counts!**

The best attending form each year group have attended their rewards breakfast each day this week. A great way to start the day. Well done 7FDO, 8MFA (again!), 9RHE, 10KPE, 11MMA, 12 JIC and 13BWH. We'll now also be looking for the most improved tutor group!

### Positive achievements

| Year to date |       | Last week |      |
|--------------|-------|-----------|------|
| Year 8       | 42841 | Year 7    | 3956 |
| Year 7       | 40183 | Year 8    | 3932 |
| Year 10      | 31529 | Year 9    | 3255 |
| Year 9       | 28622 | Year 10   | 2769 |
| Year 11      | 25127 | Year 11   | 1757 |

Year 7 topped the charts last week – well done!

## Tutor lesson and assembly (Personal Development) this week

Tutor groups this week have been 'warming up' for the World Cup with a detailed examination of the impact of fans through Votes for School, as well as a news article about the controversy surrounding Qatar winning the ability to host the World Cup.

### Oracy and Current affairs | What is going in the world?

**Migrant** – a person who moves from one place to another, especially in order to find work or better living conditions.

**Civil Partnerships** – A civil partnership is a legally recognised relationship between 2 people

**Human Dignity Trust** – an international organisation using the law to defend the human rights of LGBT people.

**Josh Cavallo** – A professional football player whose coming out last year made him the only openly gay professional footballer.

**Culturally inappropriate** – the act of taking or using things from a culture that is not your own

**Clinched** – to manage to win, get or achieve something

**Moral Duty** – a responsibility arising out of considerations of right and wrong.

**Boycott** – to refuse to do something

**Inclusive** – including many different types of people and treating them fairly and equally.

**Reciprocal Reading**

Whilst your Tutor reads the article out loud to you, follow it on your own copy:

**Clarify:** Circle any words or phrases you don't understand.

**Clarify:** Underline the most important parts of the article.

**Question:** Place a tick near parts of the article you want to ask questions about.

**FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar 2022**

### Discussion Should Qatar be hosting the FIFA World Cup?

**Where would you be on this opinion line?**

I agree with Shona/Emi/neither because I disagree with Shona/Emi/both because However, another view would be... On the other hand, Furthermore, I believe... In addition, I would add...

**Shona**

I believe that Qatar should be hosting the World cup because this will have economic benefits to the country and the people living in it.

**Emi**

Qatar should not be holding the world cup many migrants have died building the stadiums unsafely and the country unfairly bought the rights to Host the competition

## Children in Need

A great amount has been raised in school today for Children in Need, students and staff have been brilliant and raised way above £500, so much in fact it's taking ages to count! This has been through wearing Pudsey ears and merchandise, as well as a brilliant Penalty Shoot-out competition where staff were in goals and students were strikers.



## Student leaders visit to Staveley Court

On Wednesday a group of fifteen Student Leaders returned again to Staveley Court Nursing Home, where they were welcomed and treated to a special performance. The group have been working with Staveley Court as part of an intergenerational linking project since 2018.

**Maisie had a great time, saying afterwards,** "Thanks everyone for making the trip possible, I had a lovely time," Olivia added "It was fun," and Logan agreed "a unique experience, with comedy perfectly sprinkled in."



## Y7 News

So proud of our year 7 this week and their calm corridor behaviour, helping all our students to make the most of their learning time in lessons.

## Y8 News



Mrs Ransom's Humanities class have completed a homework project on the Mughal Empire. Felicity has created an outstanding piece of homework focusing on the Taj Mahal.

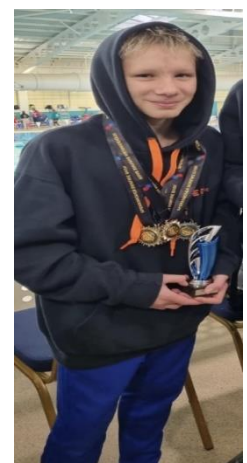
This week Mr Farooq's Form have won the attendance award for the third time! We hope that you enjoyed your breakfast, keep up the good work.



## Y9 News

Well done to Mrs Carter's tutor group for the best attendance this week, hope you enjoyed your rewards breakfast! Also, I want to mention how fabulous it has been to see Year 9 groups in their Spanish lessons- so impressed with the level of challenge and how well you are responding to it. A very special shout out and celebration of one of our top athletes Quinn. Well done !

Quinn competed in the North East Regional Short Course Swimming Championships at the start of November, he finished 10th in the 100m Breaststroke, 18th in the 200m Individual Medley and 23rd in the 400m Free. Quinn also has competed in the Spenborough Bonfire Bash Meet in Leeds at the weekend, he won Top Boy award for 13 year age group. He won 3 golds, one silver and a speeding ticket.



## Y10 News

Well done to the year group for having a great end to the week, showing maturity and organisation by reducing lates to lesson significantly. Now we have to sustain this for next week too!

A special mention to Mrs Hird's English class, who were brilliant on Wednesday and Thursday and to Miss Hollas' Health and Social and Mrs Ransom's History classes, who were working hard on their assessments during Period 3 today; keep it up!

## Post 16 news

**UCAS NEWS (Universities and Colleges Admissions Service):** University applications are still going strong and this week students continue to receive excellent offers. So far this week we have had one student receive an unconditional offer from Huddersfield; one student has received offers from Manchester, Exeter, and Aberystwyth – all within 3 days of her application being sent – this is a great achievement. And well done to all our Nursing applications – all have received invites for interview, with one student receiving four invites. Again, this is down to our great tutors who are trained to support all UCAS applications – regardless of subject. Finally, more and more students are receiving offers from the top Russell Groups this year – well done Y13.

Year 12 are currently trying to source their own work experience placements – if anyone in the community can offer Work Experience placements from the 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June then can they contact either Mr Delgado/Mr Derrick or Mrs Ellis – any support would be gratefully appreciated.

Student Leadership continues to go from strength to strength – a huge congratulations to Harrison Blenkarn in Y13 for leading in a QA session in front of Y10 Business Studies students on his role at Cobbles and Clay, Haworth – well done Harrison – you continue to make us proud and demonstrate student leadership at its best.

Finally, we are preparing to get ready for our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested in attending, then please come along, and meet our subject staff and students – applications to Beckfoot Oakbank Sixth Form open on the 15<sup>th</sup> December – further details about how will be displayed on the school website. If you have any queries or questions, then please contact a member of the sixth form team – see website for contact details

## Staying safe

Does a child you know ever feel lonely when they're online? In a study by the UK's Office for National Statistics, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said that they DID often feel lonely – so any child experiencing those feelings is, sadly, far from unusual. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online. They also suggested some ways they use technology to make themselves feel better when that happens, and we've compiled their ideas into a loneliness-busting #WakeUpWednesday guide on the next page.

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# LONELINESS ONLINE:

## What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely?  
In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

### CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

-  Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
-  Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
-  Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
-  People being unkind to me online
-  When friends leave my group chat

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- ☒ Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- ☒ Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- ☒ Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- ☒ Play single-player games you enjoy
- ☒ Listen to happy music
- ☒ Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- ☒ Send nice messages to your friends and family
- ☒ Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too

### TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- ☒ Paint or draw pictures
- ☒ Play with a pet
- ☒ Write about your feelings
- ☒ Hang out with your family
- ☒ Get outdoors & enjoy nature

### FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

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