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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our weekly roundup of news where we share news from around the academy.

It is starting to feel like Christmas around the academy: marked by our lovely Christmas tree in the school hall:



Christmas Concert:

We are very sorry to announce that the Christmas Concert on Wednesday 8th December has had to be cancelled for parents as we have no suitable venue where social distancing can be maintained effectively.

The students will instead perform to Year 7 during Period 5 on Wednesday.

We are looking forward to taking a group of 32 students to perform in Lancaster on Friday 10th December. Parents are welcome to come along and support us. We will be performing outside Primark in the Marketgate shopping centre between 10-2pm.





Rewards:

We have introduced a new rewards policy at the academy. We are encouraging a culture of praise. Log onto Synergy and look how many praise points your child has and join in with us to give them some praise for their achievements. There will be a selection of different rewards and prizes for those students who accumulate the most praise points over a half-term and term.

Mince Pies for St John's Hospice:

Some of our Year Nines made mince pies for St John's hospice. Here they are waiting for them to be collected. We hope the hospice residents enjoyed them and it brought a little festive cheer to them



Dancing on Ice:

Year 10 & 13 dance students had an ice-skating masterclass from David Walsingham and Laura Sandham at Lancaster on Ice. All students really enjoyed the experience and after learning various techniques they were able to perform a short routine at the end of the session to music. Highlights were watching Amber and some of the Year 13s doing spins and jumps and then Lewis flying round the rink after an initial steady start.



Blossom Beauty Toy Appeal:

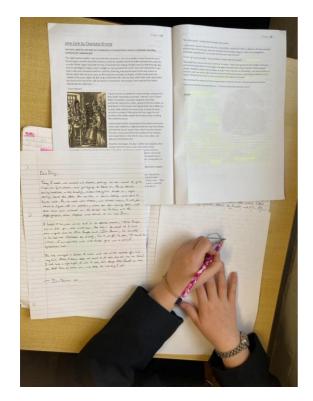
We have been pleased to support the toy appeal in memory of ex-pupil Vicky Hutton. You can see below some of the donations ready to be delivered.

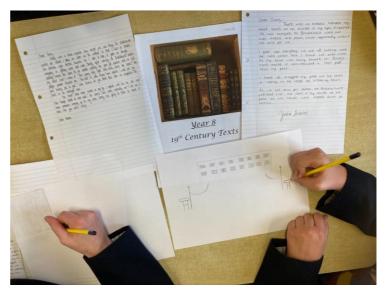


Round up of News from Subject Areas:

English:

A production line was in full swing this morning in 8x1 English. Students peer-assessed each other's narrative writing, made improvements to their work, copied up their work for display and created images to accompany their diary entries. Students have been studying Bronte's Jane Eyre and chose to write from either the perspective of Mr Brocklehurst, Miss Temple or Julia Severn.





Maths:

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved the a top three position in their year group, for most correctly answered questions on HegartyMaths.com, from 15 November to 29 November. HegartyMaths.com enables pupils to take control of their own learning and develop their independent skills.

Year 7

1st - Blazej B

2nd - Nikola S

3rd – Layla E

Year 8

1st - Saheefah R

2nd - Gabriel P

3rd - Bayan A

Year 9

1st - Matthew B

2nd - Carmen-L R

3rd - Paige H

<u>Year 10</u>

1st - Gary B

2nd - Charlie K

3rd - Ayesha H

Year 11

1st - Alexander C

2nd - Ashton G

3rd - Elena H

A Special mention for Blazej for having the highest score in the school, Well done Blazej!!

Science:

This week in Science-

All students in Year 10 have been given revision guides to help them with GCSE Science. Please can you make sure that your child uses these revision guides for homework, their own independent study and for revision.

Year 7 and Year 8 have all been working hard to complete Science Assessments this week. Well done to you all.

Science postcards of praise go to-

KS3- Amber R, Logan P, Oliver F, Theo P, Benjamin M, Max W, and holly H

KS4- Julia K, Alex L, Chloe L and Katie B

KS5- Taylor H, Matthew W, Teal L and Phoebe O

The Year 13 A Level Biologists are currently looking at Dihybrid Inheritance in *Drosophila m.* The Fruit Flies have all successfully bred and are in the maggot stage of development. Exciting times ahead for these flies and the students.



Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards Mrs Heather McClurg (Principal)