



Head's Blog March 2019

The main school focus this month has been reinforcing our high standards in terms of behaviour by introducing the **Ready • Respectful • Safe** expectations across the whole school. Our pupils are hearing consistent messages from staff regarding being ready to learn, respecting others and the environment and ensuring we are all in a safe environment.



There has been a continued focus on our Y11 pupils regarding their preparation for their GCSE exams. The year group have just completed their second tranche of pre public exams and are now focussing on what they need to revise in preparation for the GCSE exams in the summer. There are many learning platforms available for the pupils to do independent revision at home. Here are the links to the ones we recommend to use:

Seneca learning: <https://app.senecalearning.com/login>

GCSEPOD: <http://www.wolstantonhigh.org.uk/uploads/files/help/gcse-pod-help.pdf>

Hegarty maths; <https://hegartymaths.com/login/learner>

EmathsMaster: <https://wolstantonhigh.usptraining.co.uk/elearning/login.php>

There will be a drop-in session on Monday 8th April between 4pm and 6pm for parents' who wish to speak to members of staff on how to use these sites to support their child in their preparation for the Summer examinations. Please contact the school on 01782 742900 to confirm your attendance

The GCSE timetable has already been posted on the school website, please use the following link to access the information [GCSE EXAM TIMETABLE 2019](#). We are

currently planning the Easter revision timetable and parents and pupils will be informed of the times and subjects by Friday April 5th

Also throughout the term there has been assemblies from Post 16 providers to inform the year 11 pupils of the options for post-16 study and there has also been an assembly from the National Citizenship Service encouraging our year 11s to take part in NCS activities in the Summer of 2019.

Year 9 focus on making the right curriculum choices has also been a priority this term. The NULC Careers bus visited the school to give the pupils the opportunity to have advice and guidance on their future pathways. The year group then had an Information, Advice and Guidance conference to support them in making the right choices regarding their options. During the day they experienced classes in new subjects they could study in Year 10 and 11 including Construction and Business Studies and looked at their current performance data. This day was then followed by a very positive, well attended Year 9 Parents Evening where pupils and parents had the opportunity in speaking to the staff and representatives from our Post-16 providers. Parents and pupils will be informed of the options choices in the summer term

Also during this very busy month, the Year 8 pupils have attended an Outward Trip to Ullswater with the focus on team work and exploring new challenges. The course vision was to have engaging adventures in new environments to develop self-belief. Our intrepid adventurers certainly did all that through Canoeing, gorge walking, swimming in the lake, camping and hiking in the snow under the stars. The team at Ullswater also congratulated our school on being positive, polite and respectful.

“Your guys have been a positive presence about the centre.”



Science week went with a Big Bang this term with our visitors from Walton School experiencing a science lesson with Mrs Bailey and Mr Dutton and 43 of our Year 8 and 9 pupils visited The Big Bang fair at the NEC . A massive thank you to the science technicians for delivering an amazing session on Atmospheric Pressure to our visitors and to Mr Williams for organising an enrichment visit to Birmingham

Mrs Brenno kindly organised a World book day competition by asking each form to decorate their doors inspired by their favourite book. Below you can see some of the creativity of some of our forms regarding their favourite books!



This month concluded with a whole school Enrichment day focussing on various Personal Social Health and Citizenship (PSHCE) topics again. This term we have welcomed visitors from external providers to educate our pupils on topics such as knife crime, misuse of drugs and other illegal substances, health and fitness and healthy relationships. The day was a huge success and was full of complimentary comments from all of our visitors saying how impressed they were on the behaviour, maturity and attitude of our pupils.

Finally, as you know we welcome feedback from our parents and carers, and in my first year as Head I would appreciate it if you would spend a few minutes completing the Parent View questionnaire by clicking on the following link <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Many thanks in advance for doing this.

A reminder that school will then close on Friday 12th April at 3.00pm for the Easter holidays and reopen on Monday 29th April at 8.30am

Forthcoming events are:

Parents' Forum: Thursday 4th April 5pm - 6pm where there will be a presentation to parents on the new 'Ready Respectful Safe' expectations

Year 7 parents' evening: Thursday 11th July 4pm to 7pm

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter as my next blog will be the first of the Summer Term.

Regards

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