



Message from Mrs Stamford

It has been a busy and productive week across the school this week. From engaging classroom discussions, to preparations for upcoming exams, students have shown great focus and energy. With Mental Health Awareness Week approaching, we're also encouraging everyone to take a moment for wellbeing and reflection. Mrs Douthwaite and I will be presenting a webinar on this subject next week. A reminder for those students sitting exams: mobile phones, watches of any description and air pods are not permitted in the exam room. Any water, must be in a clear bottle with no label or

writing of any kind allowed on the bottle.

The exam boards do take these things seriously and we would not want any of our students to forgo this JCQ regulation.

A reminder for Year 11 students that before any English, Maths and Science exams, they can collect free:

- Bacon sandwich or cheese bagel and water from 8:00am for morning exams;

- Pizza slice and water from 12:45pm for afternoon exams

All morning revision sessions begin at 8:15am unless otherwise stated by teachers.

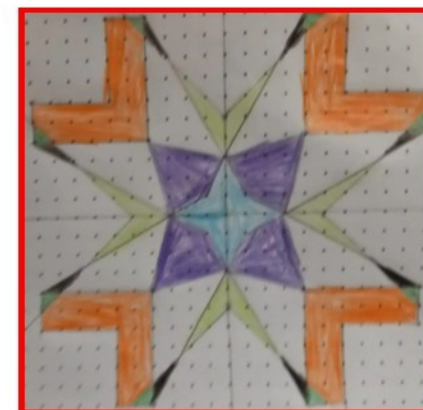
Mrs Stamford
Head of School

Fantastic Enrichment Homework

This half term we have had some exceptional enrichment homeworks handed in.

Our Year 7s produced some precise and beautiful Rangoli patterns for their Maths homework. The top three winners were: Bradley Lucas, Joseph Webb and Ava Duniec. Our Year 8s were asked to produce a 3D model of an extreme weather system. There were some superb submissions and Tyler Choat even managed to make his hurricane throw lego houses around. The winners were: Charlie George, Jude Forster and Tyler Choat. Finally, our Year 9s were asked to take the role of a play director and write a set of director's notes for a scene of Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'. Our winners were: August Bland and Emily Dunn.

Our winners all received a half term's queue jump card for the canteen or an alternative prize. All new homeworks are now on the Year 7, Year 8, and Year 9 classrooms. It would be fantastic to see as many submissions as possible. You need to be in it to win it!





Mrs Bone's Newsflash

This week across the world, communities have come together to remember Victory in Europe Day (VE Day). On 8 May 1945 Britain rejoiced when Germany surrendered, bringing an end to the war in Europe. The Prime Minister at the time, Winston Churchill delivered a broadcast from Downing Street, announcing the end of the war in Europe. He emphasised that while a brief period of rejoicing was warranted, the nation must not forget the toil and efforts that still lay ahead, particularly in Japan, which remained unconquered. He also acknowledged the victory as a victory for freedom in every land and for the great British nation as a whole.

Personally, I can still remember my Gran telling me about the parties they had in the terraced street

where she lived in Runcorn. She recalled the sheer feeling of relief and jubilation following 6 years of fear, poverty and hardship. At the time the war ended in Europe she had just turned 20. However, as Mr Churchill highlighted in his speech, for many families, including mine, the celebrations were dampened by the reality that my soon to be Grandad was still at war as a naval engineer in the Navy in the sea just off the shores of Japan. My Gran remembers being torn between knowing that she now felt safer in her home but had the constant worry about whether or not my Grandad would come home. The ending was a happy one, he did indeed come home and they married shortly afterwards.

Remembering those who gave their todays so that

we can have our tomorrows remains so important for future generations - and commemorating VE Day is hugely significant for our children to ensure the memories and experiences people like my Grandparents had are not forgotten. The sacrifices that were made by millions of men and women to ensure our freedoms should never ever be taken for granted. As our late Queen once said "They fought so we could live in peace, at home and abroad. They died so we could live as free people in a world of free nations." We must never forget.

Have a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Bone
Executive Head



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Leigha - Year 8

Leigha Jackson in Year 8 is undertaking the Three Peaks Challenge in the summer holidays to raise money for Myeloma UK. Please help support her in completing this challenge and raising money for this charity by going to the following link -

https://www.justgiving.com/page/kaylea-leigha-jackson-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015

More information on the charity Myeloma UK can be found here - <https://www.myeloma.org.uk/>

Thank you in advance.

