

Hello Everyone,

Thanks to you and all our students for a warm and caring week with lots of examples of our students taking time to smile and be encouraging to one another. We might have been stuck in the building a lot this week because of the bad weather (the wind is howling round the school as I write this, and the water is trying to get in!) but we have a lot to be grateful for and very many students to be proud of.

Our staff have enthusiastically thrown themselves into 'Turn Barney pink' week for Cancer Research UK and there will be some photos on our social media pages and a collection to support this great local community initiative.

The Y7 Halloween screening of Goosebumps this week was really well-attended, and our students had a spook-tastic time! We'd like to do more of this sort of event in the future.

A group of botanically inspired year 12 students have organised a 'secret florist' initiative for next week. So, we are expecting the study centre to be adorned with some potted plants and fragrant bouquets...

The school show this year will be 'We Will Rock You'. We're anticipating lots of students getting involved: singing, dancing, playing instruments, acting, technical support, scenery painting and plenty more.

Our student committee has got off to a flying start. Following a successful collaboration between staff and students, the selection process went very well and this week, a small group of students attended the school's senior leadership team meeting to present ideas and concerns from the student voice to build an even stronger partnership between students and staff.

There has been really strong attendance to after school sessions for Y11s, with higher numbers than last year. We hope attendance will continue to grow as word of mouth spreads the news that these sessions are useful. We're very grateful to staff for their additional work and to you, parents and carers, for supporting this valuable input for your children in the run up to exams.