



Mrs Wilcox's Seasonal Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to my first newsletter of the year. As Head of Behaviour it is my pleasure to be sharing with you some of the outstanding work that all of our students have been engaging in over the course of the last few weeks. Whilst there are too many to really go into detail with, I hope I can give you a flavour of the wonderful work your sons and daughters have been doing.

Year 9 Reward Week



WOW! It started as a "Let's celebrate some of the work our year 9's have been doing." In reality it turned into something much more. Every member of staff was invited to go into as many Year 9 lessons as possible and hand out raffle tickets to anyone they saw doing something really well. Furthermore, there were special stickers that staff also had to give to people who were doing something truly inspirational. We gave out over a thousand raffle tickets during the week and finished off with a celebratory event in the Learning Hub. The students were provided with a light lunch and then every raffle ticket was entered into a draw for a series of prizes, ranging from stationery to free days out at some local activity providers. As you can see from the photographs, it was a truly spectacular event and one that we will roll out to other year groups in the coming weeks.

Sports Round Up

Many sporting teams have begun their seasons recently with varying degrees of success. The football teams have started off very well with victories for the Year 9's, Year 10's and Year 11's whilst I am sure the teams in lower school will be wanting to emulate their older counterparts.

The netball teams have once again started the season very strongly and the junior and senior teams have had some strong performances against teams in the local area and beyond.

Coming up soon, lower school will be involved in the indoor Athletics competition and we shall be starting trials over the coming days.

Please encourage your child to engage in as many extracurricular clubs as they can as I am sure you will agree that the Health, Social and Emotional benefits of being active are incredibly important to children as they grow up. There are lots of different activities going on, with something for everyone.



Presentation Evening

I cannot let this newsletter pass without echoing my congratulations to each of the winners from Presentation evening. It is a truly inspiring occasion when so many of our children get deserved recognition for their efforts and endeavours during their time in school. Congratulations to all the winners.



Enrichment

It has been a time for change at Colmers recently and as you are aware, the introduction of the enrichment offers in Years 7, 8 and 9 has been greeted with a massive amount of enthusiasm by pupils and staff alike. Walking round and seeing pupils engaging in activities such as Origami, Japanese, Pod Cast club, Classroom to 5k, Salsa and many more has been wonderful. As it suggests these activities are giving pupils experiences they may have never even thought of before and thoroughly "Enriching" their academic experience in school.

Teacher – Mountain Biking

"It has been wonderful seeing the pupils on the mountain bikes. Just having different conversations with them and getting to know them outside of the classroom has been amazing."

Student - Sport

"It's fun and I'm able to enjoy myself. I like working with people from different year groups"



Teacher – Fashion Design

"I enjoy seeing children learning new skills and being creative. Seeing the delight on their face is priceless!"

P.A.U.S.E Agenda

Punctuality - A student should be in school and lined up in their form in register order at 8.42am every morning. If they fail to do this they will be sanctioned with a late detention.

Attendance - For some of our students, attendance is an issue and although the nights are drawing in and the coughs and sneezes are getting more evident with each passing day, we know how important attendance is. We want to ensure every child has the best possible chance of academic and personal success during their time with us and the only way this will happen is if the student is in school.



Whole Year group:	Number of students who haven't had a day off since September:
Year 7 - 96.65%	Year 7 – 115 (210)
Year 8 - 94.96%	Year 8 – 88 (210)
Year 9 - 95.45%	Year 9 – 124 (210)
Year 10 - 94.32%	Year 10 – 94 (197)
Year 11 - 95.09%	Year 11 – 93 (183)
Year 12 - 96.39%	Year 12 – 33 (50)
Year 13 - 94.07%	Year 13 – 19 (39)

Attendance to from September

Year 7 to Year 11 is 95.29%

Year 12 and Year 13 is 95.23%

Uniform – Almost all students take pride in their uniform at Colmers and come to school looking the part.

Standards - High expectations all day every day. All students are aiming for the highest possible points in their Personal Scorecard. There are 10 categories ranging from house points, reading and extra-curricular engagement. Each category is worth 10 points. Data is being collected for the first house assembly of the year. Good luck to Dolphin, Wolf and Eagle house!

Equipment - All students in Lower and Middle school all own a **Homework Diary**. This diary triangulates school, home and student. All students, form tutors and parent/carers are required to sign the diary and make a **comment each week**. We believe parent/carer engagement is invaluable to this system working. Daily checks made by the students will reinforce having the basic but necessary equipment to be ready to learn. Please see our Facebook and Twitter sites for some great examples.

I would like to take the opportunity to say 'Thank you' to all of the parents and carers who continue to show their support for the school and its Achieving Excellence, Belonging Together and Challenging Mindsets ethos. We want all of our students to 'Dare to Dream'

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to speaking to you again in my next edition of Colmers Newsletter.

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