



Headteacher's Bulletin – 14th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have had a good week. We have reached the end of another half term.

This week I have been showing a number of external visitors around the school. Despite the fact that we were approaching the half term break, I was delighted with the excellent conduct, politeness and hard work demonstrated in every lesson I saw. I remain incredibly proud of our students.

Student Success

We are proud to share that Jeevan Jesani from Year 9 has been making strides in energy efficiency as part of his Duke of Edinburgh's Award 'Energy Envoys' Volunteering scheme. Jeevan conducted an energy audit of a local company, identifying ways to reduce energy consumption and save money. His efforts highlight the importance of energy conservation and the impact small changes can make in combating climate change.

Valentine's Bags

Our House Councils have shown incredible dedication, charitable effort, and entrepreneurship by raising £304.72 through the sale of their valentines bags 'happiness bundles'. This initiative not only served to generate some fun for students and staff during the last week of term, but also demonstrated the students' commitment to supporting our house charity, Samuel's Charity. Well done to all involved.

Book Recommendations

Here are some fantastic book recommendations for this the half term break:

- KS3: The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman
- **KS4**: *Vampires Never Get Old* by Zoraida Córdova
- KS5: The Name of the Rose by Umberto Eco
- Non-Fiction: The History of Punishment by Lewis Lyons

We will also be hosting a book sale in the library when students return on the 24th of the February.

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is **fastidious**. Meaning very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail. For example, "The student was fastidious in completing his project, ensuring every detail was perfect."

Uniform Drive

A reminder that our next uniform drive will be taking place on the 12th March. We are kindly asking for donations of clean and good-condition unwanted uniform. Your contributions will help support families in need within our school community. Please drop off anything you can to the reception.

Half Term Support

We are proud suppliers of St. Mark's Meals boxes. Please be assured that if you are in need of any support over the half term, you can collect as many boxes as you need from our reception. Additionally, we remind parents that students eligible for free school meals can participate in the Milton Keynes Council HAF program during the half term.

I hope that students, staff and parents have an enjoyable half-term. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 24th at 8.30am.

Kind regards,

Mr A Steed Headteacher