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Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you had a good week. Here is some of what we have been up to:

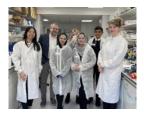
# First Lego League Regional Finals at RS Components

A fantastic team of Year 7s did the school **incredibly proud by winning two awards** at their First Lego League Regional Finals last Saturday in Corby.

Their first award came in the 'Innovative Project'; the judges said they were "blown away" by the detail and real-world application of their project. Their presentation skills combined with their ability to answer questions showed a real knowledge of the subject matter and showed their research has resonated well with the students. The second award was the 'Team Coach Award', which was awarded to Mr Harrington who was nominated by the students. Students placed fifth in the Robot Game overall. They learnt so much from their experience and want to come back stronger. They were the only team to improve in each of their three games and ended with a very respectable 135 points.

Well done to Flourish, Mia, Lewis, Alfie, Amna, Harley and Matas. Special mentions to Derrek, Vaidas and Kane, who, although couldn't make it, made very valuable contributions to the team's overall success.





A group of Year 10 students had an amazing day at Babraham institute in Cambridge on Wednesday. When they entered the campus, they were all given a bag of PPE and lab coats to wear during their visit. Students were given a tour of the labs and a talk on the molecular and genetic research that is taking place, such as trying to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. Some of the students were even interviewed in the campus by TV channels.

#### **World Book Day**

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. Students were given their £1 book tokens, and there are several competitions running in the library. Key Stage 3 students will also have a library induction session, and any students borrowing a book over the next month will have the chance to win a book and a £25 voucher. Let's get reading!



#### Students of the Week

English	Kseniya K (Year 7)
Maths	Student U (Year 10)
Humanities	Student C (Year 8)
Science	Harley RL (Year 8)
Performance	Jack Driscoll-Freeman (Year 10)

Languages	Ctudent I (Veer 0)
Languages	Student J (Year 8)
Year 7	Student A
Year 8	Student Y
Year 9	Student P
Year 10	Student S

If not done so already, please can I ask that you take a moment to complete our 'Permission to Publish Student Details Form', whereby you can opt in or out of certain student details being published within newsletters (such as the above table). We'd love to share your child's success! Thank you to those that already completed this.

## International Women's Day

To celebrate International Women's Day today, Friday 8 March, we would like to thank all the great women and girls who make up our community, students, staff and parents. Thank you for everything you do. Assemblies next week will continue to celebrate some of the women who have shaped our lives.



## Year 10 Work Experience

We are excited to share some wonderful updates regarding our Year 10 cohort. Over the past week, the majority of our students have been actively participating in work experience placements. In particular, care home residents have expressed immense happiness, forming strong bonds with our students, demonstrating the positive impact of these experiences. Additionally, our students have taken on leadership roles by creating and leading lessons and activities in nursery and primary settings.

We're proud to announce that due to their hard work and proactive nature, some students have even been offered part-time employment opportunities.

We commend our students for their achievements and thank our staff for their ongoing support. Well done Year 10!

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club continues to grow with over 50 students now accessing this every morning since half term. Please can we ask that students access the canteen through the side door in reception, having handed their phone in first. **Breakfast is served free to all students from 8am**.



### **Key Dates for Spring Term**

11<sup>th</sup> March Holy Month of Ramadan begins

13<sup>th</sup> March Year 7 Cadbury Trip

14<sup>th</sup> March Parent Support Event (see poster below)

15<sup>th</sup> March Year 11 Reports Home

18th March Year 11 Feedback Evening for Parents and Students in school

https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk

28<sup>th</sup> March Last Day of School – all students finish at 3pm as usual (no P6 for Y11)

29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday Bank Holiday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 9<sup>Th</sup> April Easter Study School Y11

15<sup>th</sup> April Staff Training Day

16<sup>th</sup> April First Day back for Students – Summer Term

17<sup>th</sup> April Culture Day

### And finally...

Please can I ask that students do not attend the Academy with acrylic nails. These are not permitted in school and students will be asked to cut them down and/or remove them if worn. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a restful weekend.

Yours faithfully

Mrs N Treacy Principal

