

2 February 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer

I hope you had a good week. We have certainly had a busy one!

### **Year 11 Science and Maths GCSE Support**

During the information evening we provided parents and students with an overview of GCSE Maths, Combined Science Trilogy papers, and GCSE Separate Science papers, the assessment structure, average percentages needed for each grade, topics for each subject. In addition, we shared the summary of activities we have put in place right up to the exam to ensure our students achieve success. Furthermore, we shared the dates for the summer examination, how students create an effective revision environment, common mistakes made in examinations and ways in which parents can support revision at home.

### **Year 8 IntoUniversity Buddy Trip:**

On Tuesday, some of our Year 8 students attended a session at Anglia Ruskin University in Peterborough as part of our partnership with IntoUniversity. The students were able to take part in taster sessions related to Business. As well as this, the students were very lucky to be given a campus tour which included a look in their brand-new Virtual Reality room. The students took a lot away from the visit and are already looking forward to their future sessions with IntoUniversity.

### **Year 10 Maths Trip**

Also on Tuesday, fourteen Year 10 girls went to Queen Katherine Academy to take part in the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme's event aimed at encouraging girls to study maths in further education. The girls took part in group challenges with other schools, were given talks by female STEM ambassadors on the industry and learnt about possible career pathways in industry and academia. The girls enjoyed the event which has increased their motivation and confidence in mathematics.

### **Year 9 & 10 Maths Challenge**

On Wednesday 120 students from Years 9 and 10 took part in the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is an externally set national challenge, written by the UK Maths Trust that encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency. The problems on the Intermediate Maths Challenge are designed to make students think, most are accessible yet still challenge those with more experience. The exam papers have been submitted to the UK Maths Trust and results and certificates will be given in the next few weeks. Students can win bronze, silver or gold certificates based on their results against other students nationally.

## Mental Health Ambassadors Training

On Thursday, fifteen Mental Health Ambassadors took part in a Level 2 Youth Mental Health qualification led by Ashleigh Pain. The training talked about a wide range of topics including spotting signs and symptoms of mental health conditions to knowing what to do when they have concerns about friends or peers in the school. The day ended with students needing to get 14 out of 20 on an assessment to pass and achieve the qualification. I am pleased to say all students passed! With everyone achieving 17 or higher! This, according to Ashleigh, **put our school as one of the highest averages since he has been doing the training over the last two years.**

Well done to: Romeo, Praise, Areesha, Ryan (Year 9), Shilan, Nancy, Tazhan, Sharleen (Year 10), Michael, Bazil, Kylah, Leonie, Alberto and Samual (Year 11) for passing the course and their amazing attitude throughout the day.

## Hot Chocolate Friday

### Congratulations to this week's Students of the Week:

English	Student T (Year 10)
Maths	Student A (Year 9)
Humanities	Student J (Year 9)
Science	Student M (Year 10)
Performance	Student P (Year 9)
Languages	Student M (Year 11)

Year 7	Student P
Year 8	Helen Martin
Year 9	Ryan C
Year 10	Asreen A
Year 11	Kerry-Marie Maher

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.

## Year 10 Reports and Parents Evening

Year 10 reports have been sent to parents today by email and we look forward to seeing Year 10 parents at our online teacher feedback evening on Monday to discuss the report and the next steps. It is not too late to book a slot with teaching staff. Please book online at <https://copa.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Have a good weekend.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs N Treacy**  
Principal