**Principal's Message**

Dear students and parents,

As we approach the end of the term, I am amazed by the continued focus and creativity of our students. The art work created in Year 1 and Year 3 especially, is of the highest quality and shows great technical skills in such an imaginative manner.

Ms. Gradden and I, along with our current Head Prefects, Megha and Liam, interviewed 25 candidates for prefect positions next year. We were so impressed with their ideas, passion and thoughtful and balanced opinions. Our mission and vision is for all students to strive for excellence and be kind and every single candidate certainly exuded these most important qualities. Congratulations to them all for putting themselves forward to in order to help others and the school.

I would urge everyone to watch the video opposite, that our current prefect leadership team created, highlighting the campaign for equality and an end to disrmination and prejudice. We are extremely proud of all of our students, especially when they act, as these remarkable young people have done.

Our remarkable Year 13 cohort, our graduating class of 2020, have endured many disappointments this year, including not being able to graduate as they would have envisaged. Their resilience, compassion and ‘drive’ has enabled them to overcome these disappointments in spectacular fashion and we will be celebrating their considerable achievements in their virtual graduation this evening. Please do join us if you can this evening (YouTube link here).

Finally, I hope to see many of you on Sunday at our AGM (zoom link here), where we will evaluate our school year and look forward to the next one, hopefully in more ‘normal’ and safe circumstances. Please do have a good rest this weekend and stay safe. Brian Platts

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**Year 13 Graduation Live Stream**

We are hosting the Year 13 Graduation online this evening, starting at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to watch the live streaming on Youtube. *Please follow this for the live stream.*

**Community Work**

As part of our ongoing community support the TBS Z Club provided all of the girls in the Chora Chori safehouse in Godavari with Dignity Packs. The girls here have been rescued from traffickers or abuse and are counselled, educated and taught practical skills. Hopefully, with this holistic support, they will become confident and financially independent and therefore not as vulnerable as before.

**Black Lives Matter..Dalit Lives Matter..**

Our senior students created a video highlighting the campaign to raise awareness of the Black Lives Matter and Dalit Lives Matter movement. We hope after watching this video you are eager to find out more and get involved in the various movements around the world that aim to tackle discrimination and prejudice and we encourage you to share this video with your friends and family. **CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO.**

**Early Years News**

Children in F1 are learning to measure using non-standard units, like blocks, pencils, hands and feet. Jeongwon measured her ‘World Atlas book’ using various materials. Her book was 3 and a half lego sticks long, 16 cubes long, 4 and a half wooden blocks long and 3 markers long. She was able to explain she needed more cubes because these are smaller than the other things.
**Lower Key Stage 2 News**

Following their ocean adventures as part of their ‘Saving the World’ topic, Year 3 have created comic strips set underwater. They designed short stories to fit into a group of frames, then used speech bubbles and captions to bring their comics to life.

![Comic strips](image1.png)

Year 4 have been looking at optical art as part of their Paintings, Pictures and Photographs unit. They have been using geometric patterns and complementary colours to create the illusions.

![Optical art](image2.png)

**Foundation 2 students** are learning all about dinosaurs; they have been listening to ‘dino’ stories, writing facts about dinosaurs, doing ‘dino’ art and craft and made their own fossils with some plant imprints.

![Fossil art](image3.png)

**Key Stage 1 News**

The Year 1 students have been inspired by art from Salvador Dali - the photographs speak for themselves...

![Dali-inspired art](image4.png)

This week the Year 2 students were in charge of storytime, reading their own chapter book/stories to the rest of the class for storytime, with some time in between to play their self-made instruments.
Upper Key Stage 2 News
Year 6 have been exercising some very different muscles in their PE lessons this week, creating models of bicycles out of things they had around the house - we have been incredibly impressed with the results!

Year 5, meanwhile, have had some ‘high, high hopes’ in their music lessons, demonstrating to us their fantastic dance moves - we loved watching all of the videos!

Key Stage 3 News
Last week’s ‘KS3 Student of the Week’ was Daniel Tuladhar. Daniel is consistently hardworking and an excellent role model to his peers.

So what have the KS3 students been up to this week? In English the Y7s have been studying allusions. This week they’ve found out about some of the most common Biblical allusions in literature. For example, The Parable of the Good Samaritan and Oliver Twist.

In Geography the Y7s have been learning about urban planning and redevelopment schemes. They have evaluated projects using environmental surveys and then written letters of recommendation to local councils. Whereas the Y8s have been using their knowledge of Biomes to conduct an ecosystem enquiry.
We are also quickly approaching the end of our Online Courses for Year 11s. The feedback from our students has been extremely positive, with students feeling more prepared for the start of A-Levels in August. Our Year 10 students have also been extremely busy with end of year assessments. As an alternative option for examinations (which will take place early next year), our students have been extremely busy preparing and submitting work that shows their learning so far. The Year 10’s have been particularly impressive, displaying high quality within their work and attitude to learning.

Our KS4 ‘Student of the Week’ was Seoyun in Year 11.

Seoyun has consistently demonstrated an outstanding approach to her learning. In addition to her own academics, she has committed herself to other opportunities around the school as well as supporting others in need. This has been highlighted recently by her keen interest in raising awareness and support for our school community regarding recent global events. Seoyun’s initiative and motivation are highly commendable as we respond to such events differently as individuals. Her desire and willingness to help others is an admirable quality that we hope influences all of our students and the wider community. Well done, Seoyun!

The Y9s have been creating some infographics in Geography in honour of UN World Refugee Day.

Whereas in Mathematics Y7s have been working on their Shape and Space project and the Y8s on their straight line graphs.

The Y8s have created some excellent radio plays in Drama and the Y9s have created a very clever collaborative combat video. Despite it being the penultimate week of term the quality of work and level of enthusiasm is there. Well done KS3!

**Key Stage 5 News**

Thank you to Year 11 for a fantastic bridging course on Thursday - it was a really great afternoon getting to know you all a little better and we look forward to seeing you again soon as sixth form students beginning your A-levels. We are looking forward to the Graduation of our Class of 2020 later today from 6pm, live streamed via YouTube.