



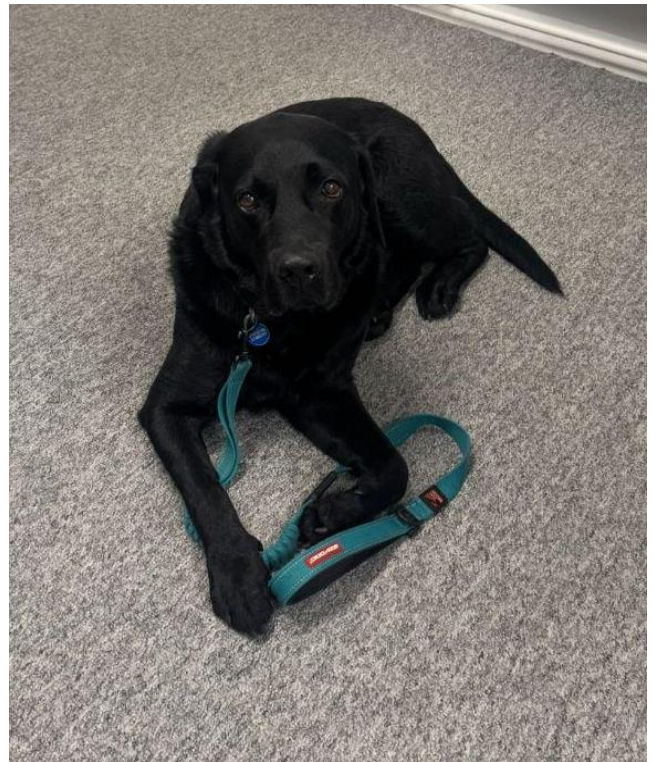
Friday 1st November 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well; a Friday update as always. As we end the first week of the new half term everyone is now fully used to the changes in the clocks, my father always says “it now gets later earlier” and the students have acclimatised well. We started the Year 11 Mock exams this week with MFL oral exams and Art exams taking place. For the next 2 weeks, the formal exams take place in the school gym and they should all be revising hard at home for these assessments.

### **Therapy support animal: Meet Monty!**

Starting on 13th November Monty and his owner/ handler Gavin will be in school between 11:00am-2:00pm from now until the end of the term while we trial the use of a therapy dog in school. As mentioned before, all risk assessments are in place the therapy dog will have a space in school separate from other students who do not want to see the dog. Any students that do wish to be involved in the support sessions with Monty will be spoken to next week and put their information onto a Google Form. There will also be a “Dog club” for the numerous students who want to be able to see the dog at lunchtime on Wednesdays as well. I will be involved in the running of this club and will also be present throughout, and this will be in a space separate from the rest of the students. Anyone wishing to know more about this initiative we are trialling please do not hesitate to contact me, and more information on the use of therapy dogs is available on the [Pets as Therapy](#) website.



### **Rewards**

Year 10 are still trailblazing with 4495 Achievement Points between them. Particular congratulations to Aliza (10G) and Hawrra (11C) who both achieved 25 points this week.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Huge congratulations to 9S who achieved 99.5% attendance this week! Year 7 still have the highest overall attendance to date this academic year.

## Black History Month Events

Today, we marked the end of Black History Month with a bake sale which proved extremely popular and raised almost £200 for Show Racism the Red Card! During the last week of the previous half term, we held a Black History Month lunch with a special menu and a non-uniform day on Friday where students were encouraged to wear red to Show Racism the Red Card and to donate £1 towards this charity. Included are some photographs of these events.





## Anti-bullying Ambassador Training Day

Meet our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs)! They are identifiable in school by their ABA blazer lapel badge.



Our 10 ABA's spent Thursday 24th October at Bow School training for their role. The day provided the inspiration, practical ideas and top tips they need to prevent bullying and ensure everyone feels happy and safe in school.

The ABA's will be planning and leading an assembly for anti-Bullying Week (11th-15th November) around the theme: Choose Respect.

Watch this space for further initiatives.

## Year 9 Inter-Form Handball Tournament.

This took place on Tuesday 29th October and was an exhilarating display of athletic prowess and school spirit. Students from across the year group gathered to represent their tutor groups in a fiercely contested competition filled with breathtaking saves, powerful shots, and electric energy from both players and spectators.

The tournament showed not only the impressive handball skills of Year 9 students but also their dedication to teamwork and respect for each other. Players from each team demonstrated both determination and sportswomanship. The goalkeepers were a particular highlight, making incredible saves, with shots coming in at high speed, the goalkeepers' quick reflexes and courage to block the ball were crucial to each game's suspenseful moments.

The atmosphere throughout the event was great, with spectators lining the sides to cheer on their peers. The enthusiasm as students cheered for their tutor groups with unwavering energy, immersing themselves fully in each game's highs and lows. It was clear that this support was appreciated by the players, who fought hard to give their spectators something to celebrate.

The Year 9 cohort demonstrated that they are not only talented athletes but also individuals of great character. Each tutor group should be proud of their performances. A huge congratulations to Year 9—this tournament truly was a showcase of talent and teamwork.

Turn over to see the winners.....

**Results: 1st Place 9F ..... 2nd Place 9G ..... 3rd Place 9C**



As always, I wish you all a happy weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature of Mr. Silk

Mr. Silk  
Headteacher