

Principal's newsletter

Feb 24 2025

Welcome back to the start of Half Term 4! Can you believe we're already halfway through the school year? As always, we aim for all students to attend school as much as possible to ensure they can reach their full potential and there are no gaps in their learning.

Quality in Careers Standard

In the final week of term, our careers provisions were inspected, and we are delighted to announce that we have achieved The Quality in Careers Standard. The Quality in Careers Standard is awarded to schools and education providers who can demonstrate the importance they place on careers and how they support students to make decisions about their life after school. The Standard shows we are continually working to improve the chances and opportunities of all students, recognising the importance of preparing students for their future careers. To read more click [here](#).

Uniform

We would like to remind parents and students to check our uniform guidance on the [school website](#) before buying new items.

Drama: Matilda Jr. production

Rehearsals for *Matilda Jr.* are progressing well as the performance dates draw nearer. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 24th February, with performances scheduled for Wednesday 2nd April and Thursday 3rd April at 3:30 pm and 6 pm.

Be Kind

Mrs Shephard is launching her *Be Kind* letter-writing campaign. She invites students to use the *Be Kind* headed letter paper to write thoughtful notes to both staff and fellow students to brighten their week! These can be posted in the box outside E1 for delivery during tutor time.

Sports



📌 **Y9 Girls' Football** – The girls won their Humberside Quarter-Final cup match away at Withernsea with an impressive score of 6-0. As a reward, the students enjoyed a well-deserved free Fish & Chips!

📌 The Y9/10 Football team triumphed 7-2 against Healing, securing their place in the Final in May. Well done to everyone! Mr Payne says: “I was incredibly proud of them.”

Year 8 STEM



Year 8 students participated in a British Aerospace event, exploring STEM opportunities within BAE, the Royal Air Force, and the Royal Navy, with a focus on AI.

Reading

On Valentine's Day, Mrs Gilbert took 14 Year 7 students, who had read the most books last term, to the Waterstones Children's Book Festival. There, they had the opportunity to meet Cressida Cowell (*How to Train Your Dragon*), Phil Earle (*When the Sky Falls*), and Frank Cottrell-Boyce (*Framed*, *The Perfect Crime*).



The Eco-Committee

The leadership team of the Eco-Committee has now been formed. This term, with the help of tutor groups during break and lunchtimes, they have been busy planting spring bulbs across the quad area

(over 70 pupils took part, alongside teachers Miss Rouse, Mrs Beeson, Miss Bacon, and Miss Kendall). Additionally, 14 tutor groups took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch!

In the last week of term, the Eco-Committee went on a residential trip to Sherwood Forest, where they learnt about nature, including stargazing, orienteering, and building dens.



World Book day

World Book Day will be celebrated on 6th March this year. All students are invited to dress as their favourite book characters. Please note that football kits or inflatable suits are not permitted. Students must dress as a character from a fiction book or wear their normal school uniform!

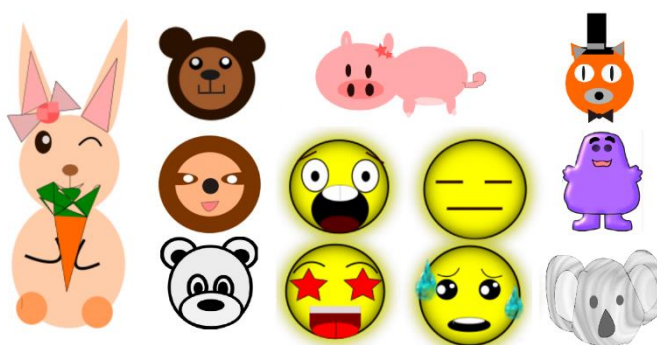
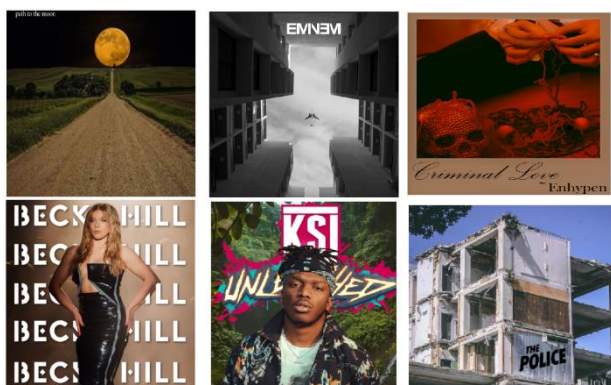
Scholars Programme

In Science, Mr Stout has launched the Scholars Programme. Fourteen Year 9 students have been selected to participate, providing them with the opportunity to experience university life. On 12th

March, they will attend a launch event where they will meet their tutors and begin the programme. Those who succeed will attend a graduation ceremony at the university.

Computer Science

This term in Computer Science, students have been doing fantastic work. Year 7 students have been learning how to create vector graphics, culminating in a final project where they design their own set of emojis. Year 9 students have been working with Photoshop, with their final project being the design of their own album covers.



On a final note, please use our [What to Do If](#) page before contacting reception.

Thank you