



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It has been another busy week at Five Acres High School, and another one full of success stories. I am pleased to report that we are currently FOURTH in the country in usage statistics for Hegarty Maths, our online maths homework system. Students can log on from any PC with internet access to complete their daily tasks, and they have been! At home, in the library at school and in our homework club they have been really clocking up the hours. Fantastic work!

We held a Year 11 information evening this week, for students, parents and carers to find out about our 'Period 6'. This extra lesson will run from 3:00-4:00 for Year 11 students, with different subjects on different nights, allowing them to really extend and embed their subject knowledge ready for an excellent GCSE performance next summer. Thank you to all the staff giving up their own time to run these sessions and to all the parents and carers who are giving their children the best chance of future success by supporting us in this.

The tutor reading programme is continuing, with Miss Lai's tutor group being the first to finish their book, *Of Mice And Men* by John Steinbeck. I hope you enjoy some of these photos of students totally engrossed in their reading.

Finally, more great sports news with two more FA cup wins! More information overleaf in the report from Mr Hayward.



Sports Update

So far this term, Five Acres High School has participated in 20 different fixtures ranging from Boccia to Rugby. The highlight of these fixtures has been our Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 boys English Schools FA Cup fixtures. Our separate Year 7 and Year 8 teams received a bye in the first round and then went on to win 5-0 (Year 7) and 3-1 (Year 8) against Sir William Romney's from Tetbury. They have now advanced to round 3 – we are awaiting for our opponents to be confirmed. Our Year 9 team played Dyson Perrins from Worcester and put in a great performance to win 8-0. They progress to round 2 and will play Swindon Academy on the 31st October away.



The Mile Runners!

Our mile run in the morning has continued to take place every Monday to Thursday at 8am. We are always looking for new members. Staff, students and parents are welcome to attend. Our most recent member to join has been Fern Parnell, Mr Parnell's beautiful Hungarian Vizsla.

FIVE ACRES FIVE CORE VALUES

WEEKLY FOCUS – DETERMINATION

This week's focus is on determination, and this value was clearly on display when we launched our new homework initiative this week. I would like to congratulate the students for their determination to succeed and achieve as they approach the homework tasks set, and also the determination of parents and carers to support their children, as illustrated by the great feedback we have had so far about the programme. If you would like to know more, the full policy and a letter explaining the initiative is available on our website.

Also displaying determination were the large numbers of students who attended our Futures Evening. These young people are clearly determined to have fantastic futures as they took full advantage of all the information on offer from FE providers, apprenticeship schemes and universities.

Mr Dowle

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

PARENT VOICE MEETINGS

KS3 – 5:00 & KS4 – 6:00

23-27 OCTOBER

HALF TERM

10 NOVEMBER

SCHOOL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

17 NOVEMBER

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY