



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Last week, our first full week as **FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL**, was a busy one. We had a professional photographer in to capture our very smart students ready for our prospectus and brand new website, launching this week. I hope you enjoy the selection of images in this issue. We waved goodbye to our Year 7 students on Friday lunchtime, wishing them well on their residential visit to Viney Hill Adventure Centre (photos to come!), and we celebrated the end of a successful first week with ice creams for everyone!

I was extremely pleased to show off our school to visiting Primary Head, Mrs Sally Hunt from Berry Hill Primary School. She was very impressed with the exceptional focus shown by students in all the classes she visited and the quiet, calm and disruption free classrooms.

Our Literacy/Numeracy carousel system is proving to be a huge success, with selected Key Stage 3 students showing real advances after lessons using Accelerated Reader, Hegerty Maths and a Phonics Code based programme. Key Stage 4 students are working hard too, with the Tassomai Science revision app now available to all students in Years 9, 10 and 11.

I enjoyed visiting tutor groups this week, and seeing how much our students are embracing the Tutor Reading programme. I know Year 7 are loving Matilda by Roald Dahl, and have had some great conversations with Year 9 students around the accuracy of George Orwell's predictions for the future in 1984! More great books to come.

Next weeks Newsletter will be emailed out, so please ensure we have your correct details on file.



RUNNING CLUB

Five Acres High School running club is open to all students, staff and parents. We start promptly at 8:00 and do 4 laps of the redgras (one mile). Come and beat your own time!

Students you do not need to wear school uniform or PE kit, as long as you are ready for Line Up in time.



Mr Cockeram giving out the ice creams!



Mr Parnell with our Head Boy, Todd Morris and Head Girl, Kayleigh Brooks



OPEN EVENING

19th September 2017
From 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Five Acres High School is an exciting, energetic and welcoming all inclusive 11-16 academy.

Ben Parnell, the new Headteacher, will be speaking at 6.00pm and 7.00pm.

5 ACRES 5 CORE VALUES

WEEKLY FOCUS - CONFIDENCE

Confidence is the feeling or belief that one can have faith in or rely on someone or something. This has been evident in so many situations this week. Here at Five Acres High School we have been instilling confidence into our students and showing that they can have full confidence in the new systems and routines we have introduced this term.

One of our new initiatives ensures that every child in every year 7-10 class is guided through a challenging text each morning as a teacher reads aloud to them for 20 minutes. This modelling has given students the confidence to read aloud in class situations and it is reassuring to see time and time again students volunteering to challenge themselves by reading high-level texts aloud in front of their peers. Students in 7V2 were challenged to read GCSE text including unfamiliar subject specific text this week. Whilst there was clearly tension in the air at the sight of the variety of technical vocabulary, each student confidently approached every word using techniques that had been modelled to them. They didn't always successfully read each word but they did show resolve and character by attempting the words and drew confidence from those around who ably assisted them in figuring out the sounds and subsequently the meanings of these words. This may seem a small thing to some but reading aloud confidently is a key skill for success and this has demonstrated that when we all show confidence in each other's abilities we are all challenged to aim for and achieve more.

Mr Phelps



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