



FIVE ACRES HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

25 March 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our final edition of the Five Acres High School newsletter for this term. Whilst it has been a short term, students and staff have managed to pack a lot into their time. Some of the amazing opportunities have been highlighted on our social media pages, please continue to follow us on X, Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date. With Easter weekend almost upon us, for some, our thoughts might turn to the message of Easter - self sacrifice and seeing things through, no matter the cost. Whilst our own personal actions and the causes we represent rarely lead us to consider laying down our lives for others, they may often call for us to act in a self sacrificial way.

With this in mind I want to say a special thanks to all of the staff that give up their time voluntarily to ensure these opportunities can happen. Their dedication to providing the best opportunities does not go unnoticed. I would also like to thank parents for supporting their children with their time, money and taxi services to allow them to take part. Whether it is a week long adventure such as the ski trip, a night at the theatre to watch Shrek, a

weekend in the open air for TenTors training or an after-school fixture or academy/society, they all require your full support so thank you for your time and efforts with that. Our brilliant students also need commending for the energy they bring to these events. They are all enthusiastic about what they take part in and are great ambassadors for our school, our local community and the families they represent.

Recently we have received some very positive feedback from members of the public about staff and students alike, they are a real credit to the community. All of these opportunities and more go towards students achieving their badges and shields for their Character Education programme. It has been wonderful awarding so many of these this term, some of which are highlighted in this edition of the newsletter.

As has been said before, our Character Education programme sits proudly alongside our academic achievements. It is important for students to value both and to leave our school well rounded, having acquired social and academic skills and capital in equal measure. So, to finish this edition I wanted to



commend and congratulate the hard work and dedication of our students who have now all completed their first round of assessments for the year. Our Year 11s also continue to excel, ensuring they maximise their time in their last few months with us - it is so encouraging to see so many of them sign up to our additional revision sessions, giving themselves the best chance of success.

Whatever you are involved with this Easter, and however you spend your time away from school life over the next two weeks, I wish you all well and look forward to welcoming the school community back together on Tuesday 9 April (Monday 8 April for staff and Year 11 students studying Geography). Happy Easter Holidays.



SPRING CONCERT

A huge well done to all the students who took part in this week's Spring Concert. It was a fantastic showcase of their musical talents with band and choir performance on the programme.

KEY DATES

Monday 25 March-Friday 5 April

Easter Holidays

Monday 8 April

INSET Day

Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 April

TenTors Training

Monday 6 May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7 May

Governors Meeting

Friday 10 - Sunday 12 May

TenTors Event

Thursday 16 May

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22 May

Open Mic Night

Thursday 21 May

Year 10 DEI workshop with

Peter Radford

Monday 27 May -

Friday 31 May

Half Term

Week commencing 3 June

Year 7 & 9 Assessments

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 June

DofE Bronze/Silver Expedition

Wednesday 19 June

National Thank A

Teacher Day

Week commencing 24 June

Year 8 & 10 Assessments

Week commencing 1 July

Year 6 Welcome Week

Week commencing 1 July

School Production -

The Addams Family

Wednesday 10 & Thursday

11 July

Sports Days

(weather permitting)

Friday 19 July

Monkhouse Schoolwear in-school

uniform sizing event

Monday 22 July

Last day of term

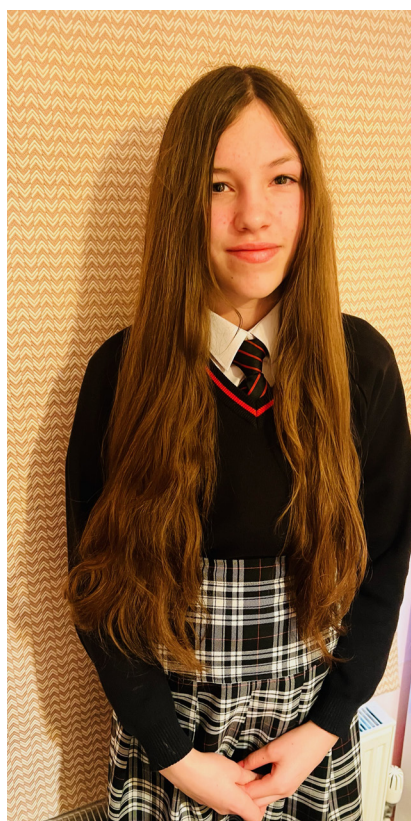
Tuesday 23 July-September

Summer Holidays

THE LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST FUNDRAISING

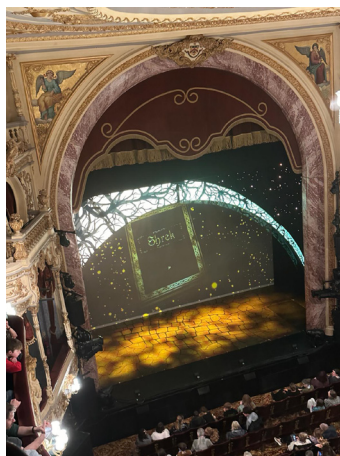
Year 7 student Arrabella will be transforming her hair over the Easter holiday as she plans to cut and donate her hair in aid of The Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their hair through cancer treatment.

Arrabella has been growing her hair since she was in Year 3 at primary school, with her aim to donate it. As well as her donation, Arrabella is also hoping to raise £700 as that will pay for a wig to be made and fitted for a child. If you would like to support Arrabella on her fundraising journey, please see the link to her JustGiving page - <https://shorturl.at/acJP5>



YEAR 7 & 8 THEATRE VISIT - SHREK

On Thursday 14 March, students from Years 7 and 8 travelled to Cheltenham Everyman Theatre to watch Shrek, The Musical. Students had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity.



READING RECOMMENDATIONS

*English Teacher, Miss Butler
shares her picks for Key Stage 3
and Key Stage 4.*



Seven Million Sunflowers
by Malcolm Duffy

Escaping war is only half the battle as the Kovalenko family swap Ukrainian dangers for life with a British family.

15-year-old Kateryno and her family live in Kharkiv. Their lives are shattered when on February 24 2022 the Russian army invades. Their apartment block is struck by a missile. After weeks living in their basement, Kateryno, her mother, and brother, decide to leave, joining seven million Ukrainian refugees. They come to England and meet their host family, the Hawkins. But their new begin-

ning brings a whole new set of problems.

The Sunday Times described *Seven Million Sunflowers* as a grippingly unfolding domestic drama... the book's two engaging narrators learn and teach the value of empathy with others.



Thief!
by Malorie Blackman

You're the new girl in school. You're just trying to fit in - and it's not working. Then someone accuses you of theft, and you think things can't get any worse. Until you get caught in a freak storm...

The next thing you know, you're in the future. Being shot at for being out after curfew. You don't even recognise your hometown. And you're heading for a confrontation from your worst nightmare.

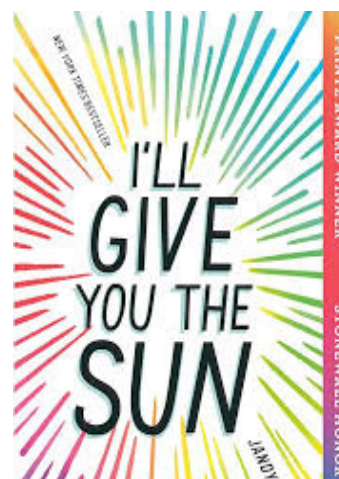
What if you could change the

past to save the future?

Malorie Blackman's work has been adapted for stage and television and she has received an OBE for her services to children's literature. *Thief!* is a must-read for those who love reading action- and atmosphere-packed stories.

*If you have been inspired
by our choices, you can buy
books and support the school
through our partnership
with Rossiter Books - [https://
uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres](https://uk.bookshop.org/shop/fiveacres)*

*Our school library is also looking
for donations of any young adult
fiction books that you may no
longer want. You can find a full
list of suggestions on our social
media pages. If you take a look
and find you have any good con-
dition books that are not on the
list that you would be happy to
donate, they would be gratefully
received also.*



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AMBITION - CONFIDENCE - CREATIVITY - DETERMINATION - RESPECT

UPDATES FROM HEADS OF KEY STAGES

MR JONES - HEAD OF YEAR 7



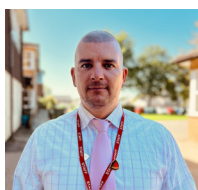
Another short sharp term in which Year 7s have shown some serious success starting with year to date attendance at 94.7%, making them the top year group in the school! This term our top attending tutor groups have been 7JWS and 7APZ on 97%. Students all have an opportunity to win prizes by beating their previous attendance in our new competition.

Three Year 7 students enjoyed lunch with Mr Phelps on Wednesday 20 March after receiving a Golden Ticket for their outstanding contributions to school life.

They were Cameron, Evie and Chloe. Chloe and Cameron were also at the top of Year 7 students for most positive behaviour points with +50 and +45 respectively. A big shout out also goes to Tristan +45, Jenson +41 and Sienna +40 - who have all been smashing the positive rewards of tokens and postcards of recognition this term.

Year 7s continue to be a success story on the sports field, most recently the Year 7 boys A team beat Monmouth 4-1. Year 7s still lead the way with the number of Character Education badges awarded this term. However, there has been a changing of the guard with our top tutor group as 7SPE with 190 badges and 7DWN with 183 badges have overtaken 7APZ now. We look forward to a fantastic final summer term!

MR HAYWARD - HEAD OF YEARS 8 & 9



Year 8 students are again consistently gaining a high number of positive points each week and are still averaging well over 300 positive points per week. Year 9 students are also gaining an impressive haul each week and regularly in the 300s for positive points.

Last week our top earners for tokens, also known as our 'High Flyers' in Year 8 were Max, Robert, Asha and Lucy. In Year 9 our 'High Flyers' were Tio, Amelia, Aiden, Codi and Dominic.

We now also have totals for who are our Gold, Silver and Bronze winners for students who have received the most positive points across the whole term. Year 8s are Gold: Asha, Silver: Robert and Bronze: Harry. Y9 results are Gold: Amelia, Silver: Peyton-Louise, Bronze: Tio. The overall top score for Y8 and Y9 was Amelia who had a truly impressive 54 positive praise points for the term.

I would like to congratulate our Y8 and Y9 students on such a fantastic term, I hope they have a good Easter and are ready to go again next term!

MRS HAYWARD - HEAD OF YEARS 10 & 11



Well done to all of our Key Stage 4 students for another excellent term. We have had many achievements from those who walked 30 miles for their TenTors practice walk to sporting successes and students representing the school in performances. It has been a busy, but incredible term.

Our Year 11 students finish the term by receiving their final PPE results before their official exams begin. Each student has had a one to one conversation with a member of staff around their futures. Our staff are also putting on some fantastic revision sessions over the half term - Year 11, don't forget to sign up!

Well done to our termly prize winners Sophie, Emma, Kaylie, Luke, Shannon and Anastasia who were the top three students in their year groups for the number of positive points earned.

We also had a hugely successful Prom raffle, thanks to those in our local community who donated prizes and family and friends of our students who purchased tickets. A list of those prizes and winners can be found on page 7. A huge well done to our Prom committee for the hard work they put in to make it happen.

CHARACTER EDUCATION SHIELD WINNERS

We recently had the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the students who have earned their Character Education value shields and certificates. Well done for showing such commitment and engagement with our Character Education offer. A special mention must go to Year 7 student Lacey who is the first student to be awarded with our Kindness value badge and certificate. More photos can be found on the school website - <https://www.5acreshighschool.co.uk/parents/communication/photo-albums>



STAR STUDENTS

Hannah (9AWS) is the quickest reader in the whole tutor group and is going through books faster than I can ask her about them!

Miss Williams

Nathan (10BRS) has made vast improvements this year so far, including with his reading and test scores. He is always ready to listen and take on board advice and instructions. Well done!

Mr Robbins

HIGH FLYERS

The students listed below have received the most positive rewards for the week commencing 4 March 2024

Year 7

Archie

Isi

(7 awards)

Year 8

Robert

Chloe

(5 awards)

Year 9

Amelia

(7 awards)

Year 10

Anastasia

(6 awards)

Year 11

Sophie

(8 awards)

Week commencing 11 March

Year 7

James

(10 awards)

Year 8

Max, Robert, Asha, Lucy

(7 awards)

Year 9

Tio

(7 awards)

Year 11

Chloe

(8 awards)

GOLDEN TICKET CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday those students who were nominated by Heads of Year and the Senior Leadership Team were treated to afternoon tea with Simon to celebrate their hard work and achievements over the last full term.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024-2025 APPLICATIONS

A red poster with a white speech bubble in the center. Inside the speech bubble, the text "STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!" is written in bold red capital letters. To the left of the speech bubble is a red and white megaphone. Below the speech bubble, the text "HEAD STUDENTS (CURRENT Y10) CHARACTER EDUCATION DEPUTIES (CURRENT Y9)" is written in bold white capital letters. At the bottom, the text "Please check your school email for details" and "Closing date: Tuesday 9 April 2024" is written in white.

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YEAR 11 PROM FUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone who supported our Prom raffle either through their generous prize donations or the purchase of tickets. We are always blown away by the support we receive from our local community. Well done to all of the lucky winners (please see below). Where applicable, we have sent prizes home with students. Please contact Mrs Hayward if you would like to arrange for collection.

Raffle Prize Winners

2 night stay at Willow Acres Campsite - C O'Dell (Blue 18)
2 meals at The Tramstop - K King (Brown 225)
£15 voucher for Changes hair salon - L Watts (Blue 161)
Molton Brown products (also donated by Changes) - E Davies (Brown 448)
£30 voucher for The Woodman - E Cornish (Blue 202)
An adult and child ticket to Puzzlewood - L Watts (Brown 244)
Infuse My Colour (hair products), donated by Bohemia Salon - Ellen (Brown 265)
A gel manicure at Top to Toes Nail and Beauty Salon - K Childs (Brown 342)
Wireless earphones - Miss Harvey (Brown 366)
Irn Bru camping chairs - Z Davies (Brown 455)
Lucozade - S Morton (Blue 18)
Lucozade - J Hancock (Brown 226)
Lucozade - T Baker (Brown 417)
Sponge cake - M Jones (Brown 315)
Welsh cakes - K Farr (Brown 296)
£15 shopping voucher, donated by SPP Pumps - C Phelps (Brown 467)
£15 shopping voucher, donated by SPP Pumps - S Murtha (Blue 150)

