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## **Parent Bulletin - Friday 15th December 2023**

### **Headteacher Update:**

Dear Parents & Carers

I would like to start this week's Parent Bulletin with a huge thank you for joining us at the Christmas Showcase on Wednesday evening. It was wonderful to see the support and enthusiasm from our school community as we celebrated the festive season together. Students from across all Year groups and all of the Arts joined together to perform a festive masterpiece through the story of a Christmas Carol. I would like to thank all the students and staff, especially Miss Wilson and Mr Perry for their efforts in making this happen. We are already excited about what the Summer Showcase will be and will hopefully see even more students taking part.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the cycle 1 reports for students in Years 7 to 10 have been sent out this week via email. These reports are a comprehensive overview of your child's progress, highlighting their achievements and areas for development. We encourage you to review them together with your child and if you have any questions please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the very last week of what has been a wonderful term here at Great Wyrley Academy and it has encouraged me to reflect on the many great things that we have achieved as a school community this term and what is still left to do. I am so proud to be the Headteacher of this school and whilst our journey over the last year has been at times turbulent, we have united to ensure that our school mission to relentlessly pursue excellence is unwavering and we will continue to enforce and maintain those high standards that we have in all areas of school life and I want to thank those of you who continue to support me in my quest to making this school great.

I will leave you to read through the rest of the bulletin, have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs K Moore  
Headteacher

## School Events for this week:

### END OF TERM REMINDERS:

- Christmas dinner for students will be served on Tuesday 19th December
- The Christmas experience that students have purchased through class charts rewards using their Aspire points will happen on Thursday 21st December during period 2
- The end of term reward for 0 behaviour points this half term will happen on Thursday 21st December during period 3
- The Year 7 Christmas Disco will take place on Thursday evening at 6pm at GWA. Tickets are £2 and can be purchased through parent mail or on the gate that evening. Students will be able to purchase refreshments during the night so please bring cash if you wish to purchase these
- On Friday 22nd December it is a non school uniform day of which we are asking students to donate £1
- School will finish at **12.40pm** that day. Students will have lunch before we finish for the day

**CRAFT CLUB:** Craft and Chat club have been busy over the past few weeks creating Xmas decorations, including a Pom Pom wreath made from scratch and the longest paper chain we could manage! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



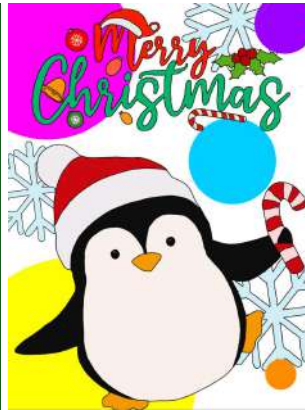
## Christmas Card Competition

We had an amazing array of Christmas card entries this year. Students showed off their excitement for the holidays and their creativity with great enthusiasm.

The three winning entries are:



Paige Williams Year 7



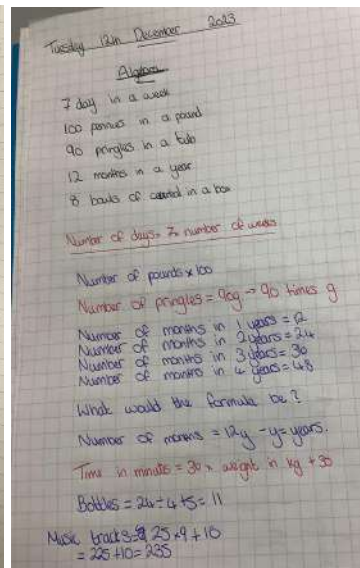
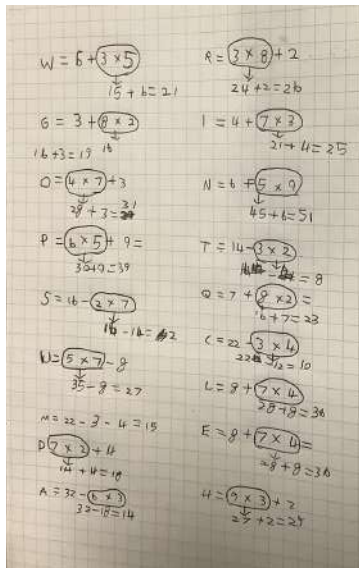
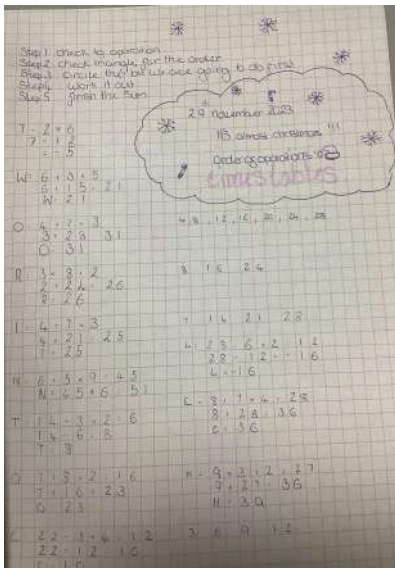
Josh Palmer Year 8



Madeline Stanton Year 11

## Maths

There has been some fantastic work going on over the past couple of weeks in maths. Here is a selection of work from 8M4 that students wanted to share with you.



### **GHCQ Christmas Challenge**

This week GHCQ released their annual Christmas puzzle. This year is their trickiest challenge yet!

The Challenge is presented in the form of a Christmas card, sent by their Director, Anne Keast-Butler, to partners around the world.



The card, available to download below, contains a series of brainteasers, designed by GCHQ's own puzzle volunteers, specifically for 11 to 18-year-olds.

Your special festive puzzle mission is to complete the 2023 GCHQ Christmas Challenge by solving the puzzles and uncovering the hidden final message.

You can find the challenge here: [The GCHQ Christmas Challenge 2023 - GCHQ.GOV.UK](https://www.gchq.gov.uk/the-gchq-christmas-challenge-2023)

### **Year 8/9 Futsal Tournament.**



The Year 8/9 girls football team produced a fantastic performance at a 5 a-side Futsal tournament at Cheslyn Hay Academy, finishing in 3rd place. With two victories and only losing 3-2 to the eventual winners the girls played fantastically well as a team. N'Kyah Reid contributed two goals and Phoebe Foster and Eden Guest both scored four goals each. Isabella Arrowsmith and Sophie Pearson made some strong tackles and blocks in defence, with Freya Preston backing them up in goal with a collection of brilliant saves. Jorja Jo Johnston completed the team and made several

dangerous attacking runs and passes forwards. Well done on an excellent team performance.

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## WAT Year 7/8 Girls and Boys Tag Rugby Tournament.

On Tuesday we took 5 girls and 6 boys to Windsor High School to compete against other WAT schools in tag Rugby. We played with 2 less players in all girls games and 1 less player in all boys games and still put up a strong challenge. We came third in both the boys and the girls and had it not been for one of two tries we would have been in the final for both leagues. A very good performance considering some had never played any form of rugby before. Well done!!

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### **Curriculum Updates for this week:**

#### **Homework**

We have now reached the end of the first term and we are very pleased with how students have been working on and completing their homework. In a small change to the schedule there will not be any homework set today to be done over the Christmas break. The next set of homework will be set on Friday 12th January.

Of course, we would still encourage our students to make use of both Century Tech and Seneca Learning for any additional work they wish to complete!

#### **Year 7 - 10 Reports**

This week reports were sent home to reflect on our students' progress in Cycle 1. These reports are a comprehensive overview of your child's progress, highlighting their achievements and areas for development. We encourage you to review them together with your child and if you have any questions please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance

## What are we Studying in English in Cycle 2?

**Year 7:** Monstrous Poetry and Rhetoric

**Year 8:** Sherlock Holmes and other short crime stories

**Year 9:** Protest Poetry and Blood Brothers

**Year 10:** Jekyll and Hyde / Christmas Carol

**Year 11:** Poetry / Unseen Poetry / Language revision



## What are we studying in Geography in Cycle 2?

**Year 7:** Physical landscapes - UK  
Geology & rock cycle. Coastal landforms & processes. Coastal management by hard & soft engineering. Case study of Happisburgh and the accelerating collapse of cliffs in Norfolk as a result of extreme weather & sea level rise

**Year 8:** Weather & Climate - UK  
weather & climate. How rain falls. Air pressure. Global atmospheric circulation & climate change. Case study of tropical storms & why these are increasing due to warmer ocean temperatures



**Year 9:** Impossible Challenges - Global resource provision at a time of increasing population. Includes topics on climate change, fossil fuels & a case study of water resources in North Africa leading to a focus on the Ethiopian Grand Renaissance dam.

**Year 10:** GCSE Geography Unit 2: Urbanisation

**Year 11:** GCSE Geography Unit 1: UK Physical Landscapes moving to Unit 2: Managing Resources

## Year 7 Christmas Party @ GWA

# Y7 Christmas Party

Thursday 21st December 2023 6pm-7pm

Snacks, Disco and Soft Drinks

£2 per ticket

Please complete the Google Form on Google Classroom to register your interest

Tickets will be available to purchase on ParentMail from Tuesday 05 December 2023

## Student Services Updates for this week:

Great Wyrley Academy students have received nearly 8000 aspire points this week. The top 3 character virtues and learner skills demonstrated this week are being **responsible, giving and receiving feedback** and **communicating clearly**. They have demonstrated a great deal of respect for each other and collaborated to improve their knowledge and understanding of key topics after assessments.



Communicate clearly	654
Responsible	372
Become unstuck	257
Respectful	233
Creative	214
Give and receive feedback	198
Be organised	193
Be collaborative	160
Resilient	157
Self-quiz	152
Courageous	37
Compassionate	13



## Top 10 Aspire Points

Year 7				Year 8				Year 9			
George	Reynolds	7Y	31	Leo	Orme	8W	30	Ellie-Mae	Lane	9X	37
Riley	Brooks	7Y	30	Joshua	Palmer	8W	28	Abigail	Nutting	9Z	37
Teejay	Orme	7Y	28	Ryan	Bates	8Z	26	Daniel	Tehn-Addy	9Z	35
Taliah	Bowes	7Y	26	Elliot	Lunt	8W	26	Archie	Stone	9Z	34
Evie	Plummer	7Y	26	Freya	Preston	8Y	26	Ashleigh	Bentley	9Z	33
Cole	Lines	7Y	25	Alfie	Loverock	8W	24	Joseph	McDonald	9X	32
Ellie	Molineux	7W	25	Lydia	Dutton	8W	23	James	Parker	9Y	31
India	O'Hare	7Y	25	Lacy	Hicken	8Z	23	Lola	Evans	9Z	30
Aleisha	Shooter	7Z	25	Oliver	Jarvis	8W	23	Rhoda	Obakpe	9Z	29
Jensen	Hooper	7W	24	Isobella	Taylor	8W	23	Harvey	Leek	9X	28

Year 10				Year 11			
Solomon	Bradley	10X	28	Katie	Dutton	11X	35
Millie	Barker	10X	27	Scarlett	Cresswell	11Z	27
Freddie	Rogers	10X	26	Harry	Bowles	11Z	26
Georgia	Despotaki	10X	25	Shaian	Cele	11Z	25
Kasey	Ebbans	10X	25	Stephen	Woodhall	11Z	25
Kenzie-Jay	Taylor	10X	25	George	Cartwright	11Z	23
Bethany	Robins	10X	24	Jessica	Hulse	11Z	23
Rubie	Ward	10X	24	Brooke	Brown	11Z	22
Conner	Garbett	10X	23	Josh	Coffey	11Z	21
Akyla	Lee-Clarke	10X	23	Magnus	Woods	11Z	21

**Well done to ELLIE-MAE LANE (9X) and ABIGAIL NUTTING (Z) for getting the most Aspire Points this week and being BEST IN SCHOOL**



## Extra-curricular Clubs

	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Monday	Eco Club	All	Mrs Holmes	S8	3-4pm
Monday	Junior Maths Challenge	7 and 8	Mr Frankham	Q7	3-4pm
Monday	Gaming Club	Invite only	Mr McFarlane/Mr Pattinson	Q23	Lunch
Monday	Netball	All	Mrs McCarthy	PE	3-4pm
Monday	Craft and Chat	All	Miss Chin/Miss Bray/Mrs Friel	B Block	3-4pm
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Tuesday	Design and Technology Club	All	Mr Cooper	D1	3-4pm
Tuesday	Trading Card Club	All	Mr Perry and Mr Collins	B Block	3-4pm
Tuesday	Board Game Club	All	Mrs Rogers	Q10	Lunch
Tuesday (A)	Year 7 Boys Football	7	Mr Phillips	PE	3-4pm
Tuesday (B)	Year 8/9 Boys Football	8 and 9	Mr Phillips	PE	
Tuesday	Duke of Edinburgh Award	9 and 10	Mr Stephenson	Science	3-4pm
Tuesday	Art Club	All (NOW FULL)	Mrs Crabb	D7	3-4pm
Tuesday	Viva Voce	All	Mr Smith	M1	8-8.30am
Tuesday	Soul Band	Invite Only	Mr Smith	M1	3-4pm
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Wednesday	Set Design Club	All	Mrs Down	D8	3-4pm
Wednesday	Mindfulness Colouring	All	Mrs Salter	Q5	3-4pm
Wednesday	Girls Football	All (Girls)	Mrs Fielder	PE	3-4pm
Wednesday	Basketball	All	Mr Phillips	PE	3-4pm

Wednesday	Food Club (6 weeks per Year Group)	Y7 Nov-Dec Y8 Jan-Feb Y9 Mar-Apr	Miss Smith and Ms Haddaway	D6	3-4pm
Wednesday	Drama Club	All	Miss Wilson	Theatre	3-4pm
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Thursday	Table Tennis	All	Mr McFarlane	DT Line Up	3-4pm
Thursday	Gaming Club	Invite only	Mr McFarlane/Mr Pattinson	Q23	lunch
Thursday	Tennis Club	7,8 & 9	Mrs Broad-Wood and Mr Toulson	Tennis Courts	Lunch (summer term)
Thursday	Ski Fit	All Skiers	Mrs Broad wood	Gym	Lunch (Spring term)
	Which club?	For which Year Groups?	With who?	Where?	At what time?
Friday (WEEK B)	History Film Club	All	Mrs Broad wood	Q12	Lunch
Friday	Key Stage 4 Football	10 and 11	Mr Fielder	PE	3-4pm
Friday	Running Club	All	Mr Tindall	Meet S6	3-4pm
Friday	Gardening Gurus	All	Mr Frost	Q6 and outside	Lunch

**100% Attendance for this Week - Roll of Honour**  
**(To get on next week's roll of honour you need to make sure you are in EVERYDAY)**

**Year 7**

Noah	Abbott	7W	Logan	Bayliss	7Z
Frankie	Andrews	7X	Taliah	Bowes	7Y
Tyler	Bacon-Jones	7X	Mini	Bowyer	7Y
Caelan	Bowen	7W	Riley	Brooks	7Y
Alfie	Clark	7W	Jessica	Buckler	7Y
Poppy	Cook	7W	Paije	Burke	7Y
Evie	Copeland	7X	Logan	Burton	7Y
Edward	Crump	7W	Sophie	Carter	7Z
Bella	Davies	7X	Callum	Clarke	7Y
Logan	Dicken	7X	Brodi	Delaney	7Y
Preston	Edwards	7X	Cameron	Farrell	7Z
Harry	Evans	7W	Alex	Fisher	7Y
Joshua	Finch	7X	Meabh	Fitzsimons	7Z
Avary-Lea	Fletcher	7X	Flynn	Friel	7Y
Grace	Flynn	7W	Oliver	Gorman	7Z
Reuben	Ford	7W	Noemi	Halmo	7Z
Lacey	Franks	7X	Millie	Harris	7Y
Ventsislav	Gradev	7X	James	Hayward	7Y
Ky	Graham	7X	Bryan	Kayode	7Y
Dexi-Beau	Gunn	7X	Lewis	Kerr	7Z
Will	Harris	7W	Riley	Kerr	7Y
Olivia	Heath	7X	Ellis	Law-Edwards	7Z
Jensen	Hooper	7W	Cole	Lines	7Y
Oscar	Howell	7W	Jade	Manley	7Z
Kodie	Hulse	7X	Daniel	Mills	7Y
Nicole - Lea	Jackson	7W	Ashley	Morris	7Z
Evie-Mae	Jakes	7W	India	O'Hare	7Y
Lewis	Johnston	7X	Teejay	Orme	7Y
Katherine	Landers	7W	Frankie	Parker	7Z
Gabriella	Leighton	7X	Leonidas	Pattihis	7Z
Evie-Mai	Lloyd	7W	Eden	Peakman	7Y
Bailee	Martin	7X	Ruby	Plant	7Z

Rocky	Mayfield	7X	Evie	Plummer	7Y
Rosie	Morgan	7W	Ollie	Potter	7Z
Charlie	Morris	7W	Yetunde	Rafiu	7Z
Sonia	Nock	7W	Amber	Raybould	7Y
Lydia	Perry	7X	George	Reynolds	7Y
Mikayla	Phillips	7X	William	Rushton	7Y
Hannah	Rawlins	7X	Eli	Sedgwick	7Y
Louie	Russell	7X	Aleisha	Shooter	7Z
Sienna	Sanders	7W	Jenson	Slater	7Z
Holly	Shotton	7W	Brodie	Smith	7Z
Freddie	Skelton	7X	Jack	Stokes	7Y
Riley	Speak	7W	Libby	Taylor	7Z
William	Taylor	7W	Beau	Telford	7Z
Alice	Turner	7X	Andrew	Tipton	7Z
Emily	Weaver	7W	Millie	Tisdell	7Y
Harry	Williams	7X	Daniel	Walsh	7Z
Megan	Williams	7W	Charles-Henry	Wright	7Z
Paige	Williams	7W			
Darcey	Wootton	7W			

### Year 8

Ruby	Abbott	8X	Emie-Lou	Arrowsmith	8Y
Noah	Bellingham	8W	Isabella	Arrowsmith	8Z
Olivia	Billett	8W	Tia	Bacon-Jones	8Z
Kai	Boshell	8X	Taylor	Bingham	8Z
Megan	Carter	8W	Eloane	Boyi	8Y
Lily-Rose	Challinor	8W	Ashley	Bridges	8Y
Hollie	Dawkins	8X	Harriet	Cadman	8Z
Lydia	Dutton	8W	Mai	Cahill	8Y
Grace	Elson	8X	Vinnie	Clarke	8Y
Phoebe	Foster	8X	Scarlett-Rose	Davis	8Y
Harry	Hancox	8X	Judah	De Castro	8Y
Daniel	Harrison	8X	Olly	Delaney	8Z
Owen	Hulett	8X	Charlotte	Edwards	8Z
Oliver	Jarvis	8W	Jayden	Element-Strett on	8Z
Poppy	Jenkins	8X	Grace	Ellis	8Y



Kelvin	Joshua	8X	Riley	Evans	8Z
Jayden	Kane	8X	Sophie	Everall	8Z
Thomas	Kendrick	8X	Charlie	French	8Z
Stevie-Leigh	Latham	8X	Xander	Gillion	8Y
Grace	Lloyd	8W	Amelia	Gray-Davis	8Z
Alfie	Loverock	8W	Violet-May	Hannon	8Y
Elliot	Lunt	8W	Chloe	Headley	8Z
Gracie	Mansell	8W	Lily	Heeley	8Z
Leo	Orme	8W	Dainton	Hems	8Y
Joshua	Palmer	8W	Harry	Jones	8Y
Finley	Rayer	8W	Lexii	Jones-Williams	8Z
Daisie	Read	8W	Idrissa	Kallon	8Y
Harry	Ridgway	8W	Harrison	Kelley	8Z
Kourtney	Russell	8W	Joshua	Niles	8Z
Beau	Severn	8X	Oliver	Norton	8Y
Logan	Small	8W	Elliott	Nye	8Y
Layla	Spink	8X	Layla	Peate	8Z
Isobella	Taylor	8W	Noah	Poole	8Z
Olivia	Trow	8W	Lexie	Potter	8Z
Charlie	Williams	8X	Freya	Preston	8Y
Poppy	Wootton	8W	N'Kyah	Reid	8Z
Isabelle	Yates	8W	George	Rochelle	8Z
			Nicole	Sykorova	8Z
			Olivia	Ward	8Y
			Lacey	Warke	8Y
			Alfie	Webster	8Y

### Year 9

Megan	Asbury	9X	Katie	Bailey	9Z
Leah	Barker	9X	Ashleigh	Bentley	9Z
Kacey	Barnard	9W	Angel	Bingham	9Z
Nathan	Buckley	9W	Charlie	Blaymires	9Z
Cristian	Bulai	9X	Millie	Clarke	9Z
Noah	Cantello	9W	A-Jay	Daley	9Y
Melissa	Chambers	9X	Alex	Delaney	9Y
Brandon	Collins	9X	Millie-May	Devey	9Z
Louisa	Dudley-Mowe	9X	Lola	Evans	9Z

Isaac	Evans	9X	Tegan	Hopps	9Z
Katie	Gosling	9W	Sophie	Kerr	9Z
Aurelia	Gryska	9W	Freya	Lane	9Y
Amari	Hamilton-Morris	9W	Michelle	Memela	9Z
Chloe	Heminsley	9W	Teagan	Merrick	9Z
Lottie	James-Bracknell	9X	Adonai	Munemo	9Y
Lexi	Jenkins	9W	Abigail	Nutting	9Z
Jorja-Jo	Johnston	9W	James	Parker	9Y
Maisie	Jones	9X	Sophie	Pearson	9Y
Samuel	Kayode	9X	Jessie	Robinson	9Y
Ellie-Mae	Lane	9X	Lexie	Sanders	9Y
Jake	Lane	9X	Milly-Grace	Sephton	9Y
Harvey	Leek	9X	Courtney	Shaw	9Z
Lacey	Maycock	9W	Rhianna	Stevenson-Daniel	9Y
Joseph	McDonald	9X	Kayden	Taylor	9Y
Paige	Mills	9X	James	Turner	9Y
Freddie	Phillips	9W	Ava	Walker	9Y
Chloe	Salter	9W	Kirsty	Walters	9Z
Tyler	Sheldon	9W	Lucy-Mae	Wellington	9Y
Callum	Standing	9W	Alfie	Westwood	9Y
Dominic	Stanton	9W			
Phoebe	Street	9W			
Champion	Toyin-Balogun	9X			
Kyon	Vaughan	9W			
Henry	Walker	9X			
Khyran	Watkiss	9W			
Frankie	Willetts	9X			

### Year 10

Millie	Barker	10X	Lauren	Bateman	10Z
Roman	Bingham	10X	Brooklyn	Bayliss	10Y
Sonnie	Brendel	10W	William	Brittle	10Z
Amelia	Brotherton	10X	Lola-Louise	Brown	10Z
Leisal	Collett	10W	Connor	Burke	10Y

Tye	Daley	10W	Ashley	Dawkins	10Z
Owen	Davis	10W	Lyndon	Dawney	10Y
Zac	Davis	10W	Georgia	Dolman	10Z
Georgia	Despotaki	10X	Robyn	Geddes	10Y
Kasey	Ebbans	10X	Lewis	Haste	10Z
Carl	Fardon	10W	Ethan	Hunt	10Z
Owen Junior	Firkin	10X	Aisha	Kanyayi	10Y
Conor	Follett	10W	Brody	Lane	10Z
Conner	Garbett	10X	Keira	Mills	10Y
Monique	Halls	10W	Joe	Murphy	10Y
Owen	Hardaker	10X	Liv	Price	10Z
William	Lavender	10X	Isaac	Reynolds	10Z
Akyla	Lee-Clarke	10X	Billy	Robinson	10Y
Henry	Opoku	10W	Benjamin	Spooner	10Z
Thomas	Pearson	10X	Amelia	Stokes	10Y
Maddison	Procter	10W	Jack	Weaver	10Z
Katie-Mae	Rawlins	10W	Lily	Weeks	10Z
Bethany	Robins	10X	Owen	Wilding	10Y
Olivia	Sirrett	10W	Autumn	Williams	10Z
Eve	Sutcliffe	10X			
Kenzie-Jay	Taylor	10X			
Riley	Trow	10W			
Jack	Woolley	10W			

### Year 11

Cameron	Allen	11X	Heidi	Akerman	11Y	Harry	Bowles	11Z
Zachary	Benton-Rose	11X	Alfie	Babb	11Y	Brooke	Brown	11Z
Romeo	Bolton	11X	Louie	Beckett	11Y	Shaian	Cele	11Z
Katie	Dutton	11X	Braydon	Briggs	11Y	Scarlett	Cresswell	11Z
Cameron	Hanrahan	11X	Marley	Dowding-Campbell	11Y	Harvey	Duckham	11Z
William	Herrick	11X	Lauren	Ebbans	11Y	Olivia	Hayward	11Z
Charlotte	Holmes	11X	Abigail	Follows	11Y	Jessica	Hulse	11Z
Ellie	Lloyd	11X	Lewis	France	11Y	Madison	Keenan	11Z
Joel-Sebastian	Mason	11X	Tianah	Graham	11Y	Millie	Keenan	11Z



Sam	Natanson	11X	Jessica	Green	11Y	Mia	Lane	11Z
Cayden	Norgrove	11X	Jack	Haynes	11Y	Mj	Langston	11Z
Roxylee	Orme	11X	Layla	Hinds	11Y	Skye	Lockett	11Z
Fiona	Peakman	11X	Jarvis	Hopley	11Y	Reece	Palmer	11Z
Lexi	Rochelle	11X	Cam	Howell	11Y	Annabel	Startin	11Z
Michael	Tehn-Add y	11X	Yvonne	Kayode	11Y	Libby	Tooker	11Z
Jamie	Townsend	11X	Daniel	Lewis	11Y	Megan	Willetts	11Z
Saffira	Webster	11X	Isabella	Maulin	11Y	Stephen	Woodhall	11Z
Chloe	Wheeldon -John	11X	Hayden	Patrick	11Y	Magnus	Woods	11Z
			Elliot	Pearse	11Y			
			Holly	Small	11Y			
			Madeline	Stanton	11Y			
			Oliver	Whitlock	11Y			
			Taylor	Whittle	11Y			
			Archie	Williams	11Y			